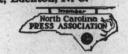
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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

ANYWHERE, ANY TIME: I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.-John 14:18.

### **Rumors About Base Circulating**

Quite a few times recently the writer has been asked, "Have you heard that the base was going to close?" Of course, aside from rumors, no definite information has reached The Herald.

Wednesday morning, however, it was reported that a radio broadcast said the base will be closed, which The Herald hopes isn't true. There are many fine Marines stationed at the base, who will be missed if the base is abandoned, an exact duplication of the situation when the Marines left Edenton on a previous occasion.

The Government odoes queer things sometimes and on the face of the report, it does not seem logical that the base should be closed so soon after a large amount of money has been spent to recondition it.

However, so far as the writer's official connection with the Town is concerned, if the base is closed, the Government can keep it, even if a lease is offered to the Town for less than \$1.00 per year as previously. The town's possession of the base caused one headache after another, and if reports are true that it is to be again closed, apparently it is causing some headaches among Government officials also.

### Will Pay For Itself

Due to feverish efforts on the part of some avid baseball fans, Hicks Field was put into playing condition Monday night so that a game of baseball was played between the Edenton Colonials and the Elizabeth City Senators even though the game was started about half an hour late.

In order to have the game played, The Herald understands about 300 gallons of gasoline was burned in order to dry up some wet places on the diamond. Similar methods have previously been resorted to in order to enable a game to be played so that it is reasonable to assume that quite a sum of money was spent for this purpose in the course of the season.

Colleges for the most part take precautions for football games by covering the field with a tarpaulin, and it strikes The Herald that with so much money spent for gasoline, and even then the diamond is not in proper condition, it would be wise to invest in this piece of equipment. Of course, a rain of flood proportions could make it impossible to play a game, but without doubt a tarapaulin would enable some games to be played such as have been postponed due to wet grounds.

### No Reason For Too Much of a Howl

Baseball fans have for the most part seen baseball games played in the Albemarle League this season which compare favorably with games played in leagues of higher rating. Of course, some sorry games have been played, but this is also true in the major leagues, where one expects to see the best baseball performers. Such games are to be expected at one time or another in any league.

The semi-final play-offs of the Albemarle League are scheduled to begin Saturday night, weather permitting. Colonial officials, as the result of rained out games and curtailed attendance caused by threatening weather, find themselves facing a deficit as the baseball season's end approaches, and in order to pay out, find it necessary to increase the admission price for series games to 75 cents instead of 50 cents.

Of course, some fans will raise a howl, but it should be considered that this season they were charged 50 cents for 35 regular season games as against 60 cents per game last season which, if they attended every game effected a saving of \$3.50. This saving compares with an extra outlay of \$1.00 paid for admissions if they witness four series

Baseball officials point out that baseball is no individual money-making enterprise, but that the great national pastime is staged solely as a community project. If they are not able to pay out, the possibility is that they will not undertake backing a team for Edenton next season.

In view of the present situation, the officials believe the extra 25 cents per game, plus the continued wholehearted support of baseball fans during the series, the books can be balanced, and to that end they urge baseball-loving folks to turn out in great numbers for the games which will decide the Albemarle League champions.

lack McMullan the other day observed his birthday (you ask him which one) and while reflecting back over the years and considering present-day conditions, thought about the 23rd Psalm. Post Open August 29 to Buildings Poorly Con-"Through the ages man has been given hope and inspiration by the 23rd Psalm," he said. "He had faith in God and confidence in himself and builded a civilization of which he was justly proud. The tendency of this day is for man to lose faith in God and confidence in himself. And so he has come to the conclusion that he has finished the building of his civilization and economy and that the only remaining question now is one of distribution. In this dilemna he thinks the State his only hope."

And while meditating on this condition, Mr. McMullan thought of the 23rd Psalm and paraphrased it thusly:

The State is my shepherd; I shall not work. It maketh me to lie down on good jobs; It

leadeth me outside the still factories. It deadens my soul; It leadeth me in the paths of idleness for politics sake.

Yes, though I walk through the valley of slothfulness and economic disaster, I will fear no evil, fot It will be with me; Its dole and paternalism they comfort me.

It prepareth a utopia for me by appropriating the earnings of the frugal. It filleth my head with fool expectations, my mounting inefficiencies runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall live on the bounty of the State forever.

"When this unwise philosophy has run its course and has destroyed his Civilization, man will again start from scratch," said Mr. McMillan, "and if the record has not been lost in the debacle, he will build a new a more enduring civilization—we

Joe Barrow has had a lot of hard luck lately, but it is hard to keep him down. Recently he had one of his feet crushed and due to the foot being in a cast, he is obliged to use crutches. Hard luck continued to follow him, for while riding around in a cart the other day he lost one of his crutches. In the meantime he has been doing most of his getting around in the cart, but he learned that a crutch was found and brought to The Herald office. Parked in his cart in front of The Herald office Monday, with his injured foot sticking over the side he yelled at me as I was busy working at my desk. He recovered the crutch, so he's wondering what will happen next. Here's hoping his mule don't run away.

I had a delightful time Friday when I spent the latter part of the afternoon with three other fellows at their "farm". It was plenty warm, so that the four of us were pretty well sweated down. Upon their return home the Missus might have thought the other three fellows had done the work on the farm instead of their tenants, but had they searched around for a score card they would have learned that the "farm" is inside the Marine Corps Air Station and the "sticks" in a bag were not carried around to kill snakes.

And speaking about playing golf-yep that's what the above were doing-Lieut.-Comdr. A'von Keller said if he played the game, he would have no difficulty in finding the ball like a lot of 'em have. The reason, he says, is that he wouldn't be able to hit the bloomin' ball in the first place.

Fishermen sure have a terrible reputation. Why, I heard a fellow say the other day that the only truth a fisherman utters is when he tells another fisherman, "You're a damned liar."

The bloomin' stork narrowly missed The Herald office Friday when a baby girl was brought to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hollowell, almost next door. Everything is O. K., however, for Mrs. Hollowell and baby are getting along fine. Friend Hollowell is wearing a broad smile and he has already "delivered" a cigar-a two for two bits stogie at that.

A gang of fellows managed to get Hicks Field so that a game of baseball could be played Monday night, but the field as well as the bleacher seats were rather damp. In fact puddles of water were standing in the outfield, so that maybe the fielders should be furnished a pair of boots. At any rate on close pitches by the moundsmen a fan could hardly yell "Dust him off." It would have been more appropriate to yell "mud him down."

I'm going to get me a gun and go looking for Sergeant Jones of the Edenton Police Department. At about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning my phone rang and after crawling out of a very comfortable bed, Sgt. Jones informed me he had just received a message from the base that a storm was scheduled to hit Edenton Wednesday about noon. "What you want me to do about it?"" asked. "Well," replied the bloomin' cop, thought maybe you wanted to know about it in order to take some precautions to prevent the town from being flooded."

## VFW Set Up To Help Overman Offers **Vets File Application Advice To Farmers** For Insurance Rebate

September 3 For Giving Assistance

Henry G. Quinn, commander of the ocal Veterans of Foreign Wars Post announced this week that the post an old one," the purpose of assisting veterans in filling out applications for G I insurance dividends.

The VFW insurance officer, as well as other VFW members will also be on hand and will be glad to assist any veteran or service man.

The hall will also be open from to 6 P. M. on Saturday, September for this purpose.

Robert Goodwin, the post insurance officer, stated, "Our machinery is all set up for assisting veterans in this area for filing GI insurance rebate applications. Whether you are a VFW ember or not, or whether you served overseas or not, regardless of color or race, all veterans will receive prompt and efficient assistance without charge or obligation."

### **Robert Harrell Speaks** At Calvary Church

Robert Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. odney Harrell and a ministerial student at Wake Forest, conducted services at the Calvary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City Sunday. Mr. Harrell spoke at both the morning and evening services.

structed as Danger-

ous as Old Ones

"A new farm building, if poorly constructed, can be as dangerous as County Agent C. W. hall over the bus station will be Overman says. "Many farmers think open each night at 7 o'clock from that becuase a building was recently August 29 through September 2 for put up, there is little chance of it catching on fire. This is dangerous thinking that can lead to tragic con-

Mr. Overman made the following recommendations to local farmers who are planning to build:

1. Space building far enough from other structures so that one fire will not endanger entire farm.

2. Install a safe electrical system which complies with the National Electrical Code. 3. Be sure Underwriters'-approved

fire extinguishers are located in plain iew throughout all buildings. 4. Build chimneys upon concrete or

solid masonry foundations with a two-inch space between chimney and any wooden construction. 5. Use roofing materials that are

'fire-retardant." Tile, metal, or slate are considered most fire resistive by



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6. Install firestops of non-inflammable materials at intersections of floors and walls.

7. Be sure furnace rooms are large enough to allow air to circulate, thus

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