

Three Stills, Three People And 2,100 Gallons Beer Captured

Deputy Creed Smith Leads Raid on Chimney Top Mountain; Two Raids Conducted Here

Three people were arrested, three stills were captured and 2,100 gallons of beer and mash were destroyed besides a small quantity of liquor which was taken by a raiding party headed by Deputy Sheriff Creed Smith in one of the largest drag nets placed by county of-

ficers in some time.

Smith and Deputy Will Morrison captured the three stills on Chimney Top mountain in an isolated woodland section where human habitation is scarce. The two officers, who were guided by an old resident of the mountain, went into the dense woodland district shortly before daybreak Saturday morning and continued their raiding throughout the day.

Going into the first five hollows of Chimney Top the officers found places where stills had been located but the 'shiners' were shrewd enough to move their outfits immediately after making their 'run.' In some of these sections the mash had been prepared and was beginning to ferment. The officers' theory is that the 'shiners' prepare the mash and at the proper time bring the still to complete their liquor making process.

Three Captured

The three stills were found in the last three hollows of the mountain which were visited by the officers and in each hollow a still was found. The stills' capacities were sixty gallons, seventy-five gallons and ninety gallons.

All three stills were torn down by the officers and brought to the Washington county jail at Jonesboro while the 2,100 gallons of beer and mash was poured out.

Alvin Roberts, native of the mountain who has lived in the sparsely settled section for almost thirty-five years, was found at the seventy-five gallon still with a shotgun. Roberts was too slow for the officers, who had separated and came in on each side of him with their guns drawn. Roberts surrendered and gave his twelve-gauge, single-barreled shotgun to Deputy Smith who brought it to the sheriff's office here. Roberts was placed in the county jail and will be tried at the term of criminal court which is now in session at Jonesboro.

Other Raids

Deputy Smith also led a raid in Johnson City late Saturday afternoon and arrested Charles Tedline, negro, 304 Elm street, in possession of two cases of home brew and a

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