

Progress report #1 ASCS election.-Bruce Hartford

Holcomb-I talked to approximately 30 households in the area ~~xxxxxxx~~ just west of Holcomb and just South of Holcomb. All but two of these families were former sharecroppers who have had their land taken away in the last 2 years and are now just employed as day labor. This condition apparently is true for the entire Holcomb area. None of these people are ~~xxxxx~~ eligible to vote in ASCS election. In this area we did locate 2 Negro families that own their own land. they are-

Mrs. Lucil (Z) Washington (marked E1 on map) (I did not have time to find out details of what she owns)

Mr/ and Mrs. Ash (marked E2) (did not get to talk to him either.)

Area East of Gore Springs (around Pleasant Grove Bap. Church (A white church). Most of the people who live in this area are Negro and most own their own land. We talked to three farmers in this area-

Leroy James (B-1) Gore Springs rt. 1 box 175

Rents 51 acres from D.R. Henderson (a Negro who lives in L.A. Calif.) Has been getting ASCS ballot. grows cotton & Corn. has 8.1 acre allotment plus 1 extra acre. Has 5 acres on reserve.

Mando Hankins (B2) Gore Springs rt. 1 box 168

Owens 104 acres. (sister in Akron O. has part interest in 10 acres). Has been getting ballot. Owes \$2,000 to FHA. has 7.8 acre allotment plus 1 extra acre. I think that he has over 15 acres in reserve.

Mr. & Mrs. Mac effie ~~(B2)~~ (B3) own their own land. too scared to talk any further as whites were there in a car. did get ASCS ballot