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2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Berrill had it figured out 50 years ago . . .By BrmdamonThis book was published in 1955. Even then, biologist Jack Berrill was acutely aware of the limits to growth, the poor environmental record of early civilizations, and the fragile position of humans on the planet. I read this book just after reading Ronald Wright's "A Short History of Progress", a very recent book, and was amazed that Berrill had pretty much anticipated Wright's thesis almost 50 years earlier. He sounds warnings about climate change, even though the global greenhouse effect is not mentioned. Crossing over into philosophy, he describes conciousness and beauty as "emergent properties", language that a present-day complexity theorist would find quite familiar.Be prepared to put up with some outrageous gender stereotyping in Berrill's discussions of the social structures of prehistoric humans! There's a lot of speculation, and personal philosophical comment, in this book, perhaps too much. But overall, worth reading just to know that our current concerns about humankind's future aren't a new fad.