

A few hours now and Hoot and Jane will be on their way to sunny California. I am awfully happy that they can make the visit and nothing would please me more than to be there with you. However, that is quite impossible.

Mother is buying another house in Lawrence - this time, of course, ostensibly for Milton, but she is using hard and fast measures to protect her holdings, and I think the days of charity are long past. I have been adamant in refusing to give any more, but to help only in a business-like way. Mother, of course, told you that Milton is an investigator with the Hercules people and he is doing an excellent job. This new job has definitely done something for the young man. He is alert, and say, I want to impress upon you that he knows his law. Yesterday when I. B. Wilcox, Dick Stevens and Mit were riding out to the plant a point of law came up. Dick Stevens asked the law, and Mit told him his conception of it. Dick said, "I am sorry to disagree with you, but I have tried cases in court on that point, and I think you are in error." Mit said, "Well, that is the way I have it very clearly in my mind." I. B. Wilcox said, "I find myself agreeing with Mit."

When they got out to the plant at DeSoto, Dick Stevens who is chief counsel for the Hercules people here in Lawrence, and who has his office at DeSoto where Mit and I. B. are, went into his law office, got out his text, and then came into Mit's office and said, "I am very humble, sir, you were right and I was wrong."

This is only one instance to show you that Mit has done an excellent job of mastering his work. He loves law. He loves the battling instincts of a fight, and sometimes it is possible for a lawyer to convince the judge and the jury by his citation of cases if he is alert. He is avaricious when it comes to consuming cases. He loves this type of thing and I believe that the job he now has as investigator will be a fine training ground for him.

The fact that he gets \$200 a month will enable him, if he has an obligation that attracts him, to set aside enough money on the payment plan to tackle a modest cottage. Rather than let some loan company or some bank make the loan, which Milton could get, Mother wanted to protect her son from the exigencies of misfortune or ill health, and she of her own act, against my advice, made the purchase. Of course she will let Mit have the money at 4%, much cheaper than he could get it elsewhere unless he would get it from the FHA and then there are fees for getting the loan and other payments that she wanted to protect him from.

I am very sympathetic to all the things that she is doing, but it will worry and distress her so much, as her anguish for fear Milton will fail, will be deteriorating on her nervous system. But I started to tell you I see a new light in Milton's eyes. He has passed the bar, he has been sworn in, he is a graduate from the University of Kansas with no small honor in the Law School, and now he feels as if he can stand squarely on both feet. It hurt his pride terribly to be a roustabout for the Standart Oil Company. His ego and the fact that his brother and sisters have prepared themselves