

Do You Eat Ice Cream Or Do You Drink It?

Hamburg, Jan. 18 (AP)—Do you eat ice cream, or do you drink it? You might think the answer is you eat it, unless it has melted and you are scooping up the last drops from the bottom of the dish.

But here in Hamburg it is not so easy as that. The best legal brains of the city are wrestling with the problem and there are \$250,000 at stake.

Two years ago the city fathers decided that ice cream was a drink and thus liable to the beverage tax. Nobody bothered much about it then because German money was almost worthless and there wasn't much ice cream anyway.

But now that the reformed currency has real value, people are counting every pfennig.

One cream dealer found he was paying tax on a "drink" that most people ate. He rallied his fellow tradesmen and they took the matter through two courts. Both ruled that ice cream was something people ate. Moreover, the new Hamburg law had violated an un-

pealed reichslaw (state law). The city council should vote twice—once to repeal the old law and once to approve the new. The city council is going to remedy that omission by voting on the matter again. They also are taking the case to a third and higher court.

The million marks in the dispute are the taxes already collected by the city on ice cream sales. The hard-up city treasury is reluctant to part with them.

Anyway, argues the treasury, who would get the money back, if the tax finally is ruled illegal?

All the people who bought ice cream in the last two years? Impossible, says the treasury. The ice cream dealers? That would be unfair, the treasury contends, since they did not pay the money in the first place, but merely collected it from the



'Dry' Leader Testifies—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker (left-center, behind microphones) of the Methodist Board of Temperance speaks for "dry" forces in a senate commerce committee hearing on legislation which would bar liquor advertising in interstate commerce and over the radio. Standing room was at a premium in the big senate office building caucus room at Washington, D. C. (AP Wirephoto)

Weyerhaeusers Have Birthday

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company, which began with three employees and grew into one of the world's largest lumber firms employing more than 10,000 persons, observed its 50th anniversary today.

The firm's beginning goes back before the turn of the century when Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser, Sr., called a group of his friends and business associates together and suggested they pool their resources to buy 900,000 acres of timber lands in the Pacific northwest.

The firm was incorporated on Jan. 18, 1900, and opened a single office here.

The first lumber produced by the company was at a waterfront sawmill at Everett, Wash., in 1902. The first two years represented a period of acquiring, consolidating and managing forest lands.

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Columbus, Ga., Jan. 18 (AP)—Nestled among the Bar-B-Que shacks and pecan candy stands that introduce Florida-bound tourists to southern-style stomach cramps is a tidy little establishment. There one of God's lowliest creatures is glorified on "Weaver's Worm Ranch."

Bill Weaver, boss of the ranch, is to the worm what Ziegfeld was to long-legged hoofers from Texas. He makes the wiggle pay.

Unlike other worm ranches, of which there are plenty in Georgia, Weaver's does not content itself with the common, garden variety of creepers and crawlers.

By methods as scientific as one can get with a worm, he has developed a vitamin-enriched species, round, firm and fully-packed with fish appeal. "Weaver's Wiggle Worms, Weally Work" is the ranch slogan.

Weaver started raising his own worms on a modest scale because, as a fisherman, he was troubled that such a lofty pursuit should be degraded by the necessity of grubbing.

In a few years Weaver became, by his own admission, "the Worm King of Georgia." He now ships worms, at one cent each retail or 50 cents a hundred, in wholesale lots, all over the country. It brings in more money than a book he has written on worm culture. Weaver credits his success in

the crowded field to cross-breeding of a hybrid far superior to the native Georgia worm. The cross-breeding itself was not a delicate procedure.

"You just throw them in the beds and they cross automatically," Weaver explained.

Once he had developed a pure strain, Weaver made it thrive with a special secret ration of his own concoction.

The ranch employs a crew of diggers and counters who pack the worms into ice cream cartons for shipment. A good worm man can count 10,000 of the wigglers in a day.

Weaver claims that operating a worm farm is among the world's easier jobs, his only big worry being ants.

An ant bite will make a worm sterile.

Schools Still Closed

Woodburn — All Woodburn schools, both the public and parochial, were closed Monday and Tuesday due to the fact that buses were unable to run. The schools will remain closed until a break in the weather. Should it moderate they will reopen.

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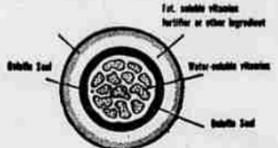
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