

TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

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 effort.

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 birth-rate 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 engineer-

ing 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 drowning 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 only the hardiest 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.

NEW G-E MODELS NOW ON DISPLAY

Many New Features Presented by 1938 General-Electric Refrigerators

The Elkin Plumbing and Heating Co., of this city, dealers for General Electric refrigerators, now has on display in their showroom on East Main street the new 1937 General Electric models.

The General Electric refrigerator may be obtained in a variety of styles, including the monitor top and flat top types. All styles are equipped with the "ageless" sealed-in-steel mechanism that requires no attention. A five-year guarantee goes with each refrigerator sold.

The new models have many new features in addition to cabinets of modern and beautiful design. Everyone interested in the purchase of a refrigerator should see them before they buy.

GRAHAM & CLICK FEATURE VALUES

Local Five and Ten-cent Store is Loaded With Worthwhile Savings in Every Department

The Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store, of this city, is featuring a store completely filled with many hundreds of bargains for Elkin Bargain Days Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Due to the fact that so many values will be on sale for the three days, no special items have been singled out. However, everyone who visits Elkin is urged to visit the store if they would make maximum savings on every purchase.

SURRY HARDWARE CO. COOPERATING

Entire Store and Warehouses Are Stocked With Values for Visitors Here Bargain Days

Surry Hardware company, a mecca for the hardware and building material needs of this entire section, is cooperating with other Elkin stores in making Elkin Bargain Days three days to be long remembered for the people of Surry, Alleghany, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

The store is featuring many money-saving values for the three special days, and everyone is invited to visit them when here.

LIQUIDATOR HAS FARMS FOR SALE

A. L. Fine, Liquidating Agent, Elkin National Bank, Offering Real Buys on Property

A. L. Fine, liquidating agent of the Elkin National Bank here is offering several valuable farms for sale in an advertisement located elsewhere in this issue of The Tribune.

The ad. lists three farms, giving complete details as to location, etc., and anyone interested in real estate values should call on Mr. Fine at the bank.

18,192 TAR HEELS IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

Raleigh.—The division of institutions reports that 18,192 persons were in penal, charitable and correctional institutions of the state on February 31, compared with 18,182 persons on January 31 and 17,987 on December 31.

The five insane hospitals reported 6,860 inmates last month, a gain of 31 over the January total, while the total number of state prisoners dropped from 9,002 to 8,973.

County jails listed 84 insane persons held during February, compared with 114 in January, and 21 jails reported 100 children under 16 years of age held in them while 40 jails reported 136 held in January.

Elkin's Newest Department Store Brings "U" Bigger and Better Values Thursday-Friday-Saturday

BARGAIN DAYS

Located Next Door to Basketeria

To better acquaint the people of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany counties with the many really sensational values to be found at Elkin's Newest Department Store, we are featuring amazing, money-saving values for Elkin Bargain Days Thursday, Friday and Saturday. By all means visit our new store on each of the three days if you would save most.

Located Next Door to Basketeria

"B" HERE WHEN THE DOORS SWING OPEN THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH, 8 A. M.

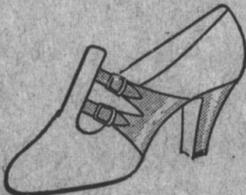
MEN'S HATS

In all the New Shades



Extra Special Value! 97 to \$1.94

All That's New In FOOTWEAR for SPRING



Grey—Blue—Tan—and White Ties—Straps—Pumps and Sandals in Two Special Price Groups 97c to \$2.98

MEN'S SUITS

in every new and wanted style and material



\$5.95 to \$22.50

Extra Special!

Ladies' - Misses Rayon Panties Reg. 19c Value 10c Pr.

MEN'S SHIRTS—SHORTS

25c Values 15c

Fast Color PRINTS

Yard Wide — 15c Value 10c Yd.

Men's Sanforized WORK PANTS

97c Pr.

Ladies' All-Wool SWEATERS

97c

OVERALLS

Men's Boys' 97c 49c

Ladies' Print DRESSES

88c

Bargain Days Ladies' Full Fashioned SILK HOSE

Chiffon - Service 44c Pr.

Extra Special Children's - Misses ANKLETS

5c Pr.

BEST GRADE LL Sheeting

Yard Wide 10 Yards 89c

One Table of SILKS

Solid Colors, Flowered Patterns, 39 in. wide. VALUES TO 75c 39c Yd.

Ladies' Slips

Made of Rayon Taffeta. Wide Lace Trim. 44c

Betty Lou PRINTS

Fast color - yard wide 15c Yd.

Men's Broadcloth Dress Shirts

Sizes 14 to 17 79c

Ladies' Hats

Felts - Straws 97c - \$1.94

Men's Dress PANTS

Woolen Materials \$1.94 - \$2.98

SHOES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Men's Dress OXFORDS \$4.50 Values \$2.98



Boys' WORK SHOES 98c

Men's Work SHOES \$1.39

Men's Dress OXFORDS Leather Soles \$1.69

Children's Shoes Black, Brown, White All Sizes—New Styles 69c - 97c

One Lot Ladies' Slippers 79c

SALE LADIES' SILK DRESSES

100 Silk DRESSES

200 Silk DRESSES

All new Spring Styles and Colors Made right, styled right! Special for Bargain Days.



Every style a new one! Special For Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Your Choice \$1.39 Sizes 14 to 44

Your Choice \$1.88 Sizes 14 to 52

Men's Work SHIRTS 47c

Children's Wash DRESSES 49c

Krinkle Krepe BED SPREADS 59c

Ladies' Lisle HOSE First Quality 15c Pr.

Men's SOCKS 5c Pr.

Ladies' Silk HOSE 10c Pr.

Novelty Buttons and Buckles Values to 25c 5c Card

A&Z STORE

Main Street ELKIN, N. C.

Yard Wide GINGHAM 19c Values 10c Yd.

ROYSTER'S
Premium Grade Fertilizer
At No Extra Cost!
F. A. Brendle & Son
Elkin, N. C.