

# Inheritance tax seen as severe threat

COATESVILLE — Norman Aamodt, congressional candidate for the 16th District, would like to do something about the problems of open land, immorality and inflation. He believes he can handle these and other problems because of his wide experience in business, research, farming and teaching, he says.

Aamodt says he would work to abolish inheritance taxes of moderate-sized estates, explaining that the tax presently causes break-ups of family farms as the survivors often must sell to pay the tax. He points out that this can be as much as \$150,000 on a 100 acre farm because of its current high evaluation. The law would also apply to homes and small businesses.

Land-use legislation will

not work, Aamodt feels. The farmer borrows on the value of his land to expand his business. He won't be able to do that with deed restrictions as value of his land will drop drastically.

Aamodt says he would work to improve farm markets. He feels that dishonesty in the market has hurt farmers. "Eggs, milk and other farm products are not bad for your health," he emphasizes.

The candidate repeatedly talks about the free enterprise system, stating that government should stay out of business. He sees the role of federal, state and local government in services and numbers among these the postal service and education. "Government is for the protection of our citizens in their pursuit of



Norman Aamodt

life, liberty and happiness," he claims.

Possessing a wide array of interests and achievements, Aamodt in 1976 instigated a proposal for a solar energy research center in Pennsylvania which was adopted as the state's proposal. Only

19 were accepted nationwide for consideration by the Energy Research Development Administration. Aamodt raised private funds to finance the proposal and worked on a daily basis with the Governor's Energy Council and the State House of Representatives.

Mr. Aamodt is an elder and teacher in the Unionville Presbyterian Church, a director of the Coatesville Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the legislative committee of Chester-Delaware Farmers' Association of Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

## 4-H club clinic held

MANHEIM — A grooming and showmanship workshop was held this past week by the Saddle Cinches 4-H Horse and Pony Club, Manheim. Held at the stable near, Mastersonville, members were first shown the way to correctly wash and trim a horse, then they had a chance to practice the skills themselves.

The members were divided into teams and each given a horse to work on. At the end of two hours, the

horses were judged on their appearance and cleanliness.

The club will hold a gymkhana for members and friends on May 13 at Fellenbaum's, near Lititz. Time of the show is 10 a.m.

Officers will be installed at the next meeting. Officers for the 1978 year include: Robin Tshudy, President; Terri Mummau, vice president; Kathy Myers, secretary; Julie Shreiner, treasurer; and Lori Miller, news reporter.

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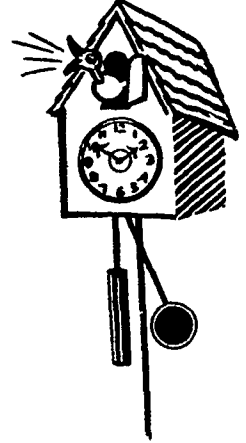
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