

Moonshiners Preparing For A Merry Christmas

Running Their Stills Day and Night on Stuff of Lowest Quality in Haste to Produce Quantity of Liquor Only Requirement of Which Is Kick

By ROBERT MCKEE

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 15.—If the United States has a Christmas liquor shortage it won't be the fault of the army of moonshiners in the Appalachian Mountain region in the South. In preparation for an unprecedented volume of holiday business, the wheels of the moonshine whisky industry are humming as they never have hummed before. The first of the Yuletide supply already has begun to trickle and gurgle down from the mountain tops and by the end of next week the gurgle will have become a roar.

Throughout the mountain country the moonshiners have made ready on a prodigious scale. They are running their stills day and night, many of them with "Christmas specials"—reserve stills—in action to take care of the extra orders. All along the line there is hustle and activity.

The professional runners will come in for their share of the profits. They are busy organizing fleets of fast powerful cars to distribute the stuff. The bootleggers are jumping from pillar to post in a frantic effort to maintain contact with moonshiners, distributor and consumer.

The bulk of the profits, however, will go to the moonshiners. One of them here today for a wagon load of meal stopped long enough to predict that he would make \$2,000 before January 1. It is said that he has a battery of six stills running at full blast. After the Christmas rush he will rest until time for the summer "run" about May 1.

Christmas liquor made in the hills promises to be of the lowest quality, but it will meet the one great requirement. It will intoxicate. It will sell from the still at seven to twelve dollars a gallon. Most of the moonshiners will demand top prices and get them. Price is merely a matter of detail.

in the feverish activities surrounding manufacture of Christmas moonshine. The main thing is to have available stock and plenty of it. All sales, of course, are conducted on a strictly cash basis.

Law enforcement officers will strike here and there but they cannot hope to make much of an impression on the situation as a whole. The odds against them are too great and the moonshiners have become too crafty. The amount of liquor seized between now and Christmas will be compared with only a drop in a 200 gallon still. By a set of carefully perfected signals, the moonshiners will keep themselves fully informed on the movement of the raiders.

Santa Claus will bear an unusual burden on his visit to the homes of the mountain folk this year. Instead of toys, candy and gifts, his sleigh will be heaped high with dollars made at papa's still.

MISSIONARY TO CHINA VISITS ROANOKE ISLAND

Rev. A. B. Gallimore, missionary to China who for the past six years has been working under the direction of the Baptist Mission Board at Canton, passed through the city Monday on his way to Raleigh after spending Sunday on Roanoke Island, the guest of Rev. H. B. Hines, and speaking at Mr. Hines' churches, Roanoke Island and Manteo Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Petro of Hagerstown, Maryland, are visiting Mrs. A. S. Daniels, 111 North Road street.

A Sport Costume



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GIRL MAKES BALE COTTON TO ACRE

Taylorville, Dec. 15.—The production of 1,146 pounds of seed cotton, making 530 pounds of lint

on one acre of land in the northern part of Alexander County, where cotton has not been grown heretofore, is the record set by Annie Herman, of Route 5 of this city, in her first attempt at growing cotton which she began last spring, according to Farm Agent D. H. Osborne of the State College Extension Service.

In explaining the methods used by the young lady in making her cotton crop, Mr. Osborne stated that she had the acre of ground plowed deep and covered it with 500 pounds of an 8-2-2 cotton fertilizer and then planted it with the Little King Variety of cotton. The result was that she made 1,416 pounds of seed cotton which produced 530 pounds of lint or 37.47 per cent lint to the acre.

The cotton has been sold through a co-operative association, and Miss Herman has already received \$70 advance on the sale, it was said.

Miss Herman states that she is going to retain her membership in the Boys' and Girls' Club and will try to beat her record next year.

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There were five conversions and larger number who took their first step toward the Christian life. The service was a very impressive one and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Smith, assisted by Mr. H. H. Hinson, pastor of the church.

A record Monday morning crowd was present at the prayer service at the Junior Order hall.

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