

The Corn Liquor Crop

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Speaking of crop conditions, this is prime weather for making “white licker,” they tell us. Fermentation does not have to be coaxed as in winter months when the hard-working moonshiner puts hot rocks into his mash.

The trees and forest underbrush in full foliage combine agreeably to making the industry of the “shiner” more pleasant and safer. The foliage conceals his laboratory from prying eyes and enables him to work diligently during the day time, as indeed they all work now instead of by moonshine.

Roads in disrepair interfere with the marketing his products to some extent, and increases the overhead cost of delivering the poison to the consumers but the price has become stabilized through quantity production, and lessening of official molestation.

Much has been said about securing through legislative agencies economic relief for the farmers, but hardly a voice is raised for the manufacturers of “white mule,” “white lightning,” and “moonshine.” These manufacturers have built up and are attempting to maintain a profitable enterprise.

Motorized saloons carry and distribute the manufactured products on the highways leading into Johnson City. Reformed bootleggers do not fancy messing with the city police inside the corporate limits. Just wondering, where do you buy your booze?

Another Teapot

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Not oil, but one of its byproducts - gasoline, caused considerable mental anguish among Chattanooga city papas who were compelled to declare themselves pro and con in a record vote.

From a published report of the meeting it appears that it is in violation of a section of the city code for dealers to sell gasoline on Sunday in Chattanooga. **If the ordinance is enforced gasoline users will have to train themselves to buy their motor fuel on Saturday, the same day they take their baths.**