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**ALMANAC**

"Who was that lady?"

"It lasts no more than two centuries!"

—Bye

**DECEMBER**

- 10—Steve Bonnet, notorious pirate, executed, 1718.
- 11—Indiana admitted to the Union, 1816.
- 12—U. S. Pony sunk by Japanese, 1937.
- 13—First U. S. savings bank incorporated, Boston, 1816.
- 14—San Rafael mission founded, Cal., 1517.
- 15—"Sitting Bull" arrested and killed, 1890.
- 16—U. S. Bahamas radio service started, 1932.

**Aroused and United—  
We Face the Future**

After months and years of rumors of war with Japan, we are now faced with the grim reality. And coupled with that reality, it is fast dawning on most Americans who have not burdened themselves overly with thinking that the Japanese are no "push-over." A short week ago, the average American citizen ridiculed the idea that Japan would fight; and most of the few who really believed such a war might develop did not have any idea that the hostilities would be more than a brief warm-up for a part of the United States Navy and a few airplanes.

Any such wishful thinking—or lack of thinking—has been rapidly dissipated by the shocking events of the past few days. The tremendous distances of the Pacific Ocean—with its area of over 64,000,000 square miles—are just beginning to be realized by a large proportion of our population. It is dawning on our people that we have a powerful foe and that practically all of our resources and much time will be re-

quired for the eventual absolute victory which must be ours.

Passing over, for the moment, the manner in which it was accomplished, it came as an almost unbelievable blow to our national pride that the Japanese should have gotten the jump on us. We are starting in this war on the defensive, whereas we had always supposed it would be the other way around, and it will require some tremendous efforts and gambles to seize the initiative from the enemy as a result of those first blows.

There has been a widespread disposition to blame military and naval authorities for being caught "asleep." Until all the facts are available, we should go slow in condemning as incompetent the leaders who are at least risking their lives to defend our possessions. It is ridiculous for the average man, with no knowledge whatever about naval or military strategy and very limited and proscribed access to the true facts in the case, to presume to pass judgment on men who have made a life study of such subjects. The truth of the matter is that our pride has been hit—and badly hurt—and, as usual in such cases, we are seeking a scapegoat.

Wars are seldom, if ever, fought according to rules; and, while the remembrance of what occurred to Americans in Hawaii on the date of infamy—December 7, 1941—should spur us into a cold fury which will make absolute victory the more certain, it is foolish to run out of the corner and yap about being hit below the belt before the bell had even rung. The memory of those men and women and children who died on Oahu Island, and the manner of their deaths as the result of the most flagrant treachery in our diplomatic history, will remain fresh in the minds of our people and insure the eventual complete subjugation of the nation which dared use such tactics.

There is no turning back now. And there is a job for each and every one of us, in and out of the armed forces. We in this section have our work cut out for us, and nothing should be permitted to interfere with or cause us to deviate one iota from the course to eventual victory which is charted. We doubtless will—and should—learn a new meaning of Winston Churchill's oft-quoted remark concerning "blood and tears, toil and sweat." Heretofore they have been high-sounding figures of rhetoric, but already we begin to understand that they have a literal translation also. Whatever we are called on to do, and the calls may be many, we must do with dispatch to the limit of our abilities—physical, mental, moral and financial.

The news we shall receive the during the coming weeks may doubtless become much worse before it grows better. But whatever comes, we cannot, we must not, allow any thought of defeat even enter our minds to deter us from doing the job at hand, which will become more complex as time goes on.

The manner in which we were at-

**QUESTION of ??**  
**THE WEEK ??**

Individual Opinions of People You Know About  
Current Matters of General Public Interest

**Do You Think That the Town of Plymouth Should Be Given a Share of the Profits from The Plymouth ABC Store?**

N. H. Harrison, Jr., farmer: "If the town needs it, and assume it does, I think that for the police protection and other advantage afforded by the town, it should receive a fair share of the profits. I would not undertake to estimate any amount of the profit that should accrue to the town, but I do believe the Town of Plymouth should have some part of the profits."

J. E. Askew, farmer: "I think that the Town of Plymouth should have a share of the profits. The same protection and advantages that are given to other stores in the town are afforded the liquor store here, and it appears to me that the town is entitled to some compensation. There is enough net profit to the county from the local ABC store to afford a small portion to the town for police and fire protection."

Mrs. W. C. Moore, farmer's housewife: "Definitely, no. The Town of Plymouth has no more right to ask a share of profits from the ABC store than it has to single out any one merchant and ask him to divide his profits. And if it had any voice in the matter, the ABC store could be

**Rambling**  
**R...About**

By THE RAMBLER

**Campaigning—**

A new pernicious form of whispering campaign is being introduced into the United States by fifth columnists and their fellow travelers. It is designed to instill fear and uncertainty by breeding suspicion, distrust and antagonism among Americans.

To achieve the greatest possible measure of disunity, a large fifth column of personable-looking men and women, has been employed to travel from community to community, ostensibly on business or pleasure.

The duty of these "units" is to operate wherever people congregate—in hotel lobbies, railway stations, public vehicles, office buildings, elevators and the like.

The insidious job of these well-dressed, well-spoken, important looking groups, usually consisting of a man and a woman, or possibly of two men and one woman working together, is to speak sufficiently above a whisper to be overheard by those nearby. Invariably the stock topics of conversation include the hopelessness of the British military position, the might of the Nazis, the inefficiency of the administration, the advantages of a dictatorship and such rot. Seeds of distrust are cast to throw labor and capital at each other's throats, to arouse religious

tacked has at least served a good purpose: It has united our people as nothing else could have. And for a united and aroused America, there is no task too great, no insurmountable obstacle. God grant we may remain aroused and united.

another. Any prejudice instilled is considered a definite gain.

Of all forms of fifth column activity, the most vicious and difficult to fight is the whispering campaign, particularly if it succeeds in affecting well meaning innocents. Aside from actual arrests by state and federal agents, only one effectual means of countering it exists. That is—counter organization.

The formation of such groups in each community and each part of a community, representing in equal parts every segment of the population, irrespective of religion, creed, race, previous nationality or economic or social position, is suggested as a means of not only defeating the malefactor but also as an instrument of protecting and nurturing the ideals of Democracy.

The name suggested for these groups, which any outstanding citizen can take steps to organize in his own community, is "The Weed Pullers." Recommended as a set of ideals to guide them in their works in a trilogy made up from the Golden Rule from the New Testament, the Ten Commandments from the Old Testament and the Bill of Rights from the Constitution of the United States.

"Weed Pullers!" There can be no finer task than to pull obnoxious weeds from the garden of American ideals.

**Safety Driving—**

1. Drive only when physically and mentally fit. Keep brakes, lights and entire car in as safe condition as when new.
2. Learn and obey city traffic laws and general laws and rules of the road of the country. Obey all street and highway signs and signals.
3. Pay strict attention to driving. Stay well to the right of the road and drive at a speed that is safe and

consistent with traffic conditions. Never cut out of line in crowded traffic. Refrain from careless and reckless driving. Never pass a car unless there is ample space ahead; that means, of course, never on a hill or curve.

4. Obey stop signs, they are for your protection. Stop on red traffic sign and stay stopped until the light has turned green. Stop before entering through streets and highways, the other fellow has the right-of-way.
5. Never start, stop or turn right of left without giving proper hand signals of your intention to start, slow down or change directions. Signals protect you as well as the other fellow.
6. Slow down when approaching intersections, slippery pavements, or railroads. Slow down when approaching pedestrians, especially children and old people. Keep the car under complete control and be prepared for any unexpected movement of other vehicles or people.
7. Lower your speed when driving at night. There is no substitute for daylight when it comes to visibility.
8. Think ahead. Always be careful. Assume responsibility. Give pedestrians the right-of-way. Don't take chances but give the other fellow a chance.
9. If you've been drinking, don't drive, even if you think you are sober. The evidence is all against sober drivers that have been drinking.
10. Make the golden rule your own guide and your safe and courteous driving an example to others.

**Previewing—**

'Twas two weeks before Christmas  
And all through the store  
Not a thing had moved  
Not even the door.

The goods had been placed

With the greatest of care  
Still waiting for business  
That hadn't come there.

It's a recognized fact  
With merchants who sell  
They run some good ads  
Their story to tell.

So "he" stepped to the phone  
"He" needed help soon  
So we dropped in the store  
Being of help, more and more.

Wasn't so bad for one who knew  
Selling goods is our favorite stew  
Placed his copy in the Roanoke Bea-  
con  
Things started to happen; give us  
our due.

And a soul made happy  
No longer forlorn  
For he'd big business  
'Ere the New Year was born.

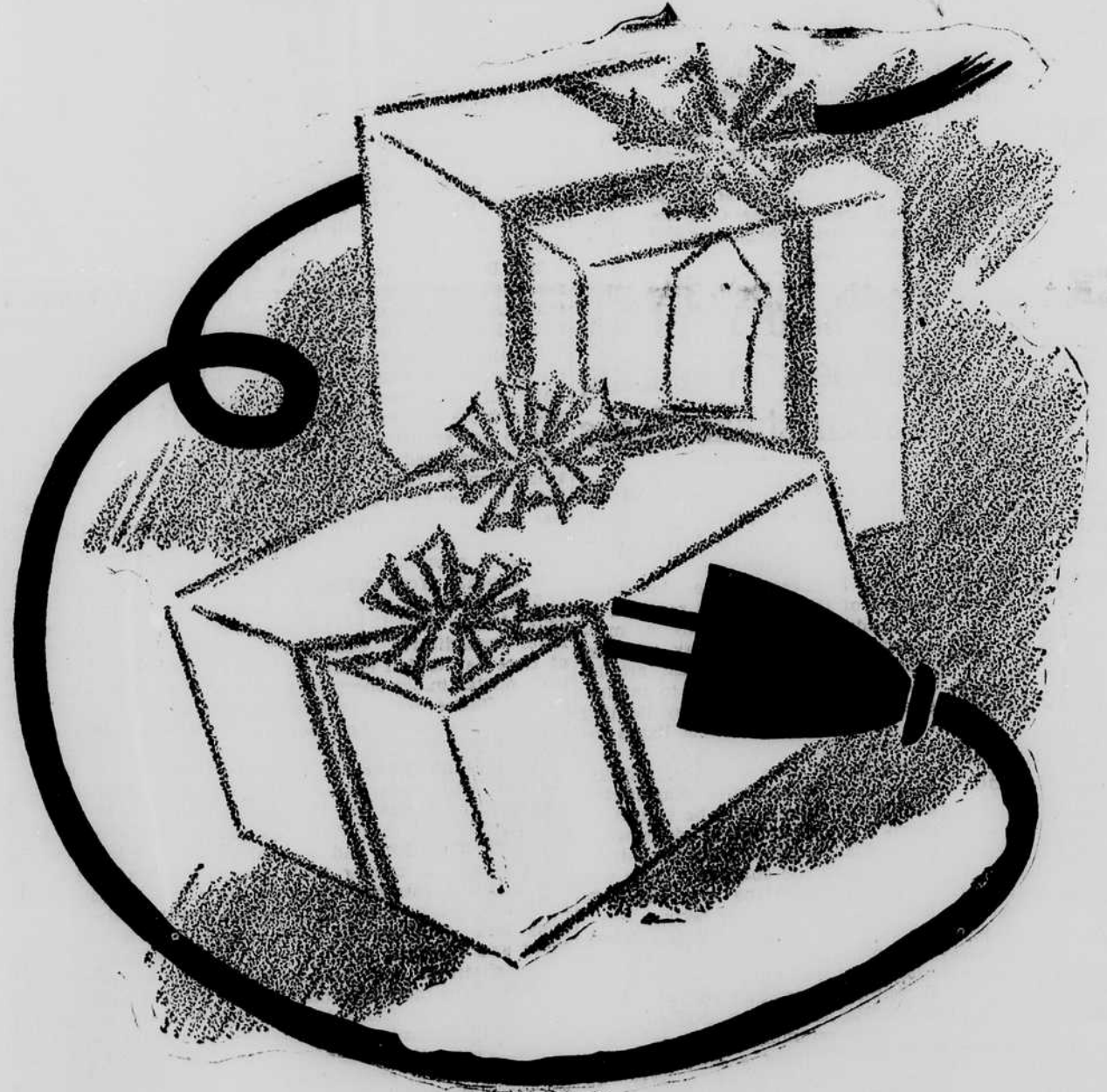
**WHITE PLUME**

**Orange Flavored Gin**  
80 PROOF

**Pl. \$1.00**

Prepared by Greenbros Inc. Cinth O

**WHAT MAKES A  
PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?**



IF YOU should make a list of things that are the attributes of a perfect Christmas Gift, wouldn't it go something like this: Beauty. Usefulness. Sentimental, but with sense. Lasting qualities. And perhaps—thrift.

They are the very virtues that make Electrical gifts presents with a future . . . gifts that satisfy the sentimental impulse, yet justify their existence by constant usefulness.

We urge you to make your Electrical gifts selection now, while your dealer is able to offer a wide choice of smart, efficient, lastingly useful appliances. Your Electrical gift is a reminder of your thoughtfulness and generosity long after Christmas hours have ticked by!

**MY BOSS IS SMART  
HE TAKES ME "BACK HOME"  
FOR SERVICE . . . !**

IF YOUR FORD could talk you'd learn in short order that you get best Ford service at your Ford Dealer's. Because only experienced Ford mechanics work on your car. Factory approved tools and equipment eliminate expensive "guesswork." And any replacement parts used are genuine Ford parts, best every time for your Ford. So if you want your Ford to last longer, run better, and cost you less—BRING YOUR FORD BACK HOME FOR SERVICE!



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