

Ralph Miller came out and said, "Well, John, I have decided definitely, of my own free will, to stay at Kansas. This is the place I want to go to school."

John congratulated Ralph, and I congratulated the mother. I thought, after all, it was the mother that perhaps turned the scales in our favor.

We all walked up town to eat dinner together because the dinner hour had been consumed by our arguments in the parlor. These were the men present: George Hedrick, John Bunn, Harold Miller, the father of Ralph, and I.

On the way to town John said, "Doc, I made a damned fool of myself. I am sorry." I said, "That is all right, John. Forget it." And while I have not forgotten it, and I imagine I never will, I assure you I have no rancor, because in my mind John has missed something in the way of family life. He has no children and his wife is an invalid. And his first love is his ambition. I can understand that, when no children come to a home.

John has had a tough existence. His early family life and his married life have been full of struggles.

I wrote him a very nice letter of congratulation on the advent of his appointment to the deanship of men at Stanford. I think John will make a fine dean and the young men will like him very much. He is intelligent, forceful, dynamic, and if he is not too kind at times it is because he has no great softening influence in his life. He is ambitious and will do some splendid work.

At the time of the freshman-varsity football game I asked the Miller family - Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Richard, the young brother of Ralph, Ralph's girl, and all of them up to our house for dinner. At the time of the Iowa State game they came again, and we had a good visit. Harold Miller told me of an incident regarding John when he was going to take Ralph and his chum back to Stanford with him in his car. When Ralph decided to go Harold said John walked over to Harold and asked him for the unused railway ticket that Ralph had failed to use because he rode back in John's car. The money was furnished by the judge on this occasion, not by John, but John asked for the ticket. Harold told John that he had told Ralph to turn in the ticket for a refund before he left for Chicago and that it had been turned in to the railway company, but that he, Harold, would send John the money as soon as the check arrived from the railway company.

John also walked over to the boy that he was going to take back with Ralph and told him that his own mother and sister were going to be picked up by John at Preston, Kansas, and he would not have room to take the boy back to California with him as he had promised.