

Mrs. W. W. White has been confined to her home for several days because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Alexander have returned from Deland, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays at their home in Swannanoa.



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By Eula Greenwood

CONSERVATIVE — There was a lot of up-sleeves-laughing in these parts the other day when Gov. Sanford's straight-faced said he regards his administration as "conservative".

No trouble to find thousands—yes, tens of thousands—who will disagree—as to the first two years. But as to the two years coming up it looks as if the Sanford administration, tax-wise if not otherwise, will be contentedly conservative.

1. The Governor said last week he does not think there is "sufficient demand" for a highway bond issue. There had been hints one would be asked for in the Legislature.

2. The Democratic Party, of which the Governor is titular head, went on record last spring against any type of "new taxes".

So, when Terry Sanford used the term "conservative" in speaking of his term of office, he might have been looking unconsciously to the future rather than unconsciously to the past.

BIG FAMILY—A few days after the long reference here to the late Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, I was reminded that her children may have already set something of a record—and with many years still ahead of them.

We have not been able to check on it carefully, and could be in error on the plus or minus side. If memory serves correctly, however, Anna Roosevelt had three husbands; James Roosevelt, three wives; Elliott Roosevelt, four wives; John Roosevelt, one wife; and Franklin, Jr., two wives.

That adds up to 13 mates for the five survivors of Mrs. Roosevelt. Only one—John, and the lone Republican of the crowd—has with him the one he was first married to. But, somehow despite this, Mrs. Roosevelt will be recorded as one of the greatest women America ever produced.

TOGETHER—A wrong guess by one of the Kress Stores founders about 15 years ago has resulted in a unique development which could prove most beneficial to North Carolina. Nothing like the Kress art collection, of course, but good.

In Raleigh once on a visit, the Kress brother observed near the Capitol a nice bit of real estate for sale. It ran completely through the block from Fayetteville Street to Salisbury. It was purchased and a handsome Kress store was established there. But it never paid off, never made money. So, in time the new building was put up for sale. Retailers were not interested, for the location was too static. No traffic. All dignity.

Now it has been taken over by the City of Raleigh for the fine old Olivia Roney Library, which now has 80,000 volumes. With the help of Raleigh optimists, move to the new building was completed last week.

Thus Raleigh's spanking new Olivia Roney PUBLIC Library finds itself cheek-to-cheek with the huge State Library housed in the old Supreme Court Building which also quarters the State Utilities Commission.

For an expense of \$1,000 to \$1,500, fore or less, the City of Raleigh and the State of North Carolina can have under one roof—only the cutting of a door is necessary—one of the most valuable libraries in the United States.

HARDER TO GET—Since more and more of our cities and counties now lean so heavily on whiskey taxes to balance their growing budgets, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to look at alcohol with unjaundiced eyes. In no other discussion does there seem to be as much premeditated opinion.

But, alarmed at the teenage drinking problem, the Charlotte Observer observes that it is "apparently more severe in a heavily populated area such as Mecklenburg County where alcoholic beverages are legal. This is the observation of teen-agers who live in Charlotte after formerly living in less-populated 'dry' counties—but the difficulty of obtaining them reduces the amount of drinking."

NOTES—Printer's Ink, the weekly marketing magazine, had a report three weeks ago that Adlia Stevenson would replace Luther Hodges as Commerce Secretary.

With Christmas coming on a Tuesday this year, the Christmas season is expected to be merry indeed. State employees, for example, get off at the end of work on Friday, December 21, and come back on Thursday, the 27th.

Incidentally, did you know that public school teachers NEVER get a holiday—for Christmas or otherwise? Every day taken off must be made up, later in the year. In theory, then, they teach on Christmas Day—except when it happens to fall on a Saturday or Sunday!

State College alumni have no dislike for Consolidated University President William Friday—or with the University of North Carolina unit

at Chapel Hill—They merely think that State College is now old enough—and large enough (what a beauty, approaching Raleigh from U. S. 64 west!) —to be N. C. State University—like Michigan State, Ohio State etc., and will be happy with nothing less. They are now working hard behind the scenes to get Gov. Sanford's support on THEIR name—

Now that the basketball scandals are all but completely disposed of, look for renewed activity for special tournaments again in Raleigh. Not this year, of course, but possibly next—

There will be two Broyles' in the next session of Congress, one from Virginia, the other from North Carolina—Both are Republicans—and their dads are first cousins—from Wilkes County.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

By D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

One of the questions asked most frequently of social security people is, "What documents will I need when I file my application for social security benefits?" The required documents vary in individual cases. The following, however, are needed

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in every case:

1. Social security number for the worker and for any member of the family who is filing for benefits.

2. Proof of age for the worker, and for his wife if she is at least 62 years of age.

3. Proof of age for his children if they are under age 18, or if they are fully disabled and became fully disabled before they attained age 18.

4. Proof of the worker's earnings in the year before the application for benefits is filed. This will be his tax withholding statement (Form W-2), if the worker is employed for wages. If he is self-employed, it will be a complete copy of his Federal income tax return, plus proof of having filed the return with the Internal Revenue Service (canceled check, money order receipt, etc., showing that the tax due was paid).

Each worker, whether employed, will be asked to estimate the amount of his earnings for the year in

which he files application for benefits.

5. Widows who are filing claims based on the record of their deceased husband should bring a copy of their marriage certificate. They should also be prepared to give complete information regarding the dates and places of any previous marriage of the worker or of her own.

A person should not delay filing an application simply because he is unable to obtain a certain proof. The employees in the social security office will assist persons in any way possible in obtaining the documents which are

needed when the time comes. Meanwhile, cut out the above list, and keep it with your social security card and other important papers.

ARMY ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY LEAVE FOR ENLISTEES

Third United States Army has announced the continuance of the annual holiday leave policy for enlistees entering the regular army during the month of December. Men originally entering the

army on or after the 10th day of December may be granted up to 15 days leave if desired. Personnel reenlisting either from the regular or reserve forces may also be granted this leave. Interested individuals may obtain further information from the local U. S. Army Recruiter, S-Sgt. James Beasley.

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Despite this great saving to the families of the South—to everyone who eats bread, meat, poultry, eggs—our request to lower freight charges on grain has yet to be granted. A few selfish interests (largely waterway barge operators) who profit—at your expense—seek to keep railroad

freight rates high. They have done and are doing everything possible to block us because our lower prices would reduce their high profits. But we have a duty to serve you well at the lowest possible cost and we will not shirk that duty. We will continue our efforts until these rates are put into effect.

We're not Santa Claus. Our lower prices will save you money—they will make money for our railroad, too. In the public interest, it is high time that we be allowed to stuff your stocking with these enormous savings in transportation costs—not just at Christmas time, but the year around!

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