

### The Ministers' Corner

#### MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE

By The Rev. J. Alfred Nansen

The average person is very conservative. He is lacking in initiative. This prevents him from making the most of life. Progress has never been achieved by those who have been satisfied to go right on doing the same old things their parents did before them in identically the same old way.

How few there really are who make the most of life! This thought was suggested to me recently while reading an article on the economic development of Chicago. The writer says that Chicago would never have become the great commercial center of the United States had it not been for the vision and initiative of less than 2% of her population. The rest were conservative. I think perhaps the proportion of folks who have had vision and taken the initiative in leading the world forward socially, intellectually, morally and religiously in each generation has been even as small as this.

How can we make the most of life? This is an important question. We can best discover a satisfactory answer in the light of human experiences.

The apostle Paul made the most of life. What was his secret? "One thing I do—forgetting the things which are behind, I press toward the mark of my high calling." He broke with his traditional past and launched out into the realms of first hand experimentation for the verification of a new vision. Though he had never seen Jesus, save in a supernatural vision while on a mission of persecution, he came to understand the meaning of Christianity better than the disciples who had associated with Christ in His earthly ministry. I believe he understood the Gospel messages better than they who wrote them for he tested them out more adequately in his own experience. He made more journeys, wrote more literature, preached more sermons, founded more churches and undoubtedly made more converts than any of the rest. This is how he made the most of life and the world is better because he lived in it. He broke with custom and tradition and with daring initiative followed a new vision.

Paul not only forgot the things that were behind but pressed forward. He did not drift. In this fact we find another principle to guide us. Many years ago a company of sailors launched a vessel in the northern Atlantic which was equipped with neither rudder nor sail. They were religious fanatics. They prayed that they might be directed to the discovery of a mission field—and drifted out upon the broad expanse of waters. The outcome of the experiment was tragic. The boat was wrecked upon the rocky shore of a little island and the crew perished. But these folks were no more insane than a lot of people upon the high seas of life today. Few discoveries are made except as folk are guiding themselves to them by experimentation in the pursuit of a vision. The college graduate, with his trained mind must steer his way into a position. Every pro-

ducer must find a market for his goods. Common sense reasoning is a gift of God—the rudder He has provided "wherewith to steer our course." "Use your brain."

Benjamin Franklin made more of life than any other man of his generation. As a young man he came to Philadelphia seeking employment. No opportunity opened to him; he created the opportunity and opened up a little one-horse print shop but he did his work here so well that he had the confidence and support of the people when he discovered larger opportunities and invested his life in larger service. This was characteristic of his whole life and was the secret of his success. He did with his might what his hands found to do and so directed his course that new and larger opportunities were opened before him from time to time. He recognized the fact which Garfield has forcefully expressed thus—"Things do not just turn up. If they are ever to be turned SOMEBODY must turn them."

Would you make the most of life, then—

1. Break with the traditions and customs of the past as new and better ways present themselves. Learn by experience. Be an explorer.
2. Don't expect to drift to success. Find opportunities or make them.
3. Put your best effort into the task at hand. If you cannot immediately find or make the opportunity you desire, grasp the best at hand and do the task so well that you will at least gain the respect and confidence of folks. After all, this is the safest foundation upon which to rise to better things.

#### SHUMWAY — SHIPWAY

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Shumway of Kenmore, New York, formerly of Downers Grove, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice May Shumway, to Andrew Harold Shipway of Chicago, at the home of the bride's parents on June 14th, 1921, the Rev. Arthur Partington of the Kenmore Methodist Episcopal Church officiating.

(Naperville Clarion please copy).

#### CARD OF THANKS

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Not only do many people from the Grove go there every year but it is also a hang-out for people from all over DuPage County. One can hardly go there without meeting someone from Wheaton, West Chicago, Naperville or Hinsdale.

As a usual thing the fishing in this lake is better than in any of the others in the vicinity such as Marie, Channel, Fox, Grass, Bluff or Pistakee, especially for croppies and other pan fish. Last Sunday was the exception and of the many folks who were there from Downers Grove, Hinsdale and vicinity, none came back with any to speak of.

Among those there last Sunday were the following. In one party Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brevallier, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Foster, H. W. and Eugene Foster; in another, Mr. and Mrs. F. Moehel, Raymond and Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kelz and Elon Staats, of the Grove, Grant Kamphouser of Oak Park and John Motts, of La Grange; in another, Emmons Moehel and Art Schlauder, with friends from Hinsdale; in another Carl, Jack and Emil Pfau and Gilbert Binder and in still another, Harold Clarke, Marcey

Hall, Ed. Garrison, Geo. S. Mac Douglall and Walter J. Staats.

Several of the party caught fish, but not the usual strings which a trip to this lake shows.

#### LEWIS V. MORGAN APPOINTED HEAD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Son of Former County Superintendent Given Post at Meeting Wednesday.

Lewis V. Morgan was appointed Supt. of Schools of DuPage County, at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at Wheaton on Wednesday. He takes the place of C. B. Bowman of Naperville, who resigned last Monday to re-enter the ministry in the East, and will fill his uncompleted term.

The appointment of Mr. Morgan comes as no surprise. He is fitted for the position he now holds, as he has ably filled the job of Assistant Supt. for a number of years.

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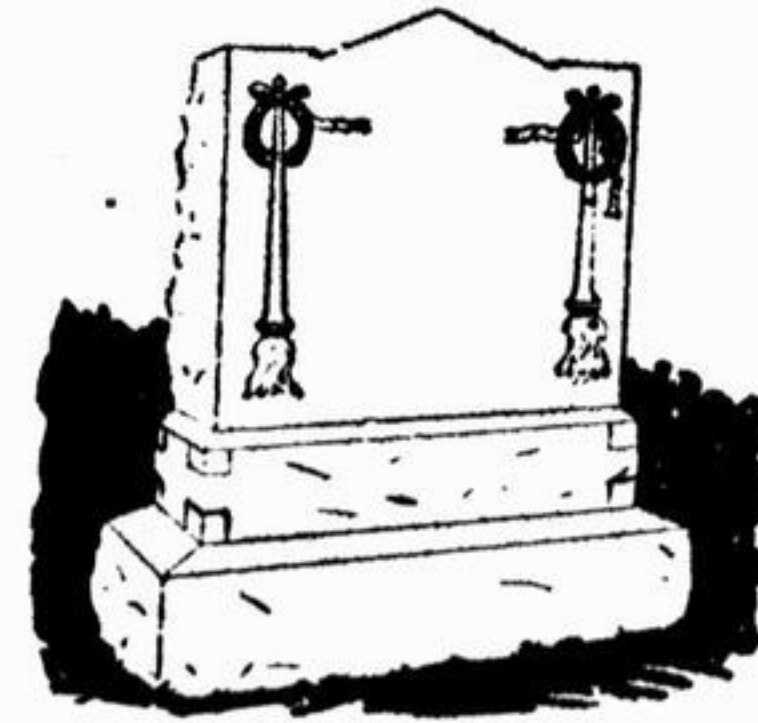
At the meeting Wednesday Prof. Bowman was presented a watch by the Board of Supervisors in token of the faithful service he has rendered the County as Supt. of Schools.

State's Attorney C. B. Reed of Naperville, made the presentation talk. Mr. Bowman, overcome with emotion, thanked them for the gift and assured them that DuPage County would always be home to him and his family.

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