

MORRIS KINGSBACHER EIGHTY YEARS OLD

On Sunday a testimonial dinner expressive of the community's good-will will be given for Mr. Morris Kingsbacher, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Mr. Kingsbacher is a man who does not permit himself to be influenced by the very bad psychology contained in the Biblical statement that man's life is limited usually to three score years and ten, and if by some happy chance he should live to be eighty, his years are full of all sorts of unpleasant things. We have always felt that if the revision of the Bible was ever placed in our hands that that's the first thing we would eliminate. Mr. Kingsbacher does not coddle himself and we are sure that none will enter more actively, alertly and enthusiastically into the planned celebration than the guest of honor himself. He has kept himself young in mind and refused to consider himself as an antique exhibit, a short-coming that all too many men have who attain a heaping measure of years.

We would call Morris Kingsbacher a very useful member of our community. He has interested himself in every phase of a community life. When we say that we do mean it in a conventional way. If it's a matter of religious interest, he takes his place and does his duty. If it is a matter of city social club, he has worked to develop a representative center of that type. If it is a country club, he will share the responsibility. So we can go into the domain of philanthropic institutions and we will see that Mr. Kingsbacher will contribute of his service and his means. He is not by any means an average man of a community, but well above it. And sometimes we believe that if society were formed of just such individuals who possess a good mind, a keen sense of justice, a desire to live in harmony with their fellows, who look upon the home as the foundation of a sound community life, who are willing to co-operate in all movements religious, social and philanthropic for the common good, who conduct a clean business in a clean way, why we think that we would have a pretty decent world to live in.

We congratulate Mr. Kingsbacher not merely because he has reached the age of 80, but because all through those years he has been a valuable member of our community.
