

## TODAY and TOMORROW

PROPHET of surplus people

In the year 1798 a young man of 22, named Robert Thomas Malthus, wrote a little book which has influenced political economy for nearly 140 years. His "Essay on Population" pointed out that the human race was increasing faster than the means of subsistence.

What Malthus tried to tell the world was that its economic salvation depended upon a more rational and intelligent organization of society, to increase the production of the necessities of life and work out a better system of distribution, to make more available to everybody.

In Malthus' day famine and disease killed off more people than war. They still do in many countries, but the civilized world of today has abolished famine and made great headway toward abolishing disease. Population is still increasing faster than the means of subsistence in many countries, and nations still go to war in the hope of getting more food for their surplus people. If war kills off enough to reduce the surplus, the result may be the same as if new territories had been conquered.

**FACTS . . . sentimentalists believe**  
Most people do not like to face uncomfortable facts. They prefer to believe in pleasant things. Most of us live in a dream world, regarding what we wish were true as being the truth. Malthus brought down upon himself a storm of criticism from sentimentalists who refused to believe that humanity must forever face a struggle for existence.

Folk who preach that there is some easy way of life for everybody can always get a hearing, for people want to believe that. Jean Jacques Rousseau preached that doctrine to the French people 150 years ago. The Revolution was going to end poverty and distress. Instead, it plunged France and most of the rest of the world into chaos and despair.

Only sentimentalists believe that mankind can lift itself by its bootstraps into a life of universal comfort and ease. All that society can do, in the long run, is to see that nobody is deprived by others of his opportunity for hard work, or of

the just reward of his individual efforts.

### PROOFS . . . Malthus, real prophet

Proof that Malthus was a real prophet is visible all over the world today. Japan occupies Manchuria, Italy seizes Ethiopia, both overpopulated nations seeking more room and more food for their surplus people. Germany threatens another war to insure that its increasing people shall not starve. Malthus' own little England was foresighted enough to grab off and hang on to great colonial areas which will feed its increasing population for a long time to come. France has kept itself out of the race for more land by keeping its population at a stationary level for generations.

Our own America can still feed all our present inhabitants and to spare. We bought from France and took from Mexico everything from the Mississippi to the Pacific, and invited the whole world to make itself at home. They came, and our food resources are still ample, but we've had to withdraw our standing invitation to immigrants and are beginning to wonder how long we can continue to feed ourselves. For our birthrate is still higher than our death rate.

As I read history, it has been mainly a ceaseless migration of peoples in search of food, with the stronger killing the weak who stand between them and a better food supply.

### SCIENCE . . . makes life easier

Science has done much to make the struggle for life easier, since Malthus wrote. We have learned how to produce more food with less labor, and how to create other forms of wealth which are readily exchangeable for food. At the same time medical science has stimulated the growth of population and the demand for food, by keeping more babies alive and eliminating epidemic diseases. Offsetting that to some extent are the achievements of engineering and chemical science which insure that modern wars over food will kill many times more people, and so reduce the surplus population faster than primitive warfare could do.

Some Oriental peoples solve their food problem by downsizing surplus babies, especially girls, and savage tribes in Africa and the South Seas still continue the practice of killing the old folks who can no longer fend for themselves. We are revolted by such practices, but our own ancestors, only three or four generations ago, had to survive or perish by the rule that the hardest had a chance. If they survived the slow voyage in sailing ships, and Indians, malaria, yellow-jack or northern Winters didn't pick them off, they lived to become good

Americans—if they worked hard enough.

Science has made life easier for us, their descendants. I wonder if it hasn't weakened our moral and physical stamina, too.

## WHAT to PLANT THIS WEEK

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### Flowers

SWEET PEAS—Spencer Mixed.

### Garden

GARDEN PEAS—Smooth varieties: First and Best, Alaska, Early Bird.

SPINACH—Bloomsdale, for spring and early summer.

CABBAGE—Set frost-proof plants, Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Early Flat Dutch.

ONIONS—"Potato onion" sets and Danver.

LETTUCE—Seed in cold frame or garden: Grand Rapids (curled). In cold frame only, N. Y. Wonderful, Iceberg.

POTATOES—Irish Cobbler, Spaulding Rose and Green Mountain.

SWEET POTATOES—For bedding.

TURNIPS—White Egg—7 Top.

BEETS—Early Eclipse, Early Blood turnip.

CARROTS—Chantenay.

CORN—Early Adams, Truckers' Favorite.

MUSTARD—Curled.

RADISH—All varieties.

TOMATO—In flats and hot beds.

### Field Seeding

LESPEDEZA—Korean, Common, Kobe, Tennessee 76, Seresia.

CLOVERS—Red, Sapling, Alsike, White Dutch, White Sweet, Alfalfa.

GRASSES—Kentucky Blue, Red Top, Orchard, Rye, Grass, Timothy.

OATS—Fulghum, White Spring, Red, Burt.

RAPE

Spade or plow in all manure available on rest of garden. Lime if possible, but leave lime and manure off potato land.

Finish all fruit tree pruning and dormant scale spraying (spray oil, lime sulphur with arsenate of lead or nicotine sulphate, according to maker's directions.)

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the many acts of kindness, love, and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. ED. CAMPBELL  
AND FAMILY.

(adv.) Itp

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our father and husband; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. M. C. GRASTY  
AND FAMILY.

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The estimated world total of unmined coal is 7.8 trillion tons. Of this amount 2.1 trillion tons are in Alaska.

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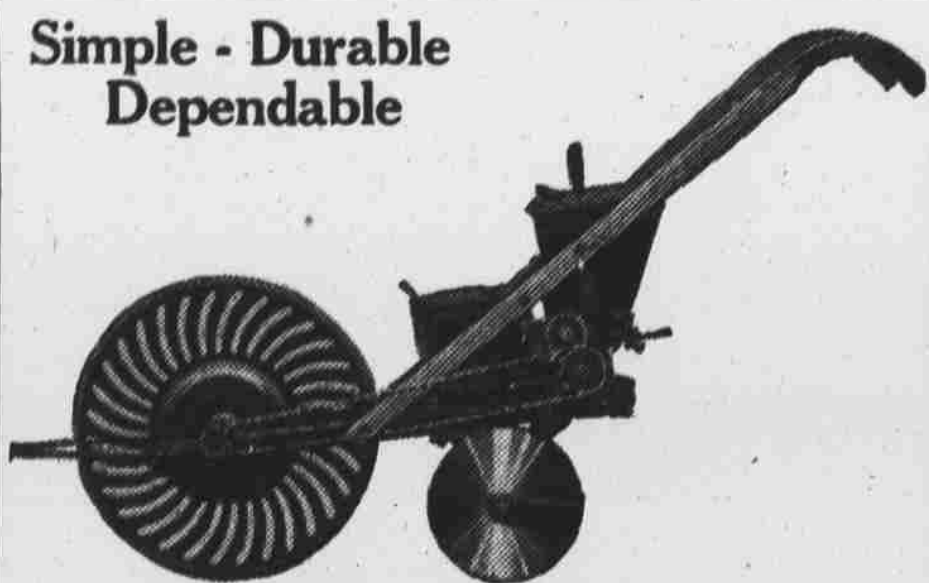
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# NOTICE!

## Revaluation

## LIST YOUR PROPERTY

## Give In Your Poll

Listing Will Begin April 12

Look for the Posted Notices Giving Dates and Places  
in Your Township

All property owners are required to return to the List Taker all the personal property owned by each on the first day of April.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required by law to list their polls during April.

All persons who own property and fail to list it and all who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

# Macon County Board of Commissioners