

Berks Co. calls for ASC farmer nominations

LEESPORT — Berks County farmers are asked to nominate candidates of their choice to be the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community committee ballot, says Donald Lutz, chairperson.

The ASC community committee election will be conducted from Nov. 26 to Dec. 6 by mail ballot. The eleven ASC communities in Berks County are: Comm. 1 - Bethel, Marion & Tulpehocken twps.; Comm. 2 - Jefferson, Upper Tulpehocken & Penn twps.; Comm. 3 - Tilden, Upper Bern & Center twps.; Comm. 4 - Perry, Windsor, Bern, Ontelaunee & Muhlenberg twps.; Comm. 5 - Albany & Greenwich twps.; Comm. 6 - Longswamp, Rockland, Maxatawny, District & Hereford twps.; Comm. 7 - Richmond, Maiden creek & Ruscombamanor twps.; Comm. 8 - Oley, Pike, Alsace, Lower Alsace & Exeter twps.; Comm. 9 - Colebrookdale, Earl, Amity, Douglass & Washington twps.; Comm. 11 - Caernarvon, Robeson, Union, Brecknock & Cumru twps.; and Comm. 12 - North Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Lower Heidelberg, South Heidelberg & Spring twps. ASC committees are responsible

for managing government farm programs on the local level. To meet the needs of individual producers, ASC committee members must be concerned and responsible individuals, Lutz said. "Berks County farmers have the opportunity to nominate persons they feel would best serve the farm

community. Farmers have received petition forms by mail and are now submitting them to the county ASCS office," he said.

"A few basic considerations should be kept in mind when circulating petitions," Lutz added. In order to be valid, petitions must be

limited to one nominee each, must include written certification that the nominee is willing to serve if elected, must be signed by at least three eligible farm voters in the ASC community, and must be received in the county ASCS office no later than Nov. 1, 1982.

Farmers may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as they choose. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the ASC committee election may contact the county ASCS office for full details, including eligibility requirements for officeholders.

Nat'l Grange convention Nov. 8-14

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture, conservation, taxation, social security, education and transportation will be primary targets of discussion at the 116th annual session of the National Grange, Nov. 8 - 14 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Delegates from 37 states will convene at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel for a week of reviewing over 500 resolutions. Delegate action will determine the Grange's national legislative policies and programs. All of the resolutions originate at the grass roots level in the local Grange chapter.

Edward Anderson, Master of the National Grange, said the Grange is one of the few remaining

organizations in the country whose legislative policies are directly from the local membership. The Grange is the country's oldest and second largest farm organization. It has 425,000 members and 5,000 local chapters.


Anderson said he anticipates a great deal of discussion on dairy programs, wheat and feed grain programs, Farmers Home Administration loan programs and export sales of agricultural products. He said the effects of the Administration's new Federalism proposals on agriculture, transportation, education and welfare will be of concern to the farm leaders.

Anderson said the delegates will

also confront a series of resolutions on social security benefits, flat tax rate, tuition tax credits, user fees for roads, waterways and harbors and many other subjects of concern to rural America.

Also during the week the Grange will announce national winners in


various community service, women's, youth and junior contests. The Grange is also a fraternal order and will confer its highest degree to eligible members on Sat., Nov. 13 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.



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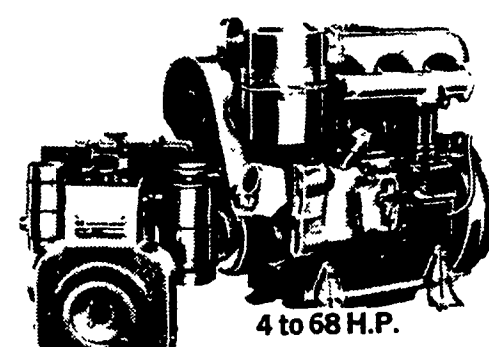
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