

Frostburg Water Shortage Blamed On Moonshining

Estimate Is That 100 Stills In Town Use 220,000 Gallons
Daily Cooling Coils—Even Small Ones. Use 75
Gallons An Hour.

Frostburg, Md., Aug. 27.—The town authorities attribute the great shortage of water here to moonshining. It is estimated 100 stills are located in Frostburg and that each still consumes an average of 90 gallons an hour, or nearly 2,000 gallons for the time in operation to make one batch of "hooch."

Would Use 200,000 Gallons.

One hundred stills would use 200,000 gallons of water, or the exact amount in excess of the present water supply estimated by an expert from Baltimore as needed by a town the size of Frostburg.

It is estimated that the average still will use as much water as 20 families. The Frostburg water supply has got so

low that the authorities have sent out a warning to use it most sparingly.

In the process of making moonshine a half-inch stream must pour continuously for 24 hours over the copper coils. A small still will use approximately 75 gallons of water an hour, while a large still will take from 100 to 125 gallons an hour for operation.

Reservoir Water Low.

It is estimated that 330,000 gallons of water are used daily, as against 110,000 gallons, the amount sufficient ordinarily to supply the entire population of Frostburg. At last report there was less than four feet of water in the reservoir, with every source of supply running extremely low.