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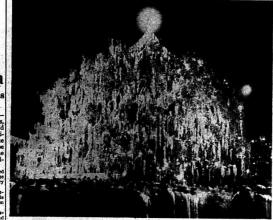
# COUNTY-WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED TO COPE WITH OIL SHORTAGE

### **Envoy Sees** Chance Of Agreement With Panama

Congressman Asks New Canal Site

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#### WEATHER



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Christmas In Wilmington

### Big Tree Attracts Throngs

#### Administration Challenged

### Stassen Raises **Trade Question**

### Naval Aide Is Chosen

#### Rumors Unfounded

#### It's Official: Santa's Alive

### Industries Urged To **Cut Prices**

#### Truman Economic Council In Plea

WASHINGTON—(AP) — renewed White House plea or "many" industries to wer prices and trim prof-

#### Mother, Daughter Drown In Swamp



#### British And Arabs Battle

Raleigh Conference

Central Oil Office May Be Set Up Here

#### Christmas Holiday

### No Paper Thursday

## Extraordinary Action Taken By 2 Bodies

City Council Votes Funds For Purchase Of 100,000 Gallons Of Fuel Oil

Speedy Action

#### Resolutions Proclaim

**Emergency** 

