At the dinner honoring Mr. Weymouth Kirkland on his 80th birthday, announcement is made of the establishment of the Weymouth Kirkland Courtroom in the new Law Building. Mr. Kirkland and Dean Levi are shown with a portrait of Mr. Kirkland, painted by Mrs. Howard Ellis, which now hangs in the Law Library.

The Weymouth Kirkland Courtroom

The eightieth birthday of Mr. Weymouth Kirkland proved to be a day of great importance to the Law School, as well as to Mr. Kirkland himself. Announcement was made, as part of the birthday celebration, that colleagues and other friends of Mr. Kirkland had established, in his honor, the Weymouth Kirkland Courtroom, in the new University of Chicago Law School Building.

Mr. Kirkland, senior partner of Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin and Ellis, has long been an eminent member of the Chicago Bar, and is widely known as a trial lawyer. His friends concluded, therefore, that a courtroom would be an eminently suitable tribute.

The Weymouth Kirkland Courtroom in the new Law Building will be designed to seat about 250 spectators. It will be completely equipped with bench, jury box, counsel tables and the like in the courtroom itself, and with conference rooms, a jury room, offices and other facilities immediately adjoining. It will not only house the School’s Moot Court activities, but it is expected that the Supreme Court of Illinois will sit there during a part of each year, so that students may become acquainted at first hand with the trial of cases before the state’s highest appellate tribunal.

A Distinguished Lawyer

For some time, the Law School has sponsored a series of lectures on distinguished lawyers. The most recent talk in that series was delivered in November by Mr. John P. Wilson, of Wilson and McIlvaine, who spoke on the career of his father. Mr. Wilson’s paper will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Record.

Prior to his lecture, the Law Faculty was host to Mr. Wilson, his partners and their wives, and to third year law students, at a Quadrangle Club dinner.

The members of John P. Wilson’s firm and their wives were guests of the School at dinner, together with members of the Law School’s current senior class.