

Were Starting Out Today

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opportunities were made. The line engine opened opportunities for everybody from salesmen to fabric makers to small parts manufacturers. Then there came the plane and the radio which opened up new industries. The head of the top radio networks came from the west farm and when he left there was no radio and he never knew what was ahead for him. The television and plastics industry was a way to new avenues of opportunity and so it will be with the atomic fission.

As a matter of fact, already several people have launched new businesses as a result of nuclear science. For example, in Boston several young men have purchased commercial radioactivity detectors to purchase radioactive elements, separate them, and reprocess them for use in hospitals, business firms, and for treatment and research. Another group of young men have launched a successful venture of producing instruments needed in nuclear science. There are several others, but I will not mention them.

As a young man today I would not be so lucky to see me through life and contented life, but I know in my mind that luck is really a preparation for an opportunity. There is no such thing as real luck without the preparation of these two.

He not only played a starring role in the development and progress of my life, but has been a happy and re-

place. I was born into a family with money. My father was a graduate of Wooster College, Ohio—born—and he never made more than a moderate salary. There were seven of us and you can easily see why— even in the 1900s— I was burdened with great responsibilities provided for all the family for our educations, but my father and any extras were our responsibility. By his example and the example of my mother, he had properly prepared us for these responsibilities.

My responsibility came in the fact that the money I spent my summer on was a variety of jobs. I dug for coal, laid bricks, canning in Indiana, was a mule-driver, and a hand. One year in high school I took a math course, I was a member and have the distinction of having surveyed the first paved road in Ohio. The money I earned from Wooster to Cleveland.

My father had jobs an opportunity to earn the money made, but he had done many things from

them. From canvassing books, I learned that selling was not the career for me. I was a dismal failure. As a ditch digger, bricklayer, and farmhand, I met all types of people and came to discover their good qualities and special abilities.

The foreman on my first ditch-digging job used to send me to town every Saturday afternoon to pick up his suit at the cleaners. He would dress up that night and set forth, invariably to get drunk. Despite this weakness, he had qualities I admired tremendously. He was the strongest man I had ever seen, worked harder than any of his men, and by his example was able to get more out of them.

I learned from these men the joy of working with your hands, and still get great pleasure out of building walls and laying bricks on my farm.

IT WAS certainly nothing more than pure luck that my parents were interested in the outdoors and that when my two brothers, my sister, and I were young, my father had a summer camp in Northern Michigan. Father taught us to hunt and to fish and do things on our own. We learned to cook and one summer I helped my father build a cottage.

When I was 14, two chums and I took our ammunition, fishing tackle, and salt and set out to live a week in the woods. We were going to subsist on what we could find. First day out it poured rain and we had to seek refuge in a deserted lumber camp. We took turns hunting for food and the fare was mighty slim. All three of us were pretty miserable and sorely tempted to turn back, but pride or a deep-rooted sense of adventure prodded us on.

It cleared the next morning and we spent the rest of the week sleeping in the open, exploring new trails, hunting, and fishing. We found we could get by on our own. When we returned at the end of the week, we were not only well fed, but brought back a respectable quota of squirrels, bass, wild potatoes, and onions. Most important, we brought back the knowledge that we had made it!

Father's insistence upon our doing things on our own manifested itself in another way. One summer, a friend and I decided to test the accepted theories of fishing. We found that some of the popular beliefs of that time had no basis in fact.

For example, everybody insisted that the place to find fish in that area—largely pickerel and pike—was in deep water. Stay away from the shallow places, we were told, because we would find no fish and, besides, our tackle would get all tangled up in the weeds. We didn't believe it, so we rowed out on the lake and got far away from the camp. Then, we sought out the weed beds and fished over them. Every day we came back with the largest haul of anyone in the camp.

Many years later, I was visiting some friends at a lodge on an island near Green Bay, Wis. The fish were not biting and my host was particularly embarrassed because fishing was to have been one of the highlights of the visit. I re-

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