This Melvin Traylor grew up in Hillsboro, Texas where his own cousin Mrs. Jonnie Harris McLemore lives. Traylor was a grocery delivery boy in his teens — very poor. Return please

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Sales Tax Proposal May Result In Drys Voting For Beer Tax

Washington, March 8.—Like a Hollywood actress when she had attained stardom when such a break was least expected, Representative Doughton was rather astonished today when the returns began coming in after his declaration against the tax bill just fashioned by the ways and means committee, of which he is a member. Even the Yankees liked what he said about the tax on imported oil, and oil products, because they have long, hard winters, need the imported oil for fuel, and as noted yesterday, it is needed for the hard hit American merchant marine.

First American shippers have theoretically at least, been deprived of the privilege of selling liquors, and now there is the threat that they will be unable to secure cheap fuel oil. New England members threaten, therefore, to vote against the bill if the oil tax remains a feature thereof.

Southwest members on the other hand—and Speaker Garner hails from that region—threaten to vote against the bill if the oil tax is not left in it.

Many southern people, including the textile interests, do not take kindly to the sales tax, and Mr. Doughton is receiving encouragement for his stand against the bill from such sources. The North Carolina member received telephone calls today from manufacturers, and from newspapers that are disinclined to support the new tax bill, and some of the press representatives requested an up-to-date picture of the gentleman from the eighth.

Since he is a member of the committee, probably there will now devolve upon Mr. Doughton the job of leading the opposition to the new revenue measure, which is designated to balance the treasury budget, and if he does carry his opposition to such lengths, the North Carolina member will have to point out to Congress and the country where the money needed by the treasury is to come from, some alternative course, if the new bill is not found acceptable. As representative Lindsay Warren, just back from the state, said today, the sales tax is the heart of the bill, and if that feature is cut out, it automatically cuts out the heart. The state delegation is divided on the sales tax plan.

Mr. Doughton declines to accept the thesis that there must be a balancing of the budget at this time if a rush of matter and a crash of worlds is to be avoided. He thinks, on the contrary, that the time for reducing the national debt is when business conditions are good, and that the time to borrow is when such conditions are not so favorable. And taxing the necessaries of life, he argues, is no way to encourage the people to resume a normal mode of life, to put their money back into the banks, or into the regular channels of trade and commerce. Mr. Doughton will shortly formulate a plan for raising the needed revenue which, he feels sure, will prove far less burdensome than will a general manufacturers' sales tax, if adopted.

Sentiment is growing for the Cullen amendment, proposing a tax of $5 a barrel on 2.75 beer. Many of the members believe they are approaching an acid test of the dry laws, that if the people would rather pay an additional tax even on the clothes they must buy, rather than put a tax on mild beverage, the prospect of bringing about a modification of the Volsted act in the near future will be anything but bright.

Even members listed as dry think the Cullen amendment should receive careful thought and attention, that it would probably produce in excess of $300,000,000 annually, and lead in the direction of temperance and law enforcement. Even the Lindberghs, in their distress and humiliation, it is pointed out, have been obliged to appeal to a New York beer baron for help in locating their stolen baby, and these beer dealers go untaxed, unless the treasury department can get them under the income tax law. The big dealers are seldom bothered by the dry laws. There is also the theory that if a beer amendment could be made to stick in the tax bill, there would be a tendency to take the liquor issue out of politics, and it would not plague the Democratic and Republican national conventions, because very many people, it is thought, would be willing to compromise on beer and wine. Moreover, it would be one avenue of escape from the sales tax.

A spectacular fight is certain to be staged for the beer amendment before the tax bill is finally acted upon by the house. With congressional wets seeking a record vote on legalization of beer, Secretary of Agriculture Hyde today put his experts to work in preparation of the long awaited report on the value of beer manufacture to the farmer.

Beer, according to departmental economists, would have little benefit in so far as the hop crop is concerned, but it would aid agriculture through providing a market for barley. The Hyde report, however, is counted on to minimize even this claim.

It is understood the report will not be made public unless it is requested by Congress, but Hyde wants to be ready with it should he be asked for an accounting. So the prospect that wet arguments for beer as an economic factor will be met by contrary views eminating from an administration source.

A minority report from the house ways and means committee demanding a tax on 2.75 per cent peer was filed today by Representative Cullen, of New York, Representative Sullivan, also of New York, and Representative McCormack, of Massachusetts.

This minority report agrees that the ways and means committee was wise in undertaking to frame a bill calculated to wipe out the treasury deficit at the close of the fiscal year 1933. It urges, however, that taxes on beer would relieve the people and industry from a good part of the burden imposed by the tax bills as reported by the ways and means committee to the house.

The members of the ways and means committee supporting the beer amendment sought to have it included while the bill was still in the hands of the committee. Their proposal was defeated, however, last Saturday by a vote of 21 to 6 in the committee.

"If a new source of revenue could be discovered," said the minority report submitted today, "the extent to which it would bring revenue into the treasury would operate to reduce the burden imposed upon the people and upon industry in the bill as reported.

"It is about time that the taxpayers realized that a modification of the Volstead act permitting the manufacture and sale of beer would not only bring greater respect for law and order; not only reduce corruption and crime; not only bring about an elevation of moral and social conditions, and assure employment to hundreds of thousands of the unemployed, but would bring into the federal treasury revenue approximating $350,000,000, without regard to income in corporations' taxes, and without regard to revenue that would flow to the federal states and their subdivisions."

The report said some persons have estimated that such a tax would produce for the treasury a sum in excess of $450,000,000.

"It is our intention," the report continued, "to propose an amendment to the bill reported, making legal the manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer, which will enable a tremendous sum to be raised thereby reducing, if adopted, the heavy burden imposed by the bill as reported by the committee.

"Without referring to any other argument in favor of the change in existing prohibition laws, it is difficult for us to understand why there should be any opposition to any such proposals, particularly at this time when the revenue derived there from will operate as a relief and assistance to every person and industry in the United States.

"It is impossible for us to understand why people of the states that adopted prohibition should object to such a proposal, when the revenue raised will come wholly from those states whose people look at this question from a more liberal viewpoint. This is particularly so when paid into the treasury it will be used for the benefit of all the states of the union."

The minority report said the ways and means committee has recognized officially the existence of bootlegging by providing for a tax on malt syrup, used in the manufacture of illegal beer, of 35 cents per gallon ,estimated to raise $15,000,000.

The report added that the bill also recognized bootlegging by levying a tax on wort, which, with the use of yeast, becomes illegal beer, estimated to raise $34,000,000, and also by a tax of 40 per cent ad valorem on concentrated grape juice, which easily ferments into wine.

"By taking the illegal business," said the report, "we raise approximately $50,000,000; by making the same illegal business legal, we can honorably and morally raise $350,000,000."

The signers of the minority report pointed to the large number of unemployed in this country and urged that the legalizing of 2.75 per cent beer would give work to a great many who are now without jobs. They pointed, too, to the excise taxes and the manufacturers' sales tax levied in the bill, part of which could be eliminated if the beer tax were imposed. For example, they said:

"The adoption of the proposed amendment would enable us to reduce the amusement tax, the tax on telephones and other messages, exempt medicines, clothing, cereals, processed foods, and still enable us to reduce the manufacturers' excise tax to about 1 1-2 per cent instead of the recommended rate of 2 1-4 per cent."

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judge Lane grew up in Leaksville

MAYODAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore and family and Lincoln Shaffer spent the week end in Suffolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Brown and Miss Sue Brown of Mocksville spent the week end with Mrs. Perry Ashe.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Webster of Roanoke spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baughn.

Rev. and Mrs. Hedgecock, Mrs. J. S. Reynolds, Mrs. I. C. Veach, Mrs. W. H. Price and Albert Southern spent Thursday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Sarah Poole of N. C. C. W. spent the week end in town.

Misses Frances Gann, Frances Shreve and Virginia Smith spent Saturday afternoon in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heath and Miss Vinnie Cox of Martinsville spent Saturday evening with relatives.

Miss Evelyn Smith of Martinsville spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Ruben Gann entertained at two tables of rook Wednesday afternoon. Those enjoying Mrs. Gann's hospitality were Mrs. T. W. Lehman, Mrs. M. L. Webb, Mrs. C. L. Walters, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Austin and Miss Lillian Gillette. A salad course was served by the hostess.

The P.-T. A. met Tuesday afternoon with many present. After the minutes were read and the treasurer's report read, plans were made for several events to be held in the near future, a social, a ball game between the women parents and teachers, and a stunt night Monday night by some boys and men of the town. The meeting ended after the reading of a paper by Miss Willie Mae Holton. The picture went to Mrs. Brown's room.

Miss Garnette Reynolds and Mrs. Kirby Reid delightfully entertained at the home of the latter Saturday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Morton Griggs with a kitchen shower. The St. Patrick's idea was used in decorations, favors and games. In an Irish contest Mesdames J. L. Lynch and M. L. Webb received prizes. After a delicious ice course, with cake, was served, an air mail letter delivered to Mrs. Griggs by a messenger, told her in rhyme of hidden treasures that awaited her in the dining room. Those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Reynolds and Mrs. Reid were Mesdames Morton Griggs, J. C. Johnson, Harold Myers, O. M. Whitbeck, Clyde Brown, C. L. Walters, Robah Veach, F. L. Matthews, Harvey Price, J. S. Reynolds, Perry Ashe, W. H. Bollin, J. L. Lynch, Fred Loftis, Dick Crews, Reuben Gann, Bill Crews, and Misses Lillian Gillette, Irene Money, Willie Mae Holton, Gladys Matthews and Virginia Smith.

MRS. M. H. WEBSTER

Funeral services for Mrs. M. H. Webster, 87, one of the best known women in Rockingham county, who passed away Thursday at her home near Madison following an illness of about a year, were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the home and at Eden M. E. Church. Rev. J. J. Edwards and Rev. Ezra Robertson conducted the services. Burial followed in the family plot in the church graveyard.

Mrs. Webster was born in Rockingham county March 3, 1845, and had spent practically her entire life in Rockingham county. Her husband passed away 11 years ago.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Gribbin, Mrs. J. T. Hand and Mrs. Walter Oliver, of Madison, Mrs. Mamie Boone and Miss Sallie webster, who made their home at the homeplace; three sons, Will H. Webster, of Charlotte; T. R. Webster, of Madison, and Walter Webster of the homeplace; twenty grand children and two great-grandchildren.

HOMESPUN SENSE

Pithy Quotations from Public Addresses of MELVIN A. TRAYLOR

President, First National Bank, Chicago

"It is time some leadership and some party called our attention to the fact there is no magic cure for the ills and the evils of human folly. We trod the primrose path of extravagance, of thoughtless and of almost criminal neglect of every sound principle of human conduct, from the individual to the government, and the individual was aided, encouraged, and abetted on that path by the government and those responsible for its administration."

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"One of the biggest things was a watered state of mind in which we all thought we were richer than we were, and were living beyond our means."

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"In my opinion, no great division of human society has ever been lied to, and lied about, as much in the same period of time as has the American farmer."

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"This then is my hope for our future—that we may be rich without forgetting to be righteous; that we may be powerful without being offensively proud; that we may be nationally minded without being narrow-minded; and, finally, that we may live in a world of fact without surrendering our faith."

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"I would urge consideration of the complete abolishment of so-called floor trading, which, as I am informed, has about it most of the characteristics of plain crap shooting, and few, if any, more redeeming features than that delightful Ethiopian pastime."

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"It is bad enough when the intelligent and wealthy speculate and lose, but when scrubwomen, laborers, small home owners, wives and youths speculate and lose, simply because they can go to a broker's office and get credit for small sums, the practice ceases to be defensible on any ground."

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"Out of the stress and difficulty of the situation I believe gradually we shall return to simpler thinking and simpler living. For it seems to me that we want above everything to abandon the struggle to live up with the Joneses, and to rediscover the true purpose of life, which is the joy to be found in the simple virtues of industry, thrift and sane living. I believe in our people, in our country, and in the God who directs our destinies; and I welcome the future with confidence and unshaken faith."

"We have not failed because of ignorance of economic theories, but because of our utter disregard and defiance of all economic laws. Ambition, stupidity, and greed have dictated policies, and trouble has been the result."

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"All through history . . . the nations that have been agriculturists and have included in their agricultural and domestic pursuits the breeding and raising of livestock have been the nations that have endured the longest and performed the greatest work for mankind."

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"Open the door of an agricultural school and you close the door of a poorhouse."

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"Relief from owing too much money does not lie in borrowing more."

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"Human welfare, I believe, means more than the mere assurance to the individual of political rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence; it means also the opportunity to exercise these inalienable rights."

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"Knowledge is one thing, but courage of leadership is another."

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"Falsehood and error make the headlines, while truth and fact are lost in the maze of half-point type."

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"What does freckle-faced Johnny, snub-nosed Bill or red-headed Jim care about composition, translation or conjugation? The only cube root life will ever give them a chance to extract will probably be that of a hickory or sassafras sprout; the only unknown quantity they will ever seek to find will be the measure of the nubbins they can produce on the worn-out fields their fathers have robbed before them; the only conjugation they will ever undertake will sound something like 'We Work,' 'You Work,' 'They Work'."

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"We cannot trade the hungry, the unfed, the feeble voice of the sick, the empty basket of the unemployed, against the maintenance of party preference or individual advantage or personal achievement."

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"I believe I am a better farmer by a long shot than I am a banker."

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"We must either all thrive together or all suffer disaster."

GIVING POISON MIXTURE FOR TOBACCO PESTS

The tobacco flea beetle may be controlled by dusting the young plants with a mixture of paris green and arsenate of lead where the tight trap beds were not used and there is a heavy infestation.

C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, reports wide prevalence of the flea bugs this spring due to heavily infestation in the fields last fall and the unusually mild winter. The insects are appearing in large numbers over a wide area of the State, he says, and some growers report heavy damage even at this early date. The flea beetles are at least a month early in their attacks.

"Those growers who are using the tight trap beds," says Mr. Brannon. "We have established a number of these as demonstrations in various parts of the State and if possible, nearby growers should visit such a bed and be prepared to build one like it next season. Those who do not have such beds and are troubled with the flea bugs should prepare now to poison them."

Mr. Brannon recommends the use of one pound of paris green and five pounds of arsenate of lead mixed together thoroughly and dusted on the young plants dry. He recommends using the mixture at the rate of one-half pound to each 100 square yards of plant bed. Remove the cover to make applications and so dust the poison that each plant is covered uniformly. To dust in lumps or spotches will cause burning of the tender leaves. A good hand duster is the safest machine to use.

The number of dustings will of course depend on the severity of the infestation. However, Mr. Brannon suggests making the applications once each week as long as the beetles are noticed on the beds.

Lost—on streets last Saturday, cameo brooch. Finder see T. B. Knight, Jr., and receive reward.

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A BELATED TOUCH OF REAL WINTER HITS US

A touch of real winter, although somewhat belated, hit this and other sections Sunday. Early in the night, Saturday, rain began to fall, and it fell in torrents until about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Then the snow fell for several hours. Regardless of the wet ground and the comparative warmth of the earth, it soon covered the ground, and during this time mercury took a tumble, followed by a strong wind. The streams in this section all left their banks and the rivers were higher than they had been in three years or more. Monday morning the thermometers registered about 20 above, which is the lowest recording in this section during the present winter. In fact, our people experienced the first real winter of the season, and it caught many unprepared for its sudden appearance. It is to be hoped that this cold wave will have a whole some effect on the wheat and other crops.

In other sections of the country the storm did a great deal of damage, playing havoc with telegraph and telephone lines, while traffic, both rail and highway, was greatly disrupted, as the storm seems to have been general in its scope.

TOBACCO EXPERT TO BE IN WENTWORTH SAT'DAY

William G. Finn, from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, will be at the Wentworth high school Saturday, March 12th, at 10:00 o'clock to discuss the tobacco outlook. Mr. Finn perhaps will be able to advise the tobacco farmers in regard to planting and he should have some idea about what the needs of the manufactures are going to be. This meeting will last for perhaps two hours. It will be worth any tobacco grower's time to attend this meeting. It is to be hoped that a large attendance of Rockingham tobacco growers will be present.

A Son

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Carr Gann, Route 3, Saturday, a son.

judge Lane's mother was a Guerrant, a branch of my Guerrant family

STONEVILLE

Mrs. W. A. Robertson entertained the W. M. society of the Christian Church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. H. L. Glenn, the president, led the devotional. The program chairman was Mrs. Frank Brown. She used for her topic, "Missionaries in Foreign Fields." Talks on the subject were given by Mesdames Clarence Smith, C. P. Robertson and Frank Brown. After the business period the meeting was closed with the missionary benediction in unison. At this time other guests came in for the kitchen shower given in honor of a recent bride, Mrs. Charlie Smith. There was a contest in St. Patrick's questions. Miss Nancy Pickett, the lucky winner, was presented a beautiful crystal flower basket. Mrs. Smith was directed by Mrs. Robert Lloyd to the adjoining room where she discovered a figure dressed as a bride, all in white, with bridal veil of lace. Clinging closely around her were many lovely and useful gifts. The hostess, assisted by several others, served a salad course with coffee following with jello, whipped cream and cake. The colors were St. Patrick's and the favors were little green baskets filled with green and white mints. There were about fifty guests present.

Mrs. R. B. Price, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Mrs. Polly Jones of Spray is spending some time with Mrs. J. M. Thrasher.

Charlie Carter, Arnold Vernon and Perry Harris returned from Washington, D. C., Friday.

Thomas Nolen spent the week end with his brother, Charlie Nolen, at State College, Raleigh.

Dr. L. A. Taylor and family of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Mrs. W. M. Curry of Belmont, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and Mrs. R. M. Castle of Greensboro were dinner guests of Mrs. J. M. Thrasher Thursday.

Misses Erma and Mary Stephens and Joseph Stephens of Charlottesville, Va., spent the week end with Miss Annie L. Smith.

Miss Nancy Pickett of the high school faculty here entertained several of the teachers and friends with a bridge party given at her home in Madison Saturday afternoon.

Miss Maude Roach of Madison spent the week end with Mrs. Orell Lineberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bennett and Howard, Jr., visited Mrs. Bennett's mother recently.

Miss Louise Vernon is spending a few days with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swanson of Pilot Mountain were recent visitors here.

WILL PLANT TREES

Several organizations in Madison have combined [illegible] to our first president by planting trees on the school campus Friday, March 18, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Guy Simpson, president of the Dolly Madison Club, is head of this group.

The program will be [illegible] high school audit[illegible] at 2:30. The public is cordially invited.

J. C. Brown will be presiding chairman.

Invocation, Rev. E. E. Williamson.

Opening song, "America."

Introduction of speaker, Major C. G. Moore.

Address, Judge Henry [illegible] of Leaksville.

Song, "Trees," Miss [illegible] Dodson, accompanied by Wade Centry.

Planting of trees, presidents of organizations.

J. C. Lassiter will accept the trees in the name of the Madison school.

Chairman Jeffress Sued

It will be recalled that Chairman Jeffress of the State Highway commission figured in an automobile accident last October in which he was so badly hurt that he spent several days in a hospital. As a result of this accident, a suit has been instituted against him for the recovery of $5,400 damages by A. J. Joyner, who also figured in the accident. Joyner wants $5,000 for personal injuries and $400 damages to his car. He charges that Chairman Jeffress was operating his car in a reckless manner and was speeding. The suit was brought in High Point municipal court.

One Hour Earlier

In the future patrons of Rural Route No. 2 from Madison will be served one hour earlier than in the past. This means that these patrons will in the future get their mail one hour ahead of the old schedule, and we have no doubt as to their appreciation of the change.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

Monday, March [illegible]. Time: [illegible] with Mrs. [illegible]

President [illegible] Roll Call: [illegible] the plants [illegible] small box indoors, and transplant to a protected planting [illegible] as the seedlings grow.

Tuesday, March 15th. The [illegible] will meet with Mrs. [illegible]

President [illegible] Roll Call: [illegible] shades.

Wednesday, March 16th. The [illegible] will meet with Mrs. [illegible] Subject: "Light Shades."

Thursday, March 17th. The [illegible] will meet with Mrs. [illegible] Subject: "Health Week."

Friday, March 18th. The [illegible] will meet with Mrs. [illegible] Subject: "Dyeing."

Milk Campaign

A milk campaign for the State is being sponsored by the State Department of Health. The campaign is to be [illegible] Milk is the cheapest food we have. It is the only show food on nearly all the farms of this county. It is pitiful to see the anemic looking children, who have been deprived of this health giving food and who live largely on a meat and bread diet.

Quoting from the State Health Bulletin: "More milk for the people of North Carolina means better health. It means that happiness and prosperity could supplant misery and poverty in more than a quarter million rural homes. A good milk cow for the tenant farmer, white and black, would be better for his children than a Government bonus. By doubling the rate consumption of milk the pellagra death rate could be reduced by half, disease rates [illegible] and infant deaths [illegible] the welfare [illegible] people [illegible] reported to [illegible] Council:

Cream	$1.20
Milk	2.52
Vegetables and fruit	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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