

Ochopee Florida  
June 7th 1934.

Sheriff Louis Thorpe,  
Everglades,  
Collier County,  
Florida.

Dear Sheriff:-

Having about concluded or finished his experiments or tests at the Laboratory established by Major W.H. Gralle, Colonel Geo. R. Lynn and Mr. Rogers at Ochopee in pursuance of my conversation with you on May 3rd, Doctor Coburn has requested me to make you a report of what has been accomplished.

He desires me to say that these distilling operations was made with a special still made by him which he is now dismantling and destroying as far as its operation is concerned.

Eight separate tests were made as follows-----

- 1---Ripe tomatoes from fields of Senator John W. Watson.
- 2---Sugar cane juice, from our plantation.
- 3---Sugar cane juice in combination with S.C. Syrup, from our plantation.
- 4---Sugar cane juice in combination with Molasses from Clewiston.
- 5---~~Sugar cane juice in combination with~~ Molasses from Clewiston alone.
- 6---~~Paragis~~ from Collier, Bada and Lee Counties.
- 7---Grapefruit from Collier, Bada and Lee Counties.
- 8---Guavas from Collier County.

A sample bottle of each is now being prepared by Doctor Coburn for you, all the product except the Laboratory samples have been destroyed, none of the product has been or will be used commercially.

It is the hope of Doctor Coburn, Colonel Lynn, Major Gralle and Mr. Rogers including the writer that these Laboratory tests will result in obtaining for Collier County a distillery ( after Nov. 5th if our State Constitution is amended) which will use ~~whiskyr~~ and utilize the waste tomatoes, sugar cane and other fruit and vegetable products of Collier County.

Major Gralle advises me that the above experiments are all that they desire now and that Doctor Coburn will close the Laboratory next Monday or Tuesday at which time he will make his full report to Governmental or Federal authorities.

They all desire me to thank you for your co-operation and assure you that they appreciate same .

With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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J. F. Jaudon

and

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Copy to Major W.H. Gralle  
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Fort Myers Florida.