

minutes about all the things that went wrong that day, I got home discouraged and depressed. Finally, I got sense enough to get in another car pool. It's made a world of difference, for now I'm with a group of fellows who can see two sides to a question."

That young fellow changed his environment. Smart, wasn't he?

Make no mistake about it. You *are* judged by the company you keep. Birds of a feather *do* flock together. Fellow workers are not all alike. Some are negative, others positive. Some work because they "have to"; others are ambitious and work for advancement. Some associates belittle everything the boss says or does; others are much more objective and realize they must be good followers before they can be good leaders.

How we think is directly affected by the group we're in. *Be sure you're in the flock that thinks right.*

There are pitfalls to watch in your work environment. In every group there are persons who, secretly aware of their own inadequacies, want to stand in your way and prevent you from making progress. Many ambitious fellows have been laughed at, even threatened, because they tried to be more efficient and produce more. Let's face it. Some folks, being jealous, want to make you feel embarrassed because you want to move upward.

This often happens in factories, where fellow workers sometimes resent the fellow who wants to speed up production. It happens in the military service when a clique of negative-minded individuals poke fun at and try to humiliate the young soldier who wants to go to officers' school.

It happens in business, too, when a few individuals not qualified to advance try to block the way for someone else.