Interpreting

The War

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General Eisenhower, nearing the

end of a war which has occupied

him for three years, nas gotten

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Roosevelt's War Message.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1945.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY The Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world," does not apply exclusively to toreign missions, for the world begins where your front yard ends. When you leave your own doorstep you are in the

Rev. W. G. Coltman.

A Brilliant Season

The Community Concert Association's season closed brilliantly on Monday night when Robert Weede, Metropolitan baritone, captivated his auditors not only with his magnificant performance but also with his selection of songs and arias.

This has been the most successful and best attended season of the association in many lovers by the score hold the same opinion.

It bodes well for good music in Wilmington and the year after that still better, with improvement in each succeeding season as the number of subscribers increases and greater them artists may be engaged.

The concert association is doing a splendid there will be even greater appreciation of it table. and larger attendance upon musical performances, which could lead to the engagement of the nation's great symphony orchestras and even the creation of a fine symphony organization at home.

to be, the Wilmington Concert Association will have had a major part in it.

Needed In Washington

James F. Byrnes' announcement that he has no plans to "come back into government serv-Mr. Byrnes possesses such knowledge of domestic and international affairs that President of our first weapon of war-manpower. Truman and the nation need him.

He has earned the right to retire, if past

an obligation for service.

We in the South are particularly interested in his ultimate decision inasmuch as we have no one in a top position at Washington. This ferment, as such but because the South, so

Born — Not Made

An enterprising Boston woman with a mission has opened a school at her home which groups to her home to her her talk on poetry thousands of lives and limbs. once a week. With the encouragement then received, she has now branched out with her academy.

It is said in a Boston article describing her venture that the composition of poetry "is no more a veiled mystery than that of music way they laugh at us and make the equivalent or painting. Yet a certain vagueness of ap- of American wisecracks about what they conproach and fear of rending the gossamer have grader our ridiculous lack of military pomp and play-grounds. The nawa dwelt at length on snakes, reer in public life. Yet he proved banker, a doctor and an assort- Boyd's 'Doom in the Midnight of the lack of the batted ball and the shouts of the ment of helles. But there's name of the ment of helles. resulted in. . .lack of workshop standards and Hamborn, Germany. the miscellaneous teacing of technical tricks by a mechanical system. ." It is to overcome that their only choice is between unconditional duck to water. It might be figuratively said to stop under the trees or snakes. It would be an enormously start brilliant careers for budding but unknown little later after much of the Reich has been destroyed, city by city.—Secretary of War lie a most wholesome occupation for him who will be a coalition govern-

Hers is a noble undertaking, but it has certain drawbacks, chief of which, we believe. tain drawbacks, chief of which, we believe, is the indisputable fact that poets. like ball players, are born and not made. Like music

and painting, poetry springs from founts within the coul, not from schooling. The natural poet may improve his product through stucy but without a natural gift and unless the spark of a divine talent is lighted by inspiration, the alleged poetry of the aspirant for Shakes- self - evident fact, that all our vaunted procpeare's mantle is mere verse and all too often esses of education are but the repetitions or doggeral.

poets through instruction at an academy.

stinct for the game and without it no boy or rule of action. man can be a star. Sand lots help. Spring The pioneers who peopled the prairie and training, too. But the gift to play must be inherent.

So with poets.

Celebrations Later

Armies in the west of Germany join Russian forc obdience, was essential. of resistance cleaned out.

General Eisenhower has done well to clear up this wrong impression.

ed, inevitably would tend to weaken the war effort on the home front and jeopardize the very thing the event ostensibly would cele-

As long as Germans are fighting in regularly constituted units there can be no claim who have made conspicuous places for themwhether army group or battalion, has laid fortunately learned, to discipline their thinking. down its arms will it be either safe or wise to consider the victory achieved. And it be- the fertile areas pre - empted by the advencomes more and more apparent that this turing pioneer families there lay, to the north happy situation probably cannot come in the there came, a little later, an alien but friendly immediate future.

rendering there is still stubborn fighting by which Americans taught the new idea how ahead. The fanatical Nazi elements in the to shoot. Edward Eggleston, three score years as time passes. There is no imaginative touch in the thought that next year will be better, ler as a demi-god and clinging to his preach-life in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois as it ments on a super-race, will continue as long was of the vicissitudes and trials of a country as they have guns and can find shells for schoolteacher in Indiana. Will you agree with

is now won, but in a literal sense it is not. is fundamental in successful training in estab- dropped straight down for a long seen only two snakes. job in developing music appreciation among Eisenhower believes there will never be a lishing a basis for right thinking and sane way. Up there on top of the bluff Wilmingtonians. When the world again enjoys formal surrender. In that event, mass celediscovered the rich rewards lodging in music body capable of accepting terms at the peace

Check Your Brakes

have crippled countless others, and have piled sionaries. To them, as they enlist for service, should be committed the responsibility, sacred in itself and not impossible of seeing to it.

At a time when all young men under thirty years of age, regardless of essentiality of ocice is so disappointing that the vast majority cupation, face induction into the armed forces, of Americans will hope he can be dissuaded. loss of life through traffic accidents is inexcusable and represents a scandalous waste

the matter of traffic accidents. And today, how got going and is getting some results. noticed a lot of the marines sitting nificance. services were the only consideration. But it with cars nearly twice as old on the average is questionable if any man fitted for a parti- as they were in pre-war days, it is high newspaper calls "plug-uglies": cular job is justified in stepping out so long on the list of those causes which contribute as he is needed and still physically able to not only to the frequency of automobile accidents, but to their severity. Brakes that Conscientious above the average, Mr. Byrnes fail to hold at the critical moment. steering have still come to understand that he has gear failures, blow-outs, faulty lights—all may still come to understand that he has gear failures, blow-outs, faulty lights-all Post-Dispatch). these help to swell the accident total.

Loss of manpower through accidents, coupled with the tremendous problem of conserv- tary dose of liver medicine in the middle of a west. ing motor vehicles, has prompted the Inter- battle report, and unquestionably it's doing Okinawa is one of the few places triumphed in the field. What fol- boy from the farm. is not so much that we seek geographical prenational Association of Chiefs of Police to something to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced training to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced training to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced training to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced training to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced training to a generation to have the news of live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where our lowed was stark, differenced to live been in this war where the lowest live been in this w launch a nation-wide brake-check program. It between odes to X's eyewash and peans to awful place it is. In fact most of for a reasonable peace were swept the gratitude not of this country one of the greatest Americans long neglected by government, deserves a share started on Sunday and will be concluded June Peter's Paste.—Nashville Tennessean. in shaping domestic policies because of its 1. During that time, traffic officers througheconomic possibilities for the future and its out the country will check passenger cars

QUOTATIONS

One of the most interesting manifestations of their (German civilians) sentiments is the way they laugh at us and make the equivalent of American wisecracks about what they consider a donor and sider our ridiculous lack of military pomp and the should side at length on snakes. The proved banker a doctor and an account of the house of

It should be obvious to the German people these handicaps that Miss Jackson hopes to surrender now or unconditional surrender a that he is born with a bat and ball in his hand. Henry L. Stimson.

This time we must leave the German people they aren't doing any mischief. There whole

New School District

By FRANK L. PERRIN

It is not impossible that the discovery will be made, or that it will be conceded as a methods and processes taught and practiced esses of education are but the repetitions or We cannot imagine Shakespeare, or Dante, methods and processes taught and practiced of Homer, or Goethe, or Milton, or Byron, since that time to which the memory of man Shelley, Keats, Goldsmith. Wadsworth, even runneth not to the contrary. Whatever is taught or sought to be taught, and whatever is learn-Tennyson, to name a few only, becoming ed or acquired through the application or enforcement of prescribed processes and approv-It is a humble comparison but we revert to ed methods, can be traced to the acceptance it because it is apt. Ball players have an in-

later the broad valleys of the Mississippi and the Missouri had, for the most part, been schooled in the villages and farm districts of New England and New York. They had, willingly or unwillingly, learned the rudiments of self - government by disciplining their thinking and reasoning processes. At least a by-Persons who have been expecting General product of this achievement was the realiza-Eisenhower to proclaim VE-Day when Allied whom had been delgatd th authority to n-

forces from the east, and this means about It was in the natural course of events that everybody, naturally are disappointed at the it devolved upon these pioneers, even without General's announcement that the longed-for perpetuate this Yankee system of American With confidence in our armed forces-with day will not arrive until Germany has been thinking and teaching, yes, and even of reasoncompletely occupied and all major pockets able and effective discipline, first into their homes, and then into the schools and churches which, because of their own teaching and Certainly there can be no Victory Day be- thinking, they established wherever a few famifore the enemy as a whole is defeated. To lies settled. My own memory, naturally enough celebrate it prematurely would be anti-climax. runs back to vivid experiences in that frontier country. Reminiscing, one hardly speaks, in comparing conditions then existing, of cultural lines of distinction. But there were lines of Any celebration, however seriously conduct- differentiation. To some they appeared to be be hereditary, but in either case, when under-

A great deal of water has gone under the racial. To others they may have appeared to bridge, as the saying goes, since those days. all those, without class or family distinction, On the fingers of both hands I could not count stood, equally nonessential and superficial. of victory. Only when the last organized unit, selves as judges, legislators, educators, and

No, the story does not end here. Beyond and to the West. a vast empire to which horde of homeseekers. The strangers knew Despite the way German soldiers are sur- little or nothing of free schools, or public schools, and nothing at all of the processes me that the lesson impressed, both by experience and by the courage of the Hoosier School-In the broader sense the war in Germany master, is that accepted or enforced discipline so now won, but in a literal sense it is not, is fundamental in successful training in estab-

If it is so agreed, then we must accept peace and life generally becomes normal, it brations will be in proper order only when the responsibility, wherever the need exists, is fair to think that because the people have the German people have created a governing of establishing, by whatever means available teaching, the processes and the teachers cap- were dotted all over it. able of perpetuating the role of Edward Eg-

The whole of wasted and depleted Germany. was an old stone bridge. At the with her horde of misguided and mesmerized end of the bridge was a village— Traffic accidents have taken the lives of young men and women, constitutes a new or what had been a village. Traffic accidents have taken the lives of school district awaiting new teachers and new more than three quarters of a million human beings in the nation during the past 25 years, with the faith and unselfishness of pioneer misdirection will beings in the nation during the past 25 years, with the faith and unselfishness of pioneer misdirection little valleys led away up economic losses running into billions of dollars. Traffic accidents have achieved the distinction of being one of the leading causes of death in this country.

It was as pretty and gentle a sight as you ever saw. It had the softness of antiquity about it and lution in human processes of thinking. It is the minature charm and daintness of antiquity about it and lution in human processes that true human free-both that we see in Japanese prints.

Our enemies on both sides of the calamity that has be-fallen this nation at this hour no softness of antiquity about it and lution in human processes of thinking. It is one can measure. It will be seen of commanding strength. Our enemies on both sides of the long perspective of history.

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Our enemies on both sides of the long pe dom is born and made to endure.—Christian And the sad, uncanny silence that Science Monitor.

EDITORIAL COMMENT hat and a refreshing little breeze hatred, must see what his loss a military triumph is empty—that to be big enough and brave means to us, coming as it does we need all the brains and the enough to be utterly loyal. Close

OVERDOSAGE BY RADIO

The condition of the vehicle does enter into the interruption of news broadcasts has some-The St. Louis Post-Dispatch lists the following stations which have eliminated what the

nal), WMCI (Ashland, Ky.), WJR (Detroit), clay and the pine trees remind action and resolve. And out of that courage and stature.

ening pathos in the pasue for a little proprie- farmed plains look like our mid- Civil war occurs at once. Lincoln's past. He is in the American tra- to keep them crisp. something to a generation to have the news of I've been in this war where our lowed was stark, unrelieved trag- If the 61-year-old Missourian with a sense of irreparable loss.

TOO MUCH WORRY

We are constrained to believe some times involved in accidents, those in traffic viola- that there is too much worry and flub-dub over the little farms are well kept. So tered, and we have paid the penal- American political scene, Presi- Syndicate, Inc.) tions in which cars are moving, and vehicles the problems of the returning soldier will turn far the Okinawa climate is superb ty ever since. operated in a manner indicating faulty civilian and slip back into civilian life just as and the vistas undeniably pretty. quickly as he can shed the OD. All the discharged veterans we know here have gone back mosquitoes, fleas and the sight of see was not a wicked man nor Motorists can assist by getting their brakes to work, some in their old jobs and others in -and other parts of the car-tested and re- new jobs. All they want is a chance to go to she has given the ambitious name "American paired as occasion demands. With public co-Academy of Poetry." She is Miss Ralph Digh- operation, the program will accomplish its Huffstetler, wounded six times wearer of a several wider gravel roads. One partisans in this hour of su-1939. After arranging a carefully considered course she started out by inviting selected in selected two-lold objective: a saving of our back to work within a week after he had been discharged, thus setting a most worthy extransfer of course has est-appearing to the loss of transportation—and prevention of the loss of transportation and transportation are transportation. ton Jackson, a graduate of Radcliffe. class of impressive two-fold objective: a saving of our whole chest full of medals and ribbons, went course she started out by inviting selected transportation-and prevention of the loss of ample to future returning soldiers. - Gastonia Gazette.

ver more beautiful. - Durham Herald.

BACK YARD BASEBALL

ANNUAL MIRACLE

runners and fielders are a cheerful voice of

The American boy takes to baseball like a to wander off the main roads, not the interests of the whole nation. cern. is a most wholesome occupation for him. When briefings, they had the marines ment, brieging in from the outthe kids are playing ball in the back yard, more scared of snakes then Japs. side all those who could lend author of a score of mysteries. as the queer sticks jammed into

BETWEEN "DEVIL DOG" AND DEEP SEA



Your War -- With Ernie Pyle

BY ERNIE PYLE

OKINAWA- (by Navy radio) - all. We camped one night on a little sprawled and slept on nearly every hillside that led up to a bluff over-square yard of the ground. And in square yard of the ground. The local people say the island was very snakey up until the midher advocated that West Point and it was just like a little park.

Looking down from the bluff, the river made a turn and across it

follows the bedlam of war.

hot and a refreshing little breeze hatred, must see what his loss a military triumph is empty-that to be big enough and within hearing. I sat on the bluff victory has stirred hope of a new can muster. It is in this phase fear. In the soldier's spirit of obe-Something like a national movement against for a long time, just looking. It all world; coming on the very eve that Truman can buttress an addience, may we trust the men and just looking too.

The ordinary listener will fervently hope for a whole rash of such results. There is a sicka whole rash of such results. There is a sicked with little green fields. And the the parallel with the end of the the there are the parallel with the end of the the par

the pathetic people.

are narrow dirt trails for small Surely we need not repeat that horse-drawn carts. Then there are tragedy. Surely we can rise above

faces, caked with dust. work constantly.

all.

Our troops have walked, poked, snakes, but I don't believe it.

One was found dead. The other snakes. But we haven't seen any was killed by a battalion surgeon, mongooses so we don't know whethcoiled into a gallon glass jar and er the story is true or not, The bluff was terraced, although sent to the regimental command it wasn't tarmed. The grass on it post as a souvenir. It was a vici- his only explanation is that St. Pat-

and practical, and with or without the consent of those in need of enlightenment and small, straight-limbed pine trees. Those are the only snakes I've Those are the only snakes I've tourist and took all the snakes with tradition that the Army and Navy heard of. There was a rumor that him.

WASHINGTON CALLING by MARQUIS CHILDS

tude of the calamity that has be- Marshall, Admiral King and Gen- ties, forgive us, we pray, that in

Even President Roosevelt's bit- is our own tragedy. ollows the bedlam of war.

A bright sun made the morning cherished for him nothing but ning of the peace without which of our Government. Teach us how

Let us say it now in this hour. months. You could come from a dozen his victory. Out of the irresolu- and capacity who have never been cept reverses as a Father's chas-WQXR (the New York Times), WMPS (Memphis), WIBC (the Indianapolis News), KFRE (Fresno, Calif.), WTMJ the Milwaukee Jour-Southern boys say the reddish pear before our eyes, he brought to meet his test as a man of Cause which is identified with Thy

> death came as armies of the north dition—the self-made man, the the boys say they would like Okinawa if it weren't at war with us ship crowded in. The hope of an his alone. and if the people weren't so dirty. orderly, decent adjustment beThe countryside itself is neat and tween North and South was shatfor so long he dominated the (Copyright 1945 by United Feature

Seen in the perspective of hisa stupid man. He had many good qualities But he was caught in Most of the roads on Okinawa the grip of inexorable forces.

So much depends upon the modthey are tire-deep in dust and of the nighest office in the land. Ways than one at the end. troops on the road have mask-like A natural and unassumed modesty has always been one of his hospital and Gregory doesn't quite Every spring we wonder if the flowers were Bulldozers and scrapers are at consicuous characteristics. The know why. He appeals to Sid, who fearful burden that is now his will finds out, though his discoveries Alaska. Mukluks, together with awe him as it should.

I've mentioned before about our In that mood he may put aside than the wife. They told us there were three kinds in the Senate, as chairman of the ment of belles. But there's very Sun." He acts meek, gets scared of poisonous adders, all three being Defense Investigating committee, little about foods, though the au- (as you do with him) and thinks fatal. The booklets warned us not that he could transcend them in thor is president of a food con-quick. He's in debt to Tom Blaint. would drop on us (as if you could heartening act if at this moment

wasn't a shot nor a war-like sound at the very moment when final faith and the confidence that we our lips to fault-finding and to rious signs of weakness in recent ity; and, above all, hold fast to

himself into another which might keep him busy for a great deal He has come out for a unified armed service for the United States. He suggests general trainng for all officers, apparently with the idea of producing men compe. tent to supervise any combination of forces in a given action, or at least mingled training to develop

friendly understanding. Carrying the weight of a man who has commanding two of his. tory's greatest amphibious operations, Africa and Normandy; who has made full use of air power, who has employed naval units to aid river crossings far from the sea, the pronouncement must have staggered some of his West Point associates. And a lot of naval and flying people could have been shocked more by a similar pronouncement from an admiral or Billy Mitchell's ghost.

Fundamental arguments against unification are hard to get at. Even newspapermen, carefully trained as objective observers, seem to get caught up in something when attached for a considerable period to any one branch of the services. The services have bowed very well, although not without a great deal of friction below the top ranks, to a war-time system under the joint chiefs of staffs which has been tantamount to union. But hey don't want anything like that n the peace. The Navy is already deciding what ships it wants to dis. pose of and lay up, without in. dicating that it has asked the Army where it might want to go. General Eisenhower, in his brief

expression on the subject, seems to have in mind a top level familiar in general with everything, tapering off to the tactical technicians for each assignment. If the general has stirred up a hornets nest, he has some good support. Discussing the problem

last summer, President Truman said his investigation of the war effort convinced him that: "The end, of course, must be the integration of every element of are just practically no snakes at in one battalion they have caught America's defense in one depart-

ment under one authoritative, reed as competitive institutions, fos-

tering rivalries that never die down. At some point in the final period of instruction, switch the cadets to Annapolis and the middies to West Point. Break up the are separate and distinct, with the success of one endangering the success of the other."

Daily Prayer FOR UNCRITICAL MINDS

WASHINGTON - The magni-certainly keep in office General bearest with our human infirmithus discouragers instead of heartthe conviction that Thou art overrevealed will cannot fail. Amen.-

dent Roosevelt's death leaves us us, all of us who are Americans,

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS "ONE ANGEL LESS," by H. W. Roden (Morrow; \$2).

with equal success. His private de- cast is a bunch of not too credible tective agency isn't doing so well, Our heavy traffic of course has est-appearing man who early financially, when this thriller beplayed hob with the roads. Already Thursday evening took the oath gins, but it's, in the red in more Gregory Watson's wife is in ;

benefit the husband a lot more dark warchouse that was once

"THE DEADLY DOVE," by there on you hold your breath. Rufus King (Doubleday, Dor- The plot is intricate but not

an; \$2). Another wife is singled out for Mae, Klondike, Long Ed, Jeff, death in this creepy tale by the Gus, Archer aren't so improbable Well. I've kept a close watch strength to the winning of the Young Alan Admont marries many mystery yarns.

benefit. The Dove is to do the

When Christine puts all her mon-Welcome again to Sid Ames, ey into an annuity, Alan sets to who chases crime and woman work to balk the murderer. The oddities whose talk is billed as "mirth."

"MURDER WEARS MUK-LUKS," by Eunice Mays Boyd (Farrar & Rinehart; \$2). Mukluks are soft - soled boots

worn against cold and snow dance hall, make this a tense and

complicated. Beulah,