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## EDITORIAL

By Chesley E. Corbett

### BUBBLES

Webster defines a bubble as "blob of air in fluid"—  
"inflated fluid"—Figuratively speaking, he describes it as  
something that wants firmness and solidarity. "A vain pro-  
ject"—"a false show".

Since the migration of hordes of people who came to  
the Northwest in recent years we have had, and still have,  
many types—especially the "bubble type". They have  
become inflated by reason of their own egotism. They have  
become "puffed up" and cannot tread upon the surface  
without disdain.

These persons, "the Bubbles", have shut their eyes to  
fact that it was but just a few days ago, so to speak, that  
they were mingling and associating with us.

They had not then become obsessed with vanity and  
pride that they couldn't be gentle, kind and friendly with  
their fellow man.

They were humble, almost docile and had a smile and  
friendly word for all with whom they came in contact.

But later, in many cases, some were given power,  
prestige, still others found themselves in positions of trust  
and "over night"—these same persons became "bubbles".

The jolly good fellow who yesterday had a pat on the  
back and a hand shake and a smile for all changed from  
Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde.

He no longer cared for the associates of yore: he seemed  
to forget how to speak to and treat those under him and  
also the commoner on the street.

These bubble types lived only for self after they had  
obtained their objective.

There is one sure thing about a bubble—it is so easily  
punctured and then "flop"—it's gone.

So it is with the bubble type of those who exist and  
have existed in Portland

They may remain inflated and "puffed up" for a while,  
but in the end, a slight prick of the pin, a little pressure  
or "turn on the heat" and they are nothing but evaporated  
air.

No wonder Iago, in Othello says, "Reputation is but a  
fond and idle imposition; oft gained without merit; oft lost  
without cause."

If we are to have firm, solid and proper business men  
and women in Portland they must be astute, diplomatic,  
suave, yet polite, unbiass, free from prejudice, and color  
cast; they must treat the most humblest citizen in the same  
manner as they do the one that is exalted.

Remember that the spoke in the wheel of the wagon  
may be down on the ground today and for several days,  
since the wagon hasn't gone any place, but tomorrow it  
may be at the top. We have had too much of the Bubble  
type in recent years here.

## Think Twice Before You Say . . . "Not Enough Experience"

Maybe the applicant who wears  
an honorable discharge button  
know the details of every busi-  
ness.

He didn't know the details of  
war, either. But he did quite  
some job on a distasteful assign-  
ment. And the Japs and the  
Germans will testify that he had  
something which proved more  
potent than their experience.

You—and we—can't hire every  
discharged veteran who comes to

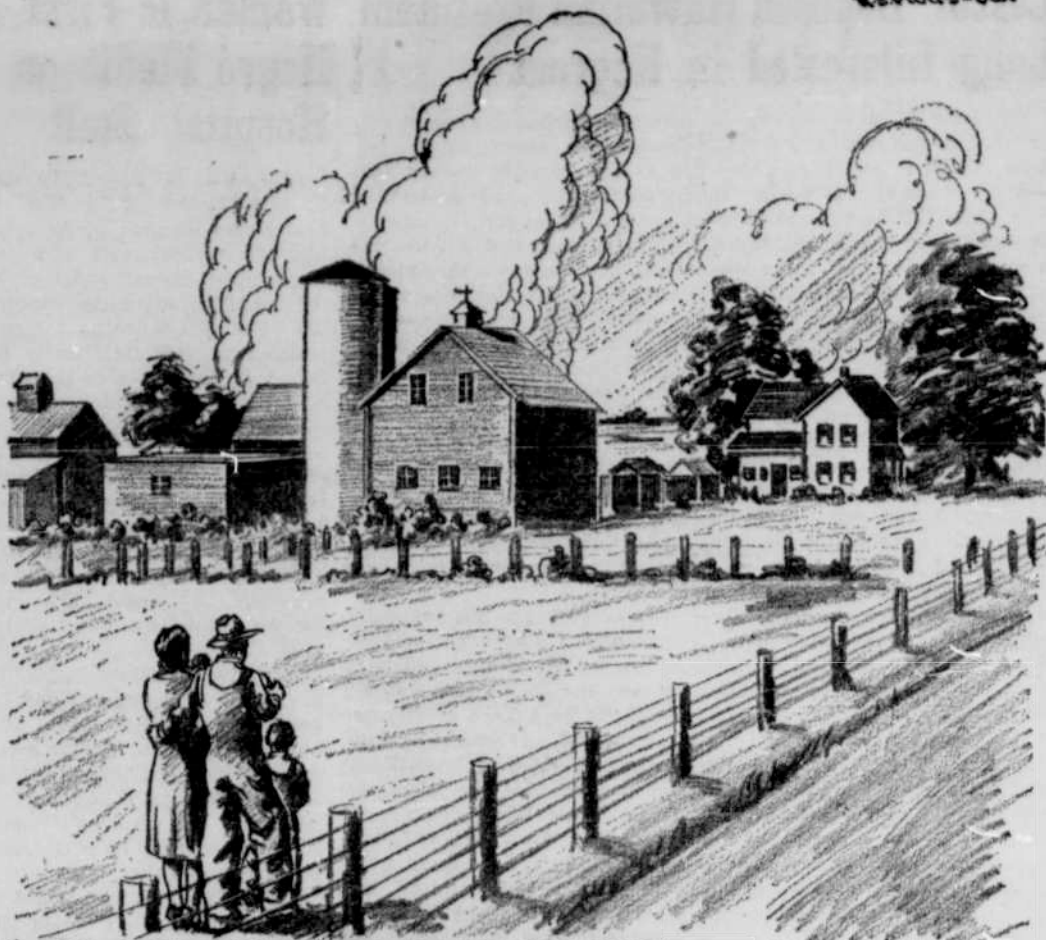
us. But we can all well afford  
to devote some time and thought  
to his individual problem instead  
of just saying, "Not enough ex-  
perience."

He doesn't care for that "not  
enough experience" brush-off—  
and neither will any of us if we  
stop to think. Remember, the  
time he MIGHT have spent gain-  
ing experience has been devoted  
to protecting our right to be in  
business.

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## What Is America? "South Is Test Case for World" Says Conference Leader

By RUTH TAYLOR

There is a great fascination in  
the little homes strung out across  
the rolling countryside. There is  
nothing spectacular about them,  
no mark of unusual beauty or  
careful landscaping. Yet they  
have a distinction which the great  
estates do not possess. There are  
miles upon miles of them; strings  
of lights from a train window;  
houses far enough apart to grow;  
little, lighted windows strung  
across a continent with roads  
binding towns and homes togeth-  
er. It is these myriad homes in  
small towns that constitute Amer-  
ica.

What would it be like to live in  
a world composed entirely of peo-  
ple of genius—men with single  
track minds and temperaments,  
each capable of great achievement  
because of singleness of purpose  
and aim, and an ability to elimi-  
nate the little things of life?

The bold, ambitious people are  
busy getting ready to enjoy life—  
but the people of the little homes  
in small towns are the ones who  
really live. They are the men  
who work faithfully all day long  
at tasks, going from these tasks  
at the day's close to life with their  
families. They have time to put-  
ter about, to enjoy their homes,  
their gardens, their children, to  
take an active part in their  
church, and their community, to  
be neighborly. It is this body of  
people who make up the democ-  
racy we call America.

It is how these people think; it  
is how these people vote; it is how  
these people decide, that makes  
America different from any coun-  
try in the world—for it is the  
combined decision of these people  
that determines what the policies  
of America shall be. Bigger are  
they and more powerful than the  
dictators of all the world.

And because of this it is the  
task of the people of the little  
town to think clearly and care-  
fully, to realize their responsibilities  
and to act courageously and at all  
times in full accord with the high

By CONRAD CLARK

WASHINGTON — (ANP) —  
More than 15 persons heard Mrs.  
Clifford Durr, chairman of the  
Washington Committee of the  
Southern Conference for Human  
Welfare, blast the representatives  
of the 13 southern states here in  
congress, Sunday night at a panel  
discussion, held a Friends' Meet-  
ing house.

The discussion featured Mrs.  
Durr, Clark Foreman, national  
chairman of the Southern Con-  
ference, and Atty Charles Hous-  
ton, former member of the FEPC,  
the only Negro speaker on the  
panel.

Mrs. Durr told her audience  
that "the south is a test case for  
the world, for it has long been an  
accepted fact that the south is the  
nation's No. 1 economic problem,  
and if America cannot solve this  
problem, how will she be able  
to solve the problems of the world  
as a whole."

Continuing her discussion, the  
speaker listed poverty as the  
worst and major sin of the south  
followed by ignorance and preju-  
dice.

In regards to the poverty of the  
south, Mrs. Durr quoted figures to  
give a better picture of her  
discussion, and she mentioned  
that the average person in Mis-  
sissippi made \$200 per year as  
against \$400 made in Alabama.

During the days of the depression  
she said that the average Ala-  
bama family on relief was given  
\$2.50 per week, and many a fam-  
ily of five had to try and live on  
the figures.

She accused northerners of  
buying out the legislators of the  
south by retaining them on a  
yearly salary so that they are

principles of their own Declara-  
tion of Independence, and always  
by word and deed to "hold these  
truths to be self-evident, that all  
men are created equal, that they  
are endowed by their Creator with  
certain inalienable rights, that  
among these are Life, Liberty and  
the pursuit of Happiness". If they  
do this, this stronghold of Democ-  
racy will endure throughout any  
storm which may assail it.

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## Whites Okay Negroes Oppose Housing Covenant

CHICAGO—(ANP) — A bitter  
hard-and-fast conflict between  
Negroes and whites over the con-  
troversial issue of racial restric-  
tive covenants which prohibit  
colored persons from living in  
certain communities is revealed  
in the February Negro Digest  
poll.

Just as large majority of whites  
insist that real estate agreements  
prohibiting Negroes from living  
in certain areas is justifiable,  
so most Negroes feel that  
such contracts are anti-American  
and violate the spirit of the con-  
stitution. Between the two there  
seems to be no middle ground, the  
gap is so wide on this issue.

	Yes	No	Undecided
North	89%	5%	6%
West	90%	5%	5%
South	96%	1%	3%

Most whites—even liberals—  
try to place the question on the  
basis of property values, rather  
than racial lines. There is almost  
a unanimous white feeling that  
restrictions against certain groups  
in a certain neighborhood are leg-  
itimate on the grounds that peo-  
ple should have a right to choose  
who they will live with.

The claim that property values  
decline when Negroes move into  
an area is widely cited by whites,  
no matter what are their political  
beliefs. Loss prevalent is the ster-  
eotype portrait of the Negro as  
dirty and therefore undesirable  
but several whites argue along  
this line also.

The few whites who oppose re-  
strictive covenants declare that  
these agreements violate rights of  
colored Americans and ape Hit-  
ler's methods. They feel that  
the ghetto pattern for the Negro  
is the backbone of jim crow in  
American life and that once seg-  
regation is wiped out, discrimina-  
tory ways will also exit.

## College Choir to Sing Over CBS

GREENSBORO, N. C.—(ANP)  
—The Bennett College choir will  
sing in a nation-wide broadcast  
over the network of the Colum-  
bia Broadcasting system, Tues-  
day, Feb. 12 from 11:15 to 11:30  
a. m. EST. The program, which  
will originate from the studios of  
Station WBIG, Greensboro, will  
pay tribute to the great emanci-  
pator, Abraham Lincoln.

The ensemble of 50 voices has  
won widespread recognition for  
its ability to sustain notes far  
below the usual register for wo-  
men. This enables the inclusion  
of choral works on their program,  
which are generally regarded as  
suitable for only mixed choruses.  
The voices range from high C to  
B flat below C, thus permitting  
melodious harmony in both the  
bass and treble clef.

The group is directed by Da-  
vid W. Holland, organist and di-  
rector of music at the college.

meeting, told of personal experi-  
ences in the south in regards to  
segregation, and how the Negro  
really wants to return to the  
south to live but "you can't live  
in the south with yourself with  
respect as a Negro.

He mentioned of a case now on  
hand concerning a Negro land  
owner with more than 500 acres  
of land in Mississippi where oil  
was recently discovered, but who  
was afraid to return there to  
claim what is rightfully his and  
has since consulted him for ad-  
vice.

The discussion, which was en-  
titled "The South: Threat or  
Promise?" was sponsored by the  
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