

### STARTS NEW REVOLT AGAINST MODERNISTS

WRITER AGAINST HOKUM

Struthers Burt in Scribner's Magazine Ridicules Much of Modern Conventional System

The modern revolt against conventions is greeted by a counter revolution in a recent issue of Scribner's Magazine. Struthers Burt is the leader. Mr. Burt, who is a young man, although he has many books to his credit, doesn't object to the characterization of Victorian prudery and sentimentality as "hokum," but he exercises his privilege of pointing to what he considers the "hokum" in the modern attitude. The young intellectuals are in danger of suffocation by their own conventions, he declares.

Concerning the much boasted frankness of speech, Mr. Burt says: "There is practically nothing that cannot be said if the circumstances and the intention are correct, there is practically nothing that should be said if the circumstances and the intention are wrong. The mere desire to shock is as sentimental as the mere desire to suppress. We have all heard people say God in a way that made our hair creep and we have all heard people use indecency in a way that warmed our hearts. There is not much sense in destroying a fiction if we erect another in its place. To be educated out of reading True Tales into reading, let us say, College Wit, is to be educated out of the kitchen by a circuitous route back to the butler's pantry."

"The Victorians did not like to speak of death because they thought death ugly and it affronted their pompous dignity, therefore they called it 'passing on,' or 'facing one's Maker,' or 'the final moment'—circumlocutions which meant nothing. We do not like to speak of death because it is interrupting and affronts our restless exhibitionism, therefore we say 'getting his,' or 'passing out' or 'if we belong to a lower social order, being 'bumped off'—circumlocutions which also mean nothing."

**Fierce Intention**  
"The fierce intention of the early revolutionists was to get the word death back into the language, that and nothing else, in the same way that their fierce intention was to restore the human body to its frank and commendable reality. But mankind is not content with equilibrium, or even a vague approach to it—for the human body is not yet, of course, restored to its frank and commendable reality—so it leaps numerous unbridged chasms from one pinnacle of nonsense to another. To the Victorian mind the legs of all women were indecent and ugly, to the modern mind the legs of all women are supposed to be decent and comely. In either case the sensitive-minded suffer."

### STATE FAIR CROWDS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Estimated attendance at the Illinois state fair exceeded that of 1926 by 137,000. The total attendance was 435,500. All records were broken on Thursday, which was Governor's day, with 110,000 people passing through the gates. The only disagreeable weather was on Tuesday, Springfield Day, when the afternoon program had to be called off on account of rain.

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### SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS SUCCESS AT VASSAR

Experiment Proves Popular and Classes Filled in Second Year, Report

Such success attended the summer school for mothers which has just closed at Vassar college, that similar schools may be founded throughout the country, says the Woman's Home Companion. Women themselves were highly pleased with the instruction they received.

"The experiment, which was called an 'Institute for Euthenics' meant the teaching of the science of everyday living," says the article. "The fact that in its second year it attracted twice as many mothers as in the first year augurs public interest in the project."

"The dog, turning around before he sleeps on the hearth rug is only, some speculative minds hold, trying to reproduce the forest background that is his birthright. The modern mother who builds a healthy, harmonious and happy family life from the complex civilization that surrounds the people of today as completely as the jungle surrounded their remote ancestors, has the same organic and creative satisfaction."

"To make housework easier because better planned and more properly considered; to make children healthier to understand and so to adjust family relations; these are the immediate aims shared by the Euthenics Institute and many other organizations. The remoter purpose is the impulse that has lifted the race from its far beginnings—the impulse to make the good better, better babies, better mothers, better humanity."

"Science is realizing," concludes the article, "that its contributions to the home and to family life are not the least among its responsibilities and powers."

### KINCAID CHILD IS STATE FAIR WINNER

Donald Marice Hall, 34 months old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert H. Hall, Kincaid, was declared to be the most perfect child examined at the twelfth annual state fair better babies conference. He was given a \$20 bank savings account and a gold watch. Elizabeth Jane Holler, 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee I. Holler, 1516 Dial court, Springfield, won the \$20 sweepstakes award as the highest eligible girl in the conference. Her rating was 99.

Many of these flappers who are reducing their weight, don't have any special weight of brains that has to be reduced.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFICERS ON VISIT

INSPECT ILLINOIS ROADS

Travel Over Many Miles of Them in Tour to Get Ideas For Use at Home; Governor Is In Party

State officials of Mississippi are making an exhaustive study of the Illinois hard road system, with the idea of recommending this plan in their state.

During the past week Governor Theo. G. Bilbo, accompanied by H. C. Dietzer, state highway engineer, and X. N. Kramer of McComb, toured the state from Cairo to Chicago, thence west to Rockford, for the purpose of gaining first hand information on the highway system.

One day was spent in Springfield, and in the absence of Governor Small the party conferred with Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer, being furnished with a large amount of data which will prove of value in the good road campaign in the southern state.

### Inspect Road

The party entered Illinois at Cairo, following State Highway No. 2 to Decatur, and thence Route No. 10 to Springfield. After a day spent in Springfield, during which the members of the party made an inspection of the Bates experimental road, and paid a visit to Lincoln's home and tomb, they left for Chicago over State Highway No. 4, with the intention of following Route No. 5 to Rockford.

Gov. Bilbo was recently elected as chief executive of Mississippi for a second term, having served his state during the World war period. He is a hard road enthusiast and is hopeful of having his state adopt a plan after that which has proven so successful

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Over 500 Miles  
The party traveled more than 500 miles over the state highway all of which is paved, the tour affording them opportunity to talk with a large number of people in widely separated sections of the state as to the value of the Illinois highway plan. While in Springfield they manifested particular interest in the organization of the highway department. The information gathered will be used by Gov. Bilbo in an effort to solve the legislative and engineering highway problems confronting Mississippi.

### GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Three girls received scholarships to the University of Illinois, for domestic science courses. They are Ruth Moye, Omaha, Gallatin county; Dell LeMarr, Modesto, Macoupin county,

and Esther Korty, Bluffs, Scott county. Respectively, they scored 99.5, 99 and 98 per cent in their grades at the domestic science training school at the state fair.

Our young people are urged to study physiology, and anyway they have studied considerable fixyology at the soda fountains.

There always seem to be plenty of mermaids on the beaches, but not enough housemaids in the kitchen.

## JUST A REMINDER

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