

cil, he will be in charge of the mani-But except for those two tours. fold civilian defense activities here, and a bad pass from Oregon's including the task of enrolling more

(Continued on Page Seven; Col. 2) civilians in various capacities in the

fications might be permitted to cover particular hardship situ-totore

sation of production, was submit-

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Deaths Are Results Of

Automobile Accidents

(By The Associated Press)

aticns.

was possible that additional modi-

Long Russian Advance

Red onslaught.

sian victory at Kaluga over the

tank army of Nazi Col. Gen. Heinz

Serious Defeat

Hitler was pictured as hoping

The Railroad

The appointment of R. W. Marye,

of Wilmington, as chief engineer of

night by officials. Mr. Marye has for the past few

months, been assistant chief engineer. Previous to that time he

of the railroad.

corps of perhaps 250,000 men.

following the junction of the northern and southeastern forces.

ing fronts.

Fight off Wedge Military observers were inclined

o believe the defenders may have

been forced to give ground in the

north, but in the meantime had

fought off Japanese attempts by

bombers, and possibly tanks, cal-

a wedge between the formerly sep-

arated northern and southern fight-



3 Brutally Beaten When Two Men Run Amuck At Bridgeport, Mass.

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Jan. 1 -P-Three guards were brutally beaten and hacked to death today when two volume inputes markets beaten and hacked to death today when two young inmates ran amuck at the vast Bridgewater state farm, set fire to a building and fought off a charging riot squad for an hour and a half. Franklin L. Weston, 63, of Strike Forces Isolated In

Bridgewater: George Landry, 64, of Whitman; Howard V. Murphy, 48, of Taun-

Under heavy guard in the farm ospital tonight were Donald Mil-

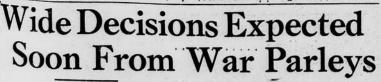
lard, 19. of Nashua, N. H., and Joseph Sheppard, 25. of Worces- units of the British eighth army, ter. Both were classed as defective concerned lest a second Tobrukdelinquents. They were badly beat- this time of Axis origin-develop en, but doctors said they probably on the flank of the desert advance, would recover. hit hard tonight at the well-forti-

The two inmates finally were fied Italian-Nazi forces isolated in trapped on the burning fourth the Bardia-Halfaya region of eastfloor of a section devoted to de- ern Libya.

fective delinquents by a four-man squad of Massachusetts state po-by tanks and mobile artillery, batlice, headed by Sergeant Joseph tered their way into the southern Fratus. After Fratus. After they had been sector of the Bardia perimeter, gassed and clubbed into uncon-taking several fortified positions sciousness, police found they had and seizing 600 prisoners.

been armed with four hammers. The attack, hundreds of miles two chisels, a blackjack, an iron behind the front lines, foreshad pipe and a hose spanner. Fratus owed a determined effort to keep told this story: the Axis Bardia garrison from "Our first call from the state holding out and possibly being sup-

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Far-reaching decisions were believed
imminent tonight as Prime Minister
Winston Churchill and President
Roosevelt resumed their war plan-
ning after a conference with
strategists which, it was announced
dealt with all theaters of the con-
flict.here, he had said earlier, would be
made known in good time by deeds
not words.minimum 44; mean 52; normal 47.
Humidity:
1:30 a. m. 92; 7:30 a. m. 92; 1:30
Precipitation:
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30
p. m. 0.36 inches; total since the first
of the month, 0.36 inches.
Tides For Today:
(From Tide Tables published by U. S.
Coast and Geodetic Surver):
Wilmington ______ 9:42a. 4:18a.Churchill himself had told news-
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from Canada by train that the job and Harry Hopkins, lend-lease adof coordinating British and Amer- ministrator. ican war efforts was making such excellent progress that he thought Recat decisions would be reached a. m., brought a mass of data pre-boon.

The results of the conferences! (Continued on Page Three: Col. 3)

civilian defense program. Assault On Fleet Already, approximately 2,000 per sons have volunteered for service

LONDON, Jan. 1.-(AP)-Britain's by registering with the defense powerful bombing forces in the ted to SPAB by the OPM civilian council, which at present maintains offices with the Greater Wilming-

IN EASTERN LIBYA

Bardia-Halfaya Sec-

tion Of Country

BY ERIC BIGIO

ton Chamber of Commerce. Announcement of a permanent lotained assaults on the Nazi bases in cation for the offices of the council Greece where there is increasing

is expected this week. evidence of preparations for an air evidence of preparations for an air and sea assault on Britain's eastern Mediterranean fleet All defense activities in the county, not directly under the Army, Mediterranean fleet.

drome.

are under the supervision of the For the second time in thr a days the RAF reported striking hard at (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) important bases the German and Italians have developed on conquer

> ed Greece and Crete. that in the latest attacks, Tuesday night, British planes bombed munitions factories and a submarine base at the Greek port of Sdlamis chemical works and oil installations

Of Preparations For

at the port of Piraeus, six miles from Athens, and an airdrome at Candia, capital of Crete. German lanes based at the Can-

ame old carnage from accidents. Violent death ended more than 150 dia field would be virtually astride lives in another heavy toll of acci Britain's vital lane of sea communications and supply from Egypt

Nearly two-thirds of the fatalities to the Libyan battlefield. Alexwere due to mishaps suffered by andria is little more than 400 miles southeast of Candia by air the motorists and pedestrians. hump of eastern Libya is les: than

An Associated Press tabulation 250 miles southwest of the airyesterday (Thursday) showed that 152 had been killed during the New The RAF operations were inter-Year's celebration. Of that number-

preted in London as substantiating 93 were from traffic accidents and fatally injured and three other perrecent reports from Turkey of new he rest from miscellaneous causes. Five men died when an Army collision on the highway near Red MARYE APPOINTED the rest from miscellaneous causes. concentrations of the German air force in Greece and on island bases Three laborers were killed at a Vir-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

WEATHER

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours

9:42a. 4:18a 9:55p. 4:57p 7:21a. 1:07a. Sunrise 7:18a; sunset 5:15p; moonrise 5:37p; moonset 6:58a.

Mr. Churchill, arriving here at 9

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette. ville on Jan. 1, at 8 a. m., 10.33 feet.

By RUTH COWAN

President Roosevelt and Prime Min-

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Cold wave in west portion Friday and Friday night, clearing and much colder Friday preceded by rain in extreme cost portion

and much colder Friday, cold wave northwest portion Friday and Fri-day night.

(Meteorological data for cle 27 hours) ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 45; 7:30 a. m. 47; 1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 p. m. 60; maximum 60; minimum 44; mean 52; normal 47. Humidity:

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Meeting Monday west, however. The program, contemplating ces-

Advance By Trails

These quarters also said the Jap-Middle East were carrying the war supply division, and will be dis- anese had not landed from the capture of several towns, including the important Volga river town of back to the Axis tonight with sus- cussed with representatives of the China sea, as previously reported, but had made their way down of Kalinin, and only 30 miles short Singapore's people, many of them removed by half a world of Rzhev, strategic Volga com-munications center.

from home, had their New Year's Dispatches from Russia also said advance Red army units were celebrations in blacked out homes and hotels, exhibiting calm and within a few miles of Mozhaisk, TAKES 150 LIVES cheerful determination despite two key town 57 miles west of Moscow early morning air-raids and a third on the broad Moscow - Smolensk

tonight by several formations of highway and next major objective A Middle East communique said Nearly Two-Thirds Of bombers. Preliminary reports said of the Russian push. Hitler, according to the Stockthe damage from the morning

holm report, rushed to the Mos-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 8) cow front following the big Rus-

MRS. A. C. JAMES It was a New Year, but with the **FATALLY INJURED**

> Persons Injured In Crash Near Red Springs

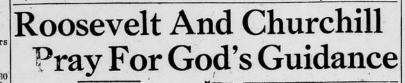
that his personal appearance be-LUMBERTON, Jan. 1.-Mrs. Al-

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) fred C. James, of Wilmington, was

bomber crashed on Long Island. Springs early this afternoon. Mrs. James, wife of the Superinginia airfield when a bomber lost a tendent of Insurance of the Atlanwheel and swerved from a concrete tic Coast Line railroad company,

three guards in a Massachusetts She had previously received first prison farm. A New Yorker died in aid treatment at Red Springs. a night club bar at 5 a.m. A West The injured are Mr. James, said Virginia workman. from whom Jan. to be driving their car at the time

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across the Potomac river from WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.- (P) - Washington.

He succeeds J. E. Willoughby, They attended services in obserister Churchill, beginning the New vance of the national day of prayer who has been appointed consulting cycles and light trucks can be proclaimed on Dec. 22, by President engineer. The change became ef- sold in New Hanover county in sale of tires and tubes, made in

Year with prayers for divine guid-Roosevelt, and they heard in a ffective Thursday.

connects Kuantan with the central Malayan railway, 80 miles to the London, the Russian command announced a long advance 125 miles northwest of Moscow and the re-



Japanese."

Earlier communiques made i clear the Japanese bombers dom-A modern, wider highway bridge inated the highways by daylight, to replace the present narrow making it necessary for troops and munitions to be moved at night, structure over the Brunswick river General MacArthur's newly union U. S. Highway 17 three miles fied force was believed to be fight-

west of Wilmington has been pro- ing along an irregular, broken ling posed by the state highway depart-mont it was revealed Thursday depart-miles long, from somewhere imment, it was revealed Thursday. mediately south of Manila north-Building of the new bridge is ward 50 to 75 miles through Bula-Guderian and the rout of six army a part of the state highway de- can province and thence westward partment's present program of to the South China sea. This would highway widening and moderniza- include the principal rear lines The Nazi fuehrer was at his tion over the state. When com- and highways around Manila.

Attempt Infiltration

headquarters in the Kiev area, it pleted, the new bridge will mawas said, when he heard of the terially facilitate the flow of traf-Japanese mass attacks have dents marring another holiday. Husband And Two Other defeat, which was regarded by the fic on U. S. 17, one of the chief come from the north and souther German general staff as very seri- transportation links between Wil- east, but it is assumed that in mington and the south and west, the meantime continual attempts

Since the beginning of the de- at infiltration have been made fense program here, the highway from the rugged, roadless country fore his troops would stiffen their morale and resistance. His new inght.

Application for a permit to re- contracted. place the present river bridge and General Douglas MacArthur, reto build a temporary bridge, 35 porting to the War department feet up stream from the present here, expressed the hope that bridge, has been filed with the Americans and Filipinos in Japa-U. S. District Engineer office here. nese occupied territory would be According to the plans submit- treated with scrupulous regard to ted by the state highway depart- international law.

ment, the new bridge will have a A total of 175 Japs are under Succeeds J. E. Willoughby fixed span with a horizontal clear- guard and about 3,000 under surance of 44 feet and a vertical veillance, he said, and they have clearance of 8.3 feet above men been shown every reasonable conlow water in the river. sideration and provided with ev-The temporary bridge will be a ery reasonable comfort. Japanese

fixed span structure with a hori- and their property have been (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

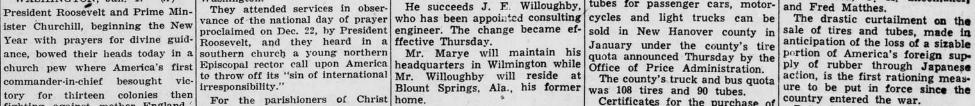
the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company was announced Thursday Only 44 New Tires Can

Be Sold Here In January

Only 44 new tires and 37 new Van Leuven, O. H. Shoemaker, was principal assistant engineer tubes for passenger cars, motor- and Fred Matthes.

 church pew where America's first commander-in-chief besought victory for thirteen colonies then fighting against mother England.
United now in the common cause of democracy, this country's President and Britain's premier sat in George Washington's old-fashioned square pew in pre-revolutionary Christ church in Alexandria, Va.,
Episcopal rector call upon America to throw off its "sin of international to throw off its "sin of international" to the particulation of the church gathered in the rectory of Dr. Edward Randolph Welles. There they were thread career with the Atlantic Coast (Continued on Fage Three; Col. 1) the Louisville and Nashville rail-road. Mr. Marye started his rail-strict regulations laid down by the frey, assistant director of the state

Named to the board were C. | (Continued on Page Two: Col.)



ure to be put in force since the country entered the war. Returning from a conference Thursday with Director Theodore

S. Johnson of the state defense

A. C. L. ENGINEER

As Chief Engineer Of

Two delinquent inmates killed after being admitted at 4:45 o'clock.

runway into a group of laborers. died in Baker sanatorium shortly