

# Profit — 'praise its virtues'

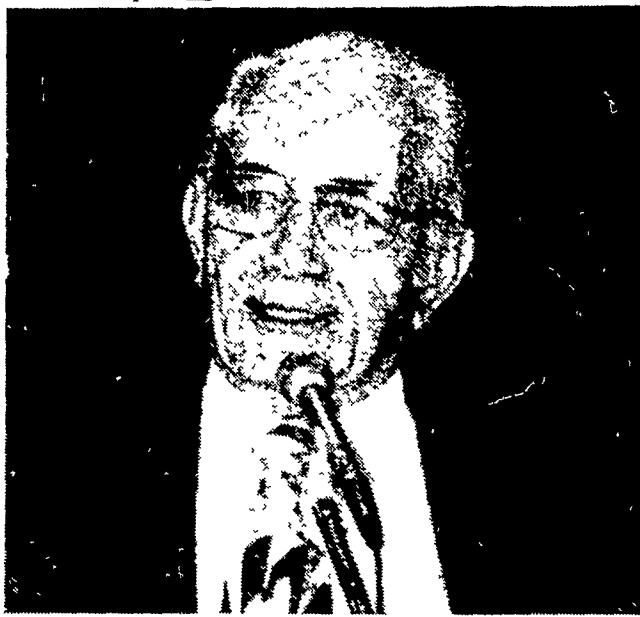
HARRISBURG - John Chohlis, manager of Cattle Chows for Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo. believes the free enterprise system has enabled the American livestock producer to become the world's most efficient. As evidence he points out that while American cattlemen own only one tenth of the world's cattle, they produce one third of the world's beef. This has been done under a system which inspires and rewards achievement.

Chohlis spoke before the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's annual banquet at the Host Inn, here on, November 9. The event was part of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition being held in the state capitol.

In spite of recent unprofitable markets for beef, Chohlis feels the long range outlook for the American cattle industry is bright. However, changes are pending.

"We believe that the so-called 'cheap grain' era of American agriculture is over which will cause us to re-target our research toward more efficient use of natural and waste roughages," Chohlis said.

Chohlis spoke chidingly about World Food Conferences which hold America responsible for starvation abroad and advocate a lowering of our standard of living. Such headline-seeking sensationalism



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has caused a rash of "myth-guided" criticism of America, according to Chohlis.

"Face up that profit is what powers the free-enterprise system," the Greek-born salesman announced in a demanding tone. "Praise its virtues!

Look around at the rest of the world, and you'll realize that free-enterprise is the reason for our productivity."

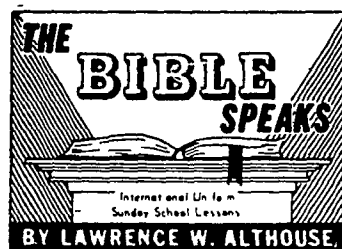
The average American only needs to work 25 minutes to have his one-pound Sirloin steak. Fifteen other highly developed nations can't do better than 70 minutes' work for that same steak. In Japan it takes 295 minutes. "No other country can match the U.S.," Chohlis exclaimed.

"Profit is as important to our economy as our bill of rights is to our government," the Purina manager suggested. "Profit should be celebrated, the same as we celebrated our Nation's Bicentennial. Without profit we wouldn't be anything."

Aside from the free-enterprise system, Chohlis also had high marks for freedom. "It's vital to us," he announced.

According to Chohlis, American agriculture exports enough foodstuffs to pay for 80 per cent of the oil that is imported into this country. He further stated that there is no food shortage in the world - it's just that not everyone has enough money to buy it.

He considers the family farm to be the driving force within agriculture and predicts prosperity for American farmers for as long as freedom and free-enterprise remain a part of our system.



## ON DETECTING A CHRISTIAN

Lesson for November 14, 1976

Background Scripture: Romans 12

Devotional Reading: Romans 12:1,2,19-21

A popular Christian folksong says:

"And they'll know we are Christians By our love."

It is probably the best way to detect a Christian, although it is hardly a universally-accepted standard. Recently I attended a neighborhood church for a Sunday morning service. The sermon title was "Who Is A Christian?" and the answers proclaimed by the preacher were all oriented to belief: "A Christian is a person who believes in God - Jesus Christ - the Holy Spirit -", etc. While I would not discount the importance of belief, I was disappointed that not one of the answers from the pulpit that morning said anything at all about "love," for I am convinced that this is the chief means of detecting a Christian.

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But what do we mean by "love"? Certainly, "love" is one of the most dog-eared, misunderstood, and misapplied terms in the English language.

In Romans 12 the Apostle Paul spells it out quite clearly.

On the one hand, "love" must certainly have some effect upon our relationships with other followers of Christ. We can hardly be Christian if we do not practice "brotherly affection" (12:10) with those who are our brethren in Christ.

Of course, we all know that!

Ah yes, we "know" it, but is it evident to the world about us? Can the world "know we are Christians by our love" when they find the Church so disunited? When they see how we avoid each other and stick to our own private parochial worlds,

when they witness our denominational and sectarian jealousies and squabbles, when they behold Protestants and Catholics maiming each other in Northern Ireland and Christians slaughtering Moslems (and vice versa) in Lebanon, can we wonder why the world might be confused about who and what a follower of Jesus Christ should look like?

To use Paul's analogy of the human body with many parts, the Church often appears to be a person who is totally un-coordinated, the parts of the body not only going their own way and doing their own thing, but also not even recognizing that the other parts of the body even exist!

No repayment necessary. Secondly, Paul indicates that a Christian will be one who also expresses love to enemies as well. Even if we master the art of loving our brethren, we are not truly Christian until we have extended that love to those who abuse us. For example, when did you last "bless those who persecute you"? "Bless and do not curse them," says Paul (12:14). (Go ahead, I'll wait while you search your memory on that question.) Actually, have you ever blessed anyone who treated you unkindly?

And, in case you're not sure what it means to "bless," Paul goes on to say: "Repay no one evil for evil..." (12:17)! How do you stock up there? Don't think this is some odd-ball idea of Paul's for he got it directly from Christ himself. Jesus not only said it, he demonstrated it in his own life - and - death.



## NOW IS THE TIME ...

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The cattle and hog situation are both at the point where it requires good management in order to meet production costs. The hog producer has been riding the crest of red meat prices during the past year, but now is facing market prices that may not cover all production costs. The cattle feeder has lost money on his enterprise but the outlook is brighter for the year ahead. In both cases, every feeder should place special effort on healthy animals, good feed conversion, and market when the animals reach the desired grade. At this time of the year, the control of both external and internal parasites should be on the list of practices; it costs money to feed lice and stomach worms. Also, the loss of feed at the feeders is too widespread; many automatic feeders waste feed that costs money for the producer. Feeders are urged to focus more attention on good management and high efficiency in order to stay in business.

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What should be done with leftover pesticides and spray materials? We often get this question at our Extension Office. Usually, the answer is to keep them in the original container and store

them in a special room or building away from children, pets, livestock, seeds and feed supplies. It is not a good practice to throw them away because, in most cases, they are good to be used next season. The important thing is not to leave them around where they can be mis-used or be eaten by a person or animal. Most liquid materials should be stored in a place where they will not get frozen. Weed killers should not be in the same area as leftover seeds; these materials may reduce the germination of the seeds. Be careful in the storing of all pesticides; they warrant special attention at this time of the year.

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The neglect of seldom used tractors or motors at this time of the year could result in frozen water systems and a burst block. The freeze last week reminded us of this danger. Many motors are not used daily during the winter and need to be drained or treated with an anti-freeze solution. Also, tractors and trucks used frequently need to be checked to be sure of sufficient anti-freeze mixtures.

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The acorn crop seems very heavy this year from all kinds of oak trees. This is a

very fond of acorns and will go searching for them. Small amounts of acorns will reduce milk production, while larger amounts will cause diarrhea and poisoning. Milk cows that drop in production from acorns will not regain normal production until the next lactation; this can be a

serious loss in a herd of cows. Producers are urged to keep their cattle away from pastures containing oak trees with much of an acorn crop. Hogs could utilize the acorns best of all animals, but modern management does not permit many hogs under oak trees.

## Farm Calendar

Today, Nov. 13

York County Farmers' Association Women's Committee Mall Display, "Farm Women on the Go," at the York Mall. Runs through Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 15

Pennsylvania Farm and Power Equipment Convention, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, Pa. Activities continue through Wednesday.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Cumberland County 4-H beef and lamb round-up at the Carlisle Livestock Market. Judging begins at 9:30 a.m., sale at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Hinkletown Adult Farmers look at proposed Land-Use Policies, 7:30 p.m. at the Hinkletown Alternative School.

Thursday, Nov. 18

Pequea Valley FFA Chapter sponsors a donkey basketball game, 7:30 p.m. at the high school, Kinzer R1. Tickets available from any FFA member. Money to be

dented to FFA Chapter and community.

Red Lion Area Young Farmers hold meeting at the high school, 8 p.m. on farm business analysis and records.

Schuylkill County Farm-City banquet, 7 p.m. at the First United Church of Christ, Route 61, Schuylkill Haven.

Inter-State Milk Producers 59th annual meeting and banquet. Banquet this evening at 6:15 p.m., Commonwealth Ballroom, Marriott Motor Hotel, Philadelphia. Meetings begin tomorrow morning. See details on page 93.

Berwick, Pa. Vegetable Co-op directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the BVC office, Schuylkill County.

Friday, Nov. 19

Inter-State annual meeting continues in Philadelphia. (See Thursday's events).

Annual meetings of the Central Jersey Holstein and DHIA organizations, Staton Grange Hall, Stanton, N.J. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20

Square dance, 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Center on Snyder Road, near Lansdale.

Lancaster County Farm-City Weekend today and tomorrow. See details of the program elsewhere in this issue.

Sunday, Nov. 22

York County Farm Visitation Day, 1-4 p.m. Sponsored by the York Area Chamber of Commerce. Public is invited to tour Rutter Bros. Dairy, and Jerry Rutter Farm.

## RURAL ROUTE



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