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with boys problems. I think I could act as a social worker, a coach, a judge, and anything else that deals with people.

Doc, I have attempted to give some kind of a background of my work. It is very interesting. I have one boy who has been in the reform school and who is trying to work his way up again. I give him all the encouragement I can and he is doing a ~~sw~~ swell job. To put him to the supreme test I have put him in charge of my personal quarters. He has not taken one thing as yet. As far as work is concerned he really is a good worker. The only draw back he has is his temper but by talking to him I ~~ha~~ have gotten him to control it somewhat.

Another case that I have is a rape case. So far this boy has been a model boy. After I had interveiwed him for two hour he told me the whole story. The State office doesn't know about either of these boys and neither does any of the boys. As long as they behave and are making an effort to re-establish themselves I feel that It is my duty to see that they get that chance and aid them all that I can. So far everything has been swell.

The rest of the boys are a very high type of boy. Several of them have attended either colleges or University. Right off hand I know of two who have been to K.U. One has had three years there and another has had two years in the Engineering school. Both of them are ideal boys. Another boy attended Baker and played football there and another attended North Dak. school for Science and played football there. Only a few have not graduated from high school. I would say out of the 115 that I now have only 10-15 create any sort~~an~~ of a problem. Most of the trouble has been misdemeanors such as missing kitchen duty or failing to make their beds. The judicial court passes out all punishment to these kind.

Only one boy has been sent home. He came in drunk the other night and home he went. He had been insubordinate from the opening of the project and this was the straw that broke the camels back. He some way or other got the idea that he didn't have to work at the dormitory but only on his airport management duty. By the way ~~xxxxxx~~ the airport management course is one of the courses that I left out that we have here. Cap Wells who used to manage the airport at Lawrence has charge of these 20 boys and is doing a swell job. They ~~hve~~ built an airplane ~~that~~ that is as good as any you can buy. As a matter of fact if I didn't tell you you could never tell that it wasn't factory made.

Doc, I have been rambling on here about my job but in the way of business I would like for you to plan on paying us a visit sometime. Miss Laughlin asked me the other day when you were coming up. She thought it would be a good idea to have you up when the building was completed. However I would like for you to come up sooner than that on an informal visit and look the place over. You know that I can always use a few suggestions. I am sure that the boys would like to meet you. A little later on when everything is in good shape and everything is completed I would like for you and the basketball team to be our guests.at dinner some evening after the first of the year.