

# Senator Ervin Speaks Of Yuletide; Says Wars Begin In Minds Of Men

By SEN. SAM ERVIN

Morganton.—A quietness settles over the land when Americans and their families pause from their labors to honor the birth of the Child born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. The world has changed its material resources into many new forms since the night that Mary and Joseph huddled with the Child in the stable. Many things have not changed. Caesar's conquering legions and his revenue collectors were near by that night. War and taxes remain the problems of our day. Poverty, famine, and pestilence are still the companions of life. It may always be so. We do not know. We do know that the human heart then and now longs for peace. We do know that when we celebrate Christmas this is the foremost thought in our minds.

As we reflect on the year passed into history, the paramount event of the times is that we are realistically committed to a firm stand against aggression in most of the areas of the world. Cuba and India are still current events with all of their meaning. But in the spirit of this season, mankind must wonder if it is much nearer to solving the dilemmas of civilization.

It is concerned with taxes. It has vast commitments to eradicate its age-old scourges. Specifically, is the era which began on September 18, 1931, when Japan invaded Manchuria, drawing to a close? As Americans we hope so. We have pledged our



**EFFECTIVENESS.**—Picture are Haitians being tested during the first phase of a six-year program which will evaluate the effectiveness of a new vaccine against tuberculosis (R-1) in human field trials in Haiti. In the foreground is Dr. Willy Verrier, Haitian doctor, and administering the test is Miss Irene Melvin of Chapel Hill, a member of the North Carolina research team.

solemn word to the achievement of peace by the Atlantic Charter and the Covenant of the United Nations.

These pledges in no wise diminish our determination to dedicate our lives and fortunes to bring about the accomplishment of laudable covenants and needed goals. Ideals flourish with the strength needed to achieve them. A true dedication to peace, therefore, must be viewed with the knowledge of realists who know the obstacles. Wars, we know, begin in the

minds and hearts of man. No one has yet been able to prophesy with accuracy what future tyranny mankind through its leaders will devise for itself. Civilization, which has made vast strides in mastering communication technicalities, has yet to solve the barriers of geography, languages, customs, and cultures. The ethical concepts of the Judean Son of Man, which are the cornerstones of Western Civilization, are not yet the thinking of other civilizations. Those who strive for peace know the meaning of these problems.

The verdict of history has yet to be written, but let us hope that it will be recorded that in this year the nations of the world inched forward toward the goal of mankind for all ages, which is: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

### NIKE ZEUS AND SUCCESS

The Army's Nike Zeus missile killer has scored its second successful intercept of a target warhead launched by an Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile over the Pacific recently.

The Defense Department announced that a Nike Zeus anti-missile missile fired from the mid-Pacific Kwayalein Island came within kill range of the target warhead which had been fired 5,000 miles from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the California coast.

According to Gregor Ziemer, director of public education at the American Foundation for the Blind, the daily and weekly newspapers of the nation brought news of AFB operations to over 35,000,000 readers in 1962.

## Dr. Van Noppen Speaks In Va.

Dr. Ina Faye Westemeyer Van Noppen, distinguished professor at Appalachian State Teachers College, was guest speaker on Wednesday night, December 12 at the Centennial of the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The ASTC author, historian and lecturer spoke on "The Yankee Raiders in the South."

Dr. Van Noppen was invited to Fredericksburg by the local Woman's Club of that city. The public was invited to hear the address at the Methodist Church on Hanover Street.

During her two-day visit at the Centennial she visited the Battlefield Museum, Currier & Ives Exhibit, Railroad Exhibit and Clara Barton Exhibit.

On Thursday night the college professor attended the Civil War Centennial Awards Dinner in the Prince Frederick Room at the General Washington Inn. The Hon. Virginius Dabney, editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, was the special speaker.

Dr. Van Noppen is the author of several books on the South

## WEATHER WRITER SAYS DAYS GROWING LONGER, TEMPERATURES DROPPING

By E. H. SIMS

When will the days begin to get longer again? Will the weather warm up soon thereafter?

Interestingly, the days have already begun to grow longer. On December 22nd, this started, and the days will continue to get longer for the next six months.

Therefore, the shortest days of the year will be experienced in November, December and January. But it will be March before the extra sunlight begins to have its effect. So it will get colder, even as the days grow longer, in late December and January and perhaps in February.

and the Civil War. Her recent book, "Stoneman's Last Raid," came off the press last December and has been widely read and quoted throughout the state of North Carolina.

She received the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Trophy at the recent Western North Carolina Historical Association meeting in Asheville in recognition of her book, "Stoneman's Last Raid."

### PAINTS MAIL BOXES

London.—In order to get enough money to visit her daughter in the United States, Mrs. Julia Maynard, 45, won a post office contract to paint 5,890 British mail boxes. Her 24-year-old daughter is married and lives in Virginia.

She has hired six men to help paint the boxes and she figures it will take more than 1,500 hours to put 500 gallons of paint on the boxes.

Her husband works in the post office. He is a mail sorter.

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