What is life? The light-hearted think it is a song to be sung together. The serious say that life is real; life is earnest. This is a wide difference of opinion. Maybe to strike a line midway between the two opinions would make a truer definition. Some people think they have entered this universe with their life entirely mapped out beforehand. These people are the ones believing in fate. The opposites believe in faith and think that the happenings of your life are pure coincidence, and you live it the way you make it.

Life is really very short. The average age for man is probably too short for him to find out what life is really all about. Those who do not, really have no real part in life. The suicide death rate makes it certain that many are indifferent toward life. The crowded prisons are full of men who did not know how to interpret life. Environment is thought to have much bearing on life. The country and government must also play a part.

All in all, maybe I have not seen enough of life yet to define it. Years of experience should settle many doubts about life, so I will move forward with anxious eyes and open mind to see what it proves.

- Marshall Mehring - '37