

# Interest In Kinsey's Book on Females Brings 1st Print

### This Is Easier To Read Than Study of Males

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 Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 20.—  
 Publication of "Sexual Behavior In The Human Female" in early September has been anticipated by the printing of 250,000 copies.

The book is written by Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey and his associates at the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University. More than 150 magazines and newspapers have requested a prepublication look at the new volume. Periodicals have offered fantastic sums for exclusive serialization rights. Dr. Kinsey has turned down a \$100,000 offer to write a series of articles on the book.



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DR. ALFRED C. KINSEY

In many ways, this interest is justified.

**Book More Understandable**

The \$3 book is more understandable to the general reader than the \$8 "Sexual Behavior in The Human Male," published five years ago. Although the volume on the female contains twice as many statistics and 36 more pages (840), the statistical matter does not clutter up the text, which is written in much clearer language.

For the laymen, one of the important improvements in this volume is the inclusion under every topic of sections on social, legal, and religious significance.

Another story on Page 17.

This is, in effect, an interpretation of the material in the light of its impact on society, lacking in the first book.

**It's More a Popular Work**

This book is more of a "popular" work, less of a specialist's study. It will not be sold "under the counter" as the first volume was. It is scheduled for distribution to general reader book-sellers.

The conviction of Dr. Kinsey and his co-workers is that "the people have a right to know their findings because the people have made the study possible.

The book is a report on the sexual behavior of 6,940 North American white females. The research began in July, 1938; the same time that interviewing for the male volume was begun.

**Doesn't Speak for All Women**

It should be remembered that the book does not pretend to speak for the behavior of every female in the United States. The authors say:

"At its best, the present volume can be said to report behavior which may be typical of no more than a portion, although not an inconsiderable portion, of the white females living within the boundaries of the United States."

Dr. Kinsey has found that in the institute's sample the individual variations of sexual behavior among women are much greater than those among men. "It is because of this that the female doesn't trust her sex history to other females," Dr. Kinsey said. "She will tell her doctor (a man), but not another female."

**1900 A Turning Point in Sex**

The study reveals that about 48 per cent of the women recalled some kind of sexual activity before the age of 10.

adolescence. Only 14 per cent reported any culmination of this activity.

A breakdown of premarital petting by age reveals that the turn of the century was also a turning point in sexual behavior. Eighty per cent of the women born before 1900 had engaged in petting by 35; of those born in the first decade of this century, the figure was 91 per cent. Ninety-nine per cent of those born between 1910 and 1929 had petted before marriage.

Nearly 50 per cent of the women interviewed had had complete sexual relations before marriage. Of these, 87 per cent had had such relations with the man they later married.

Somewhat surprisingly, the study found that the relations took place more frequently in either the girl's or the boy's home than in automobiles or other places.

**18 Pct. Became Pregnant**

Eighteen per cent of 2,094 single women of the sample became pregnant as a result of premarital sex activities.

Dr. Kinsey labeled as "incorrect" many popular notions about the great amount of frigidity in women. He said many clinicians who find frigidity in many women are basing their assumptions on a limited sample. The institute found only 10 per cent of its sample completely frigid.

"Frigidity is on the decline."

Dr. Kinsey said, "The picture is much more hopeful for good marital relationships."

The study shows that 28 per cent of the women had relations with men other than their husbands by 40 years of age. The greater percentages were in the middle years of marriage; the lowest were in the youngest and oldest groups. Forty-one per cent of the women had their affairs with one other man, and those who had sex experiences before marriage were most inclined to have extramarital affairs.

Dr. Kinsey said the menopause (change of life) did not materially affect the sex life of women in his studies. Even the removal of ovaries or "induced menopause" does not appear to have a direct effect on sexual response in most cases.

Dr. Kinsey said that when he told this to a woman who had passed the menopause, she remarked:

"If only I had known that before, it would have saved me a year or more of worry."

Although statistics for all forms of sex outlets are given throughout the book for Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, the text repeatedly points out that the particular faith has little effect on sex matters. "It is, in fact, the degree of devoutness in all faiths that makes itself felt in the field of sex for women."

Discussing the change in sex activities at the turn of the century, Dr. Kinsey said:

"The period from 1900 to 1909 was very different from the generation before. About half as many more women born in that period had premarital relations. It now develops that there was a greater gap between parents and offspring in that generation than ever before.

"The parents of today were the youths of the 1920's. Youths today are behaving sexually pretty much as their parents did. Perhaps that is why there is less censure of the younger generation. Today's parents belonged to the generation of 'flaming youth'."

On the matter of sexual relations before marriage, education shows a relationship among women "diametrically opposite from males." Incidence by age 25 ranged from 26 per cent for grade-school level females to 39 per cent for women who had gone to college. Among men, by age 25 it is the college level (64 per cent) who have experienced premarital relations the least, with the grade-school group (90 per cent) most active.

**Double Standard Borne Out**

The so-called "double standard" of sexual conduct appears to be borne out by the institute's studies. This concept holds that a standard for men makes some allowance for sexual participation before marriage, but the

book also bears out characteristics sometimes hinted at in the past as having to do with sexual capacity and age. Most males reach their sex peak about 16 or 17. The climb to the zenith in sex capacity is rapid and steep from puberty to the middle teens, then falls off almost abruptly, Dr. Kinsey told an all-male press conference. "You have been on the decline sexually ever since you were 16 or 17."

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**Reach Peak in Late 20's**

Dr. Kinsey found "more similarities in the sexual behavior of males and females than we have ever known before, but also new differences."

The institute has learned, for example, that males are much more sensitive to social conditions than females. It is the men who worry most about what people will think, rather than the women, long supposed to be direct products of social pressures.

The authors frequently preface their findings with the warning that their studies have shown that sex is not the principal factor in marital adjustment, but a determination to make the marriage work is the most important.

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The authors come forward with the rather startling thesis that, anatomically, the male and the female are virtually the same in sexual response. This means that, despite a "minor difference" in sex organs, the physical response of male and female to the sex act is essentially identical.

What's more, the authors hold that the concept that the external genitalia and reproductive organs are most involved in sexual response is in error. Said Dr. Kinsey, "The genitalia are no more involved than fingers and toes. The total nervous system is most chiefly involved."

As evidence of this, he cited cases in which damage to the spinal cord has eliminated sexual activity, and others in which paralysis below the waist had not ruled out sex life.

### Reactions to Stimuli Differ

The book reveals considerable difference between male and female sexual reactions to "psychological stimuli." Psychological stimuli are symbols and conditions other than physical contact which arouse sexual response.

About 30 per cent of the women were aroused by such influence almost as much as their sexual partners, and 2 to 3 per cent were more intensely and frequently affected. But 10 per cent of the women were never stirred by suggestive material and 30 per cent were excited "only occasionally." Another 30 per cent said they were stimulated about half the time.

Among the stimuli women reported as most effective were

love stories in good literature and movies.

Dr. Kinsey said there was no such thing as an effective aphrodisiac—so-called sex or love drug.

"Don't let anybody fool you that you have to suppress suggestive literature to protect the females," Dr. Kinsey commented. "It's the males who are affected by it."

"Too often the husband thinks his wife is aroused by the same things he is," he went on. "The male is stimulated by seeing the nude female body, for instance. But disrobing by the male actually offends 80 per cent of the women. We have divorce cases in our histories based on the failure to comprehend this difference."

A few clinicians, Dr. Kinsey said, are already putting new knowledge into their advice to couples but "most doctors are not necessarily adept in sex matters."

"Very few medical schools in the country give a single hour to these problems," he asserted. "Physicians must pick it up on the fly." The biggest movements for better sexual adjustment have come from laymen.

He said the idea that couples should consult their doctors on sex matters before marriage goes back to the desirability and, in most states, the requirement, for physical examination.

In an article that will appear Sunday, Ora Spaid will report on Dr. Kinsey's findings on the nation's laws and "sex offenders."

### Fact-Finding

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## Prelate Flays Kinsey; Wells Defends Him

### Schulte Says Author 'Has Degraded Science'

Indianapolis, Aug. 20 (AP) — The president of Indiana University today defended the sex research of Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, while a Roman Catholic archbishop deplored general circulation of his published works outside scientific circles.

Dr. Herman B Wells, president of the Bloomington institution where Dr. Kinsey is a professor of zoology, issued his statement with approval of the I. U. board of directors.

"Indiana University stands today, as it has for 15 years," Dr. Wells said, "firmly in support of the scientific-research project that has been undertaken and is being carried on by one of its eminent biological scientists, Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey."

### 'Like A Cheap Charlatan.'

The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, bishop of the Indianapolis archdiocese, which includes Bloomington, said Dr. Kinsey "has degraded science" by publicizing his books "like a cheap charlatan."

Dr. Wells said Indiana University "believes that the human race has been able to make progress because individuals have been free to investigate all aspects of life." He continued:

"It further believes that only through scientific knowledge so gained can we find the cures for the emotional and social maladies in our society.

### Proud of I.U.'s Cosponsor

"In support of Dr. Kinsey's research the university is proud to have as cosponsor the National Research Council and its distinguished committee of scientists and physicians-in-charge of studies of this nature. With the chairman of that committee I agreed in saying that we have large faith in the values of knowledge, little faith in ignorance."

Archbishop Schulte, commenting on the first publication of reviews of Kinsey's new "Sexual Behavior in The Human Female," said:

"Every self-respecting Hoosier must profoundly regret the notoriety that Dr. Kinsey has brought our renowned university . . . Dr. Kinsey has degraded science. Instead of circulating his findings among those competent to weigh their worth and apply them to the betterment of mankind, he publicizes them like a cheap charlatan . . . endangering society."

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## No. 2 Man Urges Egypt To Prepare

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# Kinsey Says Many Laws Dealing With Sex

## Some Statutes Unenforceable, I. U. Man Holds

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Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 22.—  
In its 15-year endeavor to push back the frontiers of ignorance about sex, the Institute for Sex Research takes its strongest and most forthright step in "Sexual Behavior In The Human Female." Although not entirely within the context of a book about female behavior, new information on the problem of the sex offender is distributed throughout many chapters.

It can rightly be called shocking information, because it reveals a state of near hysteria in some states of the nation. And in most states, the book discloses sex laws that are as far from the facts of life as man is from the moon.

### Cites Indiana as Example

Said Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, president of the institute, "About 95 per cent of the males and 85 per cent of the females in this country would be behind bars at some time in their lives if our sex laws chose to operate. It's not because people are wicked, but because our laws are so outdated." As an example, he cited the State of Indiana. "The encouragement of masturbation" is a crime in Indiana. The penalty for contributing to the delinquency of a minor is now five years in prison. Any boy who has ever petted with a girl under 21 could be sent away for five years.

"Some sex laws are downright unenforceable," he continued. "The gap between the law and the less than one per cent of the population who are actually convicted of sex offenses leads to blackmail and extortion. We have as black a record as anywhere in the world in the way police handle our sex cases."

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### California Is Cited

As an example of a place where "society is hysterical" over the problem of sex offenders, Dr. Kinsey cited California. After three children were killed in sex attacks, Governor Earl Warren received thousands of letters from angry citizens demanding action. A special session of the State Legislature was called to consider a castration law. Dr. Kinsey was at San Quentin Prison at the time, taking sex histories

hence," he said, "the histories of these kiddies will show hundreds of records of marital difficulties. You can't build up that sort of fear without a kickback."

A male adult can't stand outside a schoolyard in California today without risking five years in prison," he said.

### Used on 'Dealing Basis'

Dr. Kinsey said "hundreds" of men have been castrated in California in an attempt to control sex offenders. This has been done by three judges, he said, who use castration on a "dealing" basis. The defendant is given a choice of a long prison sentence or castration and a one-year probation. Many accept castration rather than the long prison term.

Several states are considering castration laws now, Dr. Kinsey said, and one State has under consideration a bill that would put a man in prison "only on suspicion that he might be capable of a sex offense."

The institute has been working with legislative commissions of 12 states on sex laws, and Dr. Kinsey repeatedly emphasized that "we never recommend what they should put into law, we only report what we have found. We are not attempting to establish public policy."

### Prepared to Submit Bill

The institute was asked by New York State to study the sexual effect on individuals who had prefrontal lobotomies, a brain operation that has been held to change patterns of behavior. Dr. Kinsey said the head of the penal system in another state was prepared to submit a bill to the Legislature requiring the operation for every sex offender.

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devoted to the problem of the sex-offender and sex laws.

The present book says the institute's information does not substantiate an increase in the number of sex offenses. "Press reports on girls attacked by adult males are misleading. Most of the published data is based on cases which come to the attention of police, physicians, and social agencies . . ."

The authors state that the study of sex offenders is at fault in concentrating on the offenders themselves, with no comparison to the so-called normal population.

"It does not suffice to find that the homosexual offenders preferred their mothers to their fathers, when a survey of non-offenders shows that most children, for perfectly obvious reasons, are more closely associated with their mothers."

The institute found that among 4,441 females, 78 per cent had never as children experienced a sexual approach by adult males aged 15 or more. Of the 24 per

cent who told of such an approach, 80 per cent had had only one experience.

Sixty-two per cent of the approaches were either verbal or the exhibition of male genitalia. Dr. Kinsey commented, "There are exceedingly few cases of rapists who start out as exhibitionists."

Eighty per cent of the women listed their experience as upsetting, but most said the disturbance was similar to the reaction of a child seeing a spider. The authors said there was reason to believe that the reaction of parents, police, and other adults on hearing the report of a sexual approach was more disturbing to the child than the actual contact.

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Dr. Kinsey told them, "Castration is valueless as far as sexual control is concerned." He explained that removal of the testes in a fully mature male, like removal of ovaries in a mature female, makes little difference in sex capacity or urge.

The castration bill was killed in committee at the special session but, in the next regular session, it was passed almost unanimously. After conferring again with members of the institute staff and other medical and legal experts, Governor Warren vetoed the bill.

**Instructed by Teachers**

During the public furor, the California Department of Education directed its teachers to instruct children every day before dismissing them that they should not talk to strange adults, but go straight home. Dr. Kinsey said one of the ironies of this was that the institute's sex histories reveal a good percentage of sexual advances on youngsters are made by relatives of the children.

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Then he brought up these questions:

- "What needs to be done to protect the public?"
- "How much of sexual behavior is of concern and how much is not?"
- "Who are the sex offenders?"

The institute has taken sex histories from 1,300 persons convicted of sex offenses. Whereas the normal interview lasts 2 to 3 hours, 6 to 8 hours was spent on the offenders. The next book planned by the institute will be

**Firemen's Convention Interrupted by Blaze**

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place where the sexual structure was out of gear. A section of the book notes that Tristan was 19 when he met Isolde, Juliet was less than 14 when Romeo made love to her, and Helen was only 12 when Paris carried her off to Troy.

"All of these youth, the great lovers of history, would be looked upon as immature adolescents and identified as juvenile delinquents if they were alive today."

"It is the increasing inability of older persons to understand the sexual capacities of youth which is responsible for the opinion that there is a rise in (sexual) juvenile delinquency, for there are few changes in the sexual behavior of the youth themselves."

'Youth Is Penalized'  
In a section on homosexuality, the authors point out a sore spot where "a preadolescent boy convicted of 'some offense may be sent to an all-male prison at the height of his sex capacity." If this experience does not result in homosexuality, the authors

say, it will at least make it difficult for the boy to adjust to girls when he gets out. Then the youth is "penalized for being what society has made him."

The book states that the law makes no provision for the 40 per cent of the unmarried population which is sexually mature. The only legally sanctioned form of sexual outlet is coitus in marriage, yet half of the adult population is not married.

"Somehow," the authors conclude, "in an age which calls itself scientific and Christian, we should be able to discover more intelligent ways of protecting social interests without doing such irreparable damage to so many individuals and to the total social organization to which they belong."

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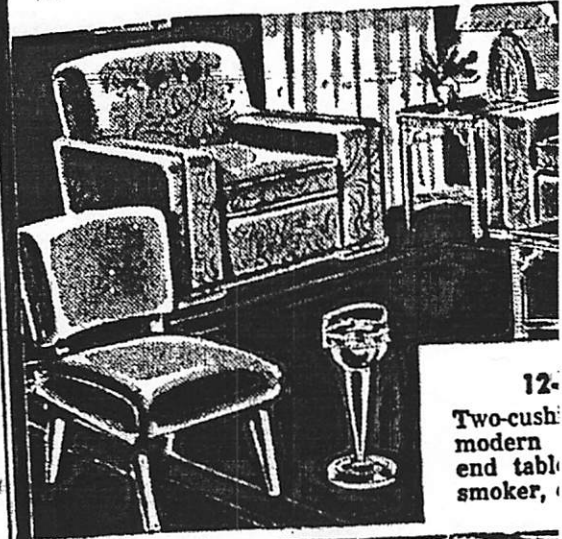
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Margaret Ann Beard, only 16, has won two beauty contests this year. In June she was named "Miss Fun City." Her newest title is "Miss Hopeville," making her the queen of the Georgia At lanta suburb where she lives.

was a hoax.  
Dozens of Oklahoma City families offered Milton Mowdy, Coburg, Ore., a home after he was discovered a few days ago on the Courthouse steps. He told officers he had lost his mother and couldn't find his father.  
He gave his name as Roy Edwards and claimed an automobile accident killed his mother. He said his father deserted him 15 years ago.

**Was at Game With Coaches**  
The strapping 17-year-old said he was a football star at his high school and last night he was taken into custody while he was with several Oklahoma City coaches watching a game.  
Sheriff Bob Turner said Mowdy was an A.W.O.L. paratrooper from Fort Campbell, Ky. Turner made a check when Mowdy was first found and he was told by Eugene Ore., officials that there was a Roy Edwards who was a fine athlete and student.  
Mowdy said today he spent a sleepless night in the City Jail

because "my conscience has been bothering me."  
Turner said "I'm terribly disappointed. But I'd do it again for any boy who I believed in and thought 'needed' help."  
**Thought of Telling Truth**  
"He could have had anything he wanted here," a deputy said.  
Mowdy told officers last night after he was arrested he was A.W.O.L. 2 1/2 weeks.  
"I thought about telling the truth about myself last night at that football game when they played the national anthem. That hurt worse than anything," Mowdy said today.

"I've hurt a lot of people and ruined my life. I can't go back to Coburg and I would be ashamed to come back here."  
Mowdy's identity was learned yesterday after his mother saw the story and his picture in a Eugene, Ore., paper. She called the sheriff's office here and said the youth looked like her son.

**Former College Librarian Dies**  
Easton, Pa., Aug. 22 (AP)—Willard P. Lewis, 64, former Pennsylvania State College librarian, died here today.

houses in trade for new ones.  
F.H.A. Commissioner Guy T. O. Hollyday said the broadened program will help builders finance repairs on older houses and refinance existing mortgages on them.  
Under the new F.H.A. ruling, a builder taking an old house as a trade-in on a new home may get an F.H.A. insurance commitment covering 80 per cent of the first \$7,000 of value plus 60 per cent of the balance up to a total mortgage of \$10,400.  
Hollyday said the decision to

deals have shown," he said, "that it pays to do a thorough reconditioning job on the old dwelling rather than just taking care of the bare necessities. When the trade-in house is put as nearly as possible in a new-house condition the economic value is increased."  
"This increase may well be over and above the actual cost of the repairs and modernization. In addition to increased value and improved livability the life of the dwelling is extended and the character of the neighborhood improved."  
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### Kinsey's Call for Risky Mail Risky, Post Office Indicates

Washington, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—As far as the Post Office Department is concerned any woman mailing sex diaries and risque pictures to Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey do so at their own risk.  
There is a law against sending obscene matter through the mails. Obscene matter, according to the Post Office, is the kind that produces lewd and lascivious thoughts.  
As to whether a personal calendar of sex experiences might fall into this category, Associate Solicitor Louis J. Doyle said, the Post Office is not about to hazard a ruling in advance  
**Would Have To See It First**  
"First, we would have to see it," he said.  
Kinsey, in further pursuit of his studies, has asked people to send in more of the kind of sex diaries he got from 337 of the 5,940 women on whose sexual histories he interviewed for his new book, "Sexual Behavior in The Human Female."  
He also wants to hear from those—especially females—who produce erotic art, and hopes they will send samples.  
**Congressman Critical**  
Kinsey said everything would be held in strict confidence. Representative Koarns (R., Pa.) commented that if Kinsey meant that, all right, but "I don't think such stuff ought to be put out for grabs."  
Kearns, a member of last year's House committee on pornographic literature, indicated he suspected Kinsey's "discoveries

had degraded science by publicizing his findings "like a cheap charlatan."  
Doyle said one thing the postmaster would consider in judging mailability of such things as diaries and erotic art, is where the stuff is going. He hinted that the scientific nature of Kinsey's inquiry might have considerable weight.  
However, the claim of scientific endeavor is not always enough. Doyle said some books had been barred from the mails, despite the claim they were of a medical nature. He would not speculate on whether "Sexual Behavior In The Human Female" might wind up in this group.

**Would wind up in book form, available for reading by all, including possibly children.**  
**End Might Be Justification**  
He endorsed the view of Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, Indianapolis, who said Kinsey in his survey of women

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NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The secret police for health—antibodies—are taking up magical new jobs. Antibodies are being charged with radioactivity, then sent off like guided missiles to carry death-dealing rays into cancers growing in animals. Some day they may do the same for cancer-afflicted human beings. Antibodies can help solve murders. They can tell whether some cheat is mixing horsemeat in with your hamburger. And the power of G. G. (gamma globulin), now being used to blunt outbreaks of polio, is that

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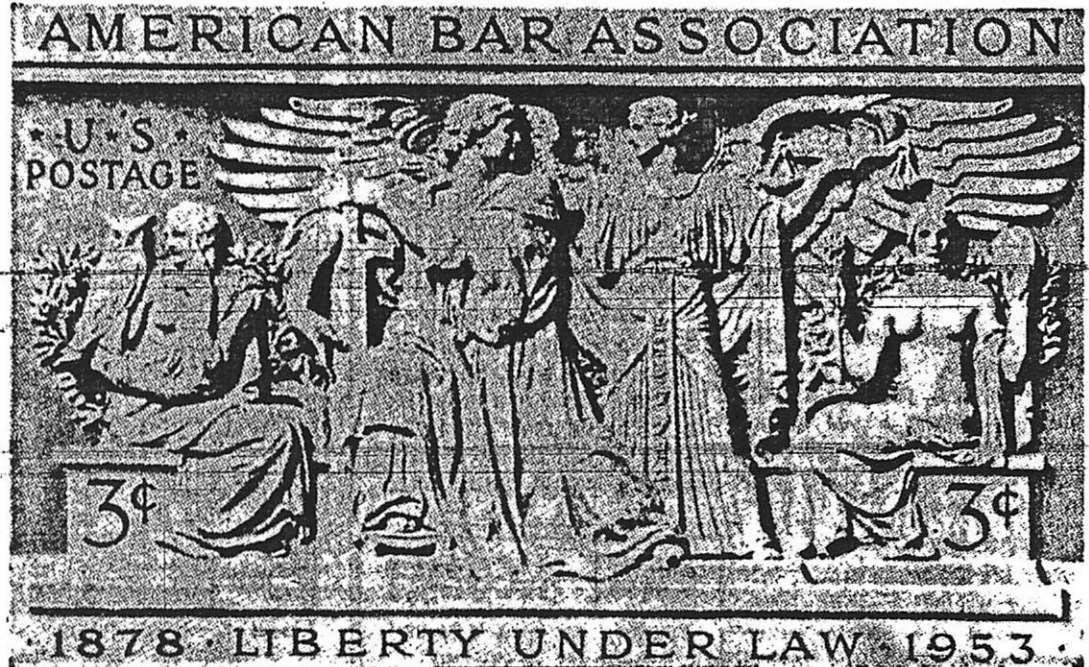
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### Played Major Roles

Both Bristow and Pirtle played important roles at the Saratoga session.

In July, 1878, a group of lawyers had signed a circular inviting other attorneys to meet with them on August 21, 1878, at Saratoga to form the association and thus help "assimilate the laws of the different States" and promote true reforms. Heading



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Pirtle was chosen to help write the constitution, which was so expertly worded that, except for a few additions, it has remained unchanged to this day. Under it, A.B.A. achievements have included enactment of the present National Bankruptcy Act, uniform rules of court procedure in federal courts, present canons of judicial and professional ethics, legal-aid services and the Lawyers' Referral Service.

### Was Cabinet Member

Bristow, born at Elkton, Ky., in 1832, served as Secretary of the Treasury under President U. S. Grant from 1874 to 1876, and was the first appointed so-

licitor general of the United States.

In Grant's Administration, he prosecuted the Whisky Ring, an organization centered at St. Louis which defrauded the Government of millions of dollars. This may have cost him the presidency. He was a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination in 1876; but when his own nomination appeared impossible, he threw his support to Rutherford B. Hayes.

### Son of Judge

Bristow served with Union forces in the Civil War, and later was a State senator and district attorney at Louisville. In the 1880's and until he died in 1896, he practiced law in New York. Pirtle, son of Judge Henry Pirtle, was born here in 1840.

The son also served 100 days as special judge of the old Law and Equity Court in 1881.

He taught at the University of Louisville Law School, and was head of the school from 1887 to 1905. First president of the Filson Club, he also served as president of the Louisville City National Bank, the American Printing House for the Blind, and the board of visitors of the Kentucky Institute for Education of the Blind.

A son, William B. Pirtle, 100 Wampum Road, is retired board chairman of Stewart Dry Goods Company. Daughters are Miss Jane Pirtle, 147 Crescent, and Mrs. Peyton B. Bethel, 143 Crescent.

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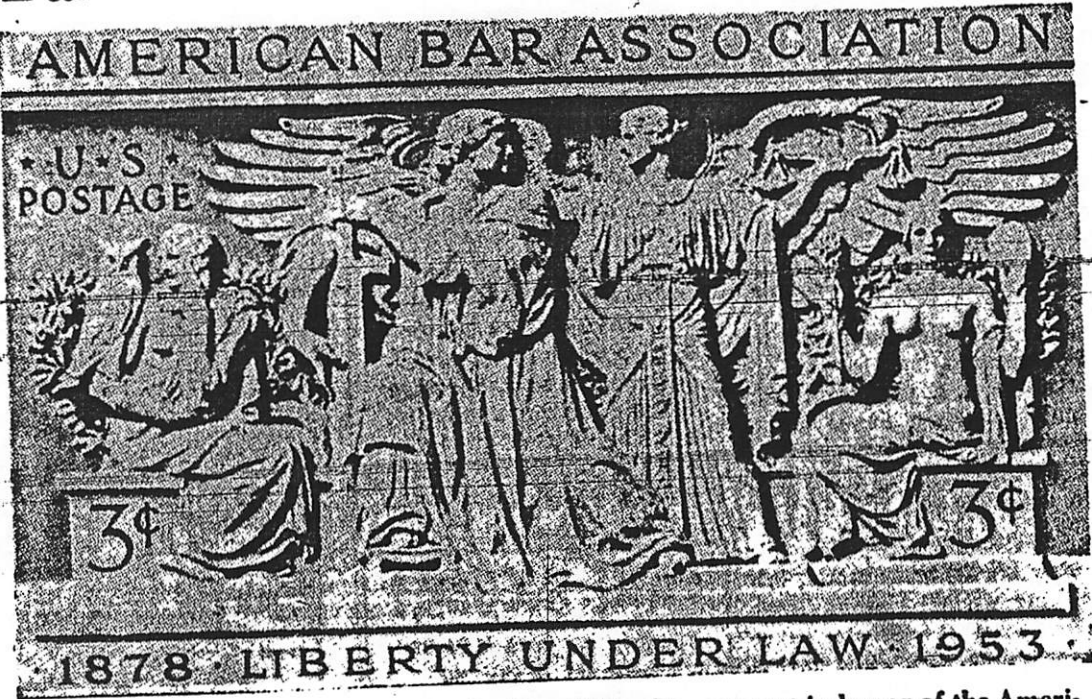
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