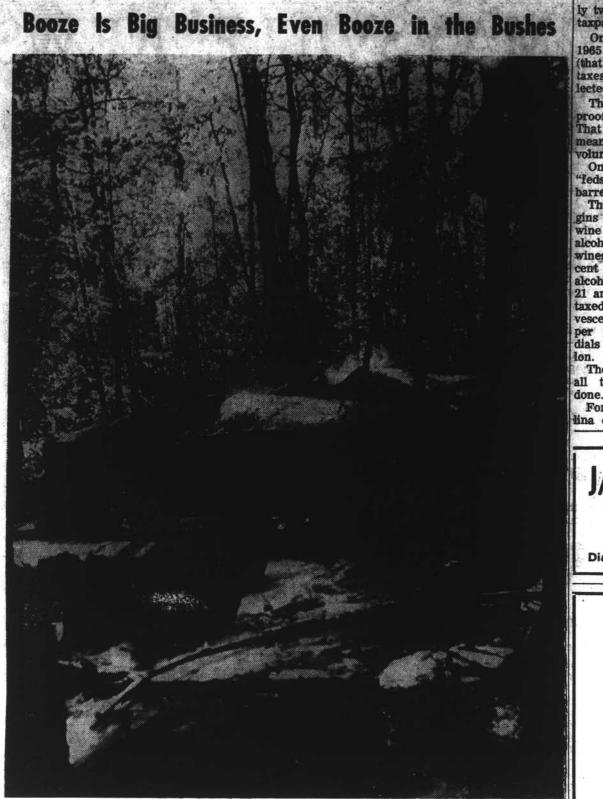
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This pair of king-sized backwoods stills is shown just after they were blown up by ABC officers last week just north of Kinston. Each was built of welded sheet steel, 12 feet long, six feet wide and three feet deep, they had a capacity of about 1,500 gallons each, and

were fired by at least four oil burners each.

In the past week Lenoir Coun- | dynamite.

The cap of these stills was a 55-gallon oil drum, which is frequently the size of an entire still. The condenser was a 500-gallon vat. They were capable of turning out 600 gallons of non-taxpaid whisky per week and officers estimate they had been in operation eight to 12 weeks. - See Story on Page 4.

those assorted alcoholic bever-

child in the land.

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ly two kinds: Taxpaid and nontaxpaid.

On that taxpaid variety in 1965 there were \$3,793,000,000 that's billions) paid in federal taxes and state governments col-lected another \$917,000,000.

The federal tax is \$10.50 per proof gallon on the hard stuff. That "proof gallon" phrase means 50 per cent alcohol by volume

On beer the tax levied by the "feds" is \$9 for each 31-gallon barrel.

The federal tax on wine begins at 17 cents per gallon for wine with not over 14 per cent alcohol, 67 cents per gallon for wines with more than 14 per cent but not over 21 per cent alcohol and those wines between 21 and 24 per cent alcohol are taxed at \$2.25 per gallon. Effervescent wines are taxed at \$3.40 per gallon, liqueurs and cordials are taxed at \$1.92 per gal-

Then comes the state tax after all this federal collecting is

For fiscal '65-66 North Carolina collected \$12,349,350 from

liquor taxes (12 per cent sales tax) another \$13,008,328 in beer tax and \$1,617,181 wine tax.

Then comes the county ABC store tax: This amounted to another \$11,451,301 in the most recent fiscal year reported. The North Carolina tax on

beer is \$10.50 per barrel — worse than the federal, of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 12-ounce container, or 9.33 cents for containers over 12 ounces up to a quart. The state wine tax is 60 cents per gallon for unfortified wine and \$2.40 per gallon for fortified wine — which is wine to which grain alcohol has been added.

Legal booze sales in North Carolina for '65-66 totalled \$118,-304,629; on which counties, cities and special alcoholic rehabilitations funds took out another big chunk.

Lenoir County grossed \$1,-692,682 that year, set aside \$11,-358 for law enforcement, another \$30,881 for sobering up drunks and reported a net profit of \$214,904.

Jones County for the same year grossed \$346,237, with net

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