

Probable Erasure Of Federal Taxes On Oleo Won't Settle All Of Industry's Problems

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, (AP)—That old-time rival of butter, oleomargarine, is finally getting the government off its back a bit.
All federal taxes will be off margarine if the bill now passed by Congress becomes law. All it needs is the president's signature.
Still, Congress has left some sturdy restrictions on what can be done in selling the product.

(The president, of course, may find some reason for not signing the bill. In that case, nothing changes. But this is written in the assumption that the bill will become law.)

Dairy farmers, whose butter is made of animal fats, have long fought oleomargarine, which comes from vegetable fats.

Margarine has had a federal tax on it of one kind or another, making it just that much more expensive, ever since 1886.

The taxes piled up. Here are the federal taxes: on manufacturers, \$480; on wholesale dealers in yellow margarine, \$480; on wholesale dealers handling white oleomargarine only, \$300; on retail sellers of the yellow product, \$48; on retail sellers of white margarine \$6.

State Barriers Stand
Under the new law, all federal taxes on it are wiped out. But

keep this in mind about the new law:

It will not interfere in any way with taxes or restrictions placed on oleomargarine by any state government. So any state government is free to do as it pleases with oleomargarine.

Here are some of the restrictions which Congress, in wiping out the federal taxes, imposed:

Any restaurant selling yellow margarine must sell it in triangular patties; the restaurant must post a notice saying margarine is sold there; sold in packages, it must not weigh more than one pound, with the package clearly labeled as oleomargarine.

All that's been said here apparently—with apparently underlined—applies only to margarine sold across state lines. This writer asked one of the congressmen who pushed the bill through the house:

"Do the restrictions—such as triangular patties in restaurants—apply to oleomargarine if it never crosses a state line? For instance, suppose it's manufactured in one state and is sold in that state without ever crossing a state line?"

Legal Aspects Discussed
He said that question never came up in the debates on the bill. Then he said, when asked, that it would be right to say the following:

If anyone dealing in oleomargarine that is made and sold entirely in one state wonders whether the federal law applies to him, the only way he can find out is when, and if the federal government takes action against him. Then the problem will have to be settled by the courts.

But the writer then asked the Federal Trade commission's attorneys, whose job is to see that the law is carried out, and was told that the FTC deals only with margarine that crosses state lines.

There is a penalty for disobeying the law. This will explain it: If the FTC finds you have violated the law on oleomargarine, it will tell you to stop. You have then 60 days in which to fight the decision by appealing to the U. S. court of appeals.

If, before those 60 days are up, you don't appeal but keep on violating the FTC's ruling, then for every day of violation after those 60 days, you can be fined up to \$5,000 per day.

If, however, you appeal to the U. S. court before the end of those 60 days, there can be no penalty against you for what you do between then and the time the court gives its decision, for or against you.

But, if the court upholds the FTC and rules against you, then you can be fined up to \$5,000 a day for every day you violate the law after the court's decision is handed down.

Utah enacted a law in 1921 to prohibit cigarettes and repealed it two years later.



NAVY ENLISTEES—Don Riddle, 19, of Riddle (left) and Theron Harris, 17, of Roseburg, enlisted Monday in the U. S. Navy, according to local recruiter A. L. DeMott. Riddle, the son of Claude Riddle, was a 1949 graduate of Riddle high school where he played basketball and football. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris, Calkins road, and formerly attended Roseburg Senior high. Both boys will receive recruit training at San Diego and will be home on leave in June. (Staff photos)

Dixie Mobsters Operating Sans Masks And Robes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 14 — (AP)—Night-prowling bands, apparently peaceful for months, have resumed the wave of mob terror which last year led to an anti-masking law in this state.

This year, the gangs operate without robes or masks.

But state officials blame the new outrages on the Ku Klux Klan, just as they did the acts of masked hoodlums in 1949.

Four men are charged with murder at Pell City, 40 miles east of Birmingham, in the Feb. 22 night-rider slaying of Charlie Hurst, country storekeeper.

Just before his death, Hurst burst into his home and cried: "Looks like the Ku Kluxers are after me."

The men charged in this case are Claude Luker, Talladega furniture dealer; Charlie Carlisle, Jr., 24-year-old textile mill worker; Albert Wilson, 33, Talladega county farmer, and C. M. Hunter, Pell City mattress manufacturer and former county jail warden.

Three others arrested in the killing were freed last Saturday. They include the Rev. Alvin Horn, Baptist minister and organizer for the association of Georgia Klans; Jesse Wilson, 55, father of Albert Wilson, and E. L. Hudson, Talladega carpenter.

Here in Birmingham, 18 men are under indictment for masked flogging and related charges brought by a grand jury last summer.

Of this group, Coleman A. Lollar, admitted Klansman, has been acquitted at two separate trials. He still faces several other charges.

Another case, that of Klansman A. B. Carradine, ended in a mistrial last December.

Most of the victims were white people. They were told by the gangs they had committed some moral offense or should get a job and go to work.

Last June, the Alabama legislature passed an anti-masking law providing a fine of up to \$1,000 and 12 months in jail on conviction.

Since the anti-masking bill was passed, no cases of flogging by masked, robed men have been reported. However, unmasked hoodlums resumed the terror tactics this year.

Refusal To Serve Ordered
Drink Draws \$1,000 Fine

SEATTLE, March 15 — (AP)—A. H. Rutherford, a Seattle restaurant operator, was fined \$1,000 here for contempt of court for failure to serve Coca-Cola when it was ordered.

The fine was imposed by Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black, who ruled that Rutherford had violated an injunction which prohibited him from serving other cola beverages when Coca-Cola was specified.

The beverage company obtained the original injunction.

More Men Than Women Afflicted With Ulcers

LOS ANGELES, — (AP)—Ulcers hit four men to one woman, but the ratio may change with the increase in career women.

For a doctor said here pressure at work is the basic reason for ulcers.

Dr. Carl G. Morlock of the Mayo

Leukemia Victim Gets Supply Of Watermelon

PORTLAND, March 15 — (AP)—A little boy ate watermelon for breakfast Tuesday and there's plenty more when he wants it.

He is suffering from Leukemia, that fatal disease whose dehydrating effect creates a craving for watermelon. But since this isn't watermelon season, getting it is a problem.

The boy's father took his problem to members of the Oregon Emergency net of amateur radio operators. Within 12 hours the boy was eating watermelon flown here from San Francisco—and a supply in Houston, Texas, will be sent on request.

Because the boy, 7 years old, doesn't know what is the matter with him, his doctor has asked that his name be withheld. He thinks knowing would make him worse. Right now he is able to go to school much of the time.

But he didn't go Tuesday—he was busy eating watermelon. He'd fill up, his mother said, then after a bit get another piece.

"He was thrilled to death," his father said.

Probated Postmaster Charged With Shortage

PORTLAND, March 15 — (AP)—The Beatty Postmaster, Veston H. Casey, 1, was in jail here today, held on a charge of probation violation.

Last spring he pleaded guilty to sale of stamped envelopes outside the postoffice and drew from Federal Judge James A. Fee an eight-month term that was deferred in favor of five-year probation.

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Sheriff's Killer, Handcuffed, Is Hunted In Texas

MARFA, Tex., March 15 — (AP)—The hunt for the killer of a Texas sheriff today had all the elements of a wild west thriller—a handcuffed fugitive afoot in a rugged mountain chain, pursued by an armed posse on horseback.

Sheriffs of the Big Bend country of southwest Texas, Texas rangers and border riders were to ride at dawn—gun belts buckled tight—seeking again the trail of the unidentified slayer.

The shooting early Sunday of Sheriff O. W. (Blackie) Morrow, 43, on a lonely mountain road flipped back the pages of time to the days of the old west.

Texas ranger Gully Cowser rode into Marfa Monday and said a mounted posse had tracked the killer of Morrow 15 miles through rugged mountains, but lost his trail near the Mexican border.

Morrow, a popular navy veteran serving his second term, was shot

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and left dying early Sunday on a lonely road between here and Presidio, nestled against the Rio Grande. The sheriff, blood pouring from a hole through the left side of his body, managed to get into his car and drive a mile toward Presidio before he died.

The shooting occurred about 11 miles north of Presidio, midway between there and Shafter, a ghost mining town.

Cowser said his posse—made up of officers who are experienced horsemen and trackers—picked up the trail about half a mile from the spot where Morrow's car ran into a ditch when he died.

When the posse found the trail they had this theory: The husky, six-foot sheriff apparently had stopped to make an arrest. His pistol and handcuffs were missing, so he might have been shot with his own gun.

Cowser and his posse pushed into the jumble of barren mountains—covered only by desert growth. As he related his story, the trail sign told that their quarry

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News Views
By SHERMAN PLIMPTON

According to a recent study, noise is one of the biggest problems in the nation. Not only is it affecting the national economy, but it's making a lot of us jumpier than a nervous kangaroo. Fellows who work in boiler factories or clattering machine shops are apt to go home and make their wives and children walk on tiptoes, barefooted. At this rate we'll all be getting like Joseph Pulitzer, the publisher, who lived in sound-proofed rooms and couldn't stand the shock of a peanut being cracked. Before that happens there's one sound solution to the problems. Let's have quiet!

A sound solution to noise in your car is a genuine 3-M UNDERSEAL job. We have a special low price on. Undercoating effective this month. See us tomorrow... we'll do the job in less than four hours.

A 72-year-old New Hampshire woman has just taken up skiing. Apparently she is planning on teaching her old dogs to do new tricks. Don't let unnecessary car troubles put the skids under your budget. Protect your car with regular service at CORKRUM MOTORS, INC., 114 N. Rose St. Phone 408.

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