

ASC Committeemen Elections Slated

For the 1970 elections of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) community committeemen, changes have been made to strengthen both responsibility and responsiveness on the local level, Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County ASC Committee, reported recently.

"ASC committeemen make many decisions particularly vital to individual local producers. The new election procedures for community committees will help assure that these farmer-elected

committees are fully representative of the farmers in their communities," he said.

ASC community committeemen elect the ASC county committees. The county committee in each agricultural county is responsible locally for administration of farm programs which include price-support loans and payments, crop allotments and allocations, and agricultural conservation and anti-pollution programs. In addition to electing the county committee, ASC community committees assist in ad-

ministering these farm programs.

One election change is that nominations for ASC community committeemen will first be by petition. If less than six persons are nominated by petition, then the incumbent community committee will name additional candidates.

Until this year, Seldomridge said, the community committees usually nominated a full slate as well as accepting nominating petitions.

Provision has been made to

insure minority group representation in cases where the incumbent community committee fills out the slate. If no minority group members have been nominated by valid petition in a community where eight per cent or more of those eligible to vote are minority members, then at least one minority group member shall be among the candidates added to the community slate by the incumbent community committee.

Seldomridge pointed out that in no case can the committee add to

the slate if six or more valid nominations by petition are received during the petition period, which is July 28 through August 17. The elections will be held by mail in September. New committeemen will take office October 1.

Signatures of six eligible voters are required for nomination, and voters may sign as many petitions as they wish. Eligible voters are farmers who are eligible to participate in any program administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. This includes farm owners, tenants, or sharecroppers.

Committees will be elected in each of 16 districts comprised of 1) Conoy, W Done- (Continued on Page 6)

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