

FREE TRIPS TO BE GIVEN TO WINNERS OF CONTEST

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FORMAL OPENING OF CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON NEXT MONDAY.

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Contestants Do Not Need to Wait Until Then, But Can Begin at Once Formulating Plans for Campaign and Getting Assistance of Friends.

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A hearty invitation is extended to you to join us. We pay all expense from start to finish. Theatre parties, automobile excursions and other pleasures included. In return for the big tour we ask you to assist us during your spare moments on the subscription end of the Daily News.

This week will be known as the nomination period of the tour campaign. The campaign is open and candidates may start work today, but the formal opening will take place next Monday.

However, there is no reason why you should wait until that time to begin work. Start this week, right today, and you will have rolled up a nice little vote by the opening day.

Open To All Ladies. Any lady of good standing in Washington or outside territory may become a candidate. The campaign is open to ladies either married or single.

The only requisite needed to win is a little spare time and the energy to do a little work that is pleasant and interesting.

Just clip the nomination blank which will be found on another page of this paper. Fill it in and send to (Continued on page four).

GREAT INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN COMMENCEMENT

COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED AT MEETING HERE ON THE 31ST.

EXPECT 10,000 HERE

Teachers and Pupils Anxious to Make a Good Showing. Interesting Program Will Be Rendered on Day of Commencement.

W. G. Privette, county superintendent of schools, has received word from practically all of the schools in the county to the effect that preparations for the big school commencement on March 31 are well under way and that each school district will be represented by a larger attendance and a better exhibit than last year.

Great interest is being taken in the commencement and the teachers are co-operating with Mr. Privette towards making it a success. Numerous prizes will be offered and rivalry between some of the districts is very keen. Various athletic events will form a part of the day's program. The big parade, in which all of the schools will take part, will be another feature of the day's events.

Special train schedules will be in effect on the 31st and it is expected that over 10,000 visitors will be in Washington and that day.

MISS CARTER WINS LARGE SUM ON A UNIQUE WAGER

Walked Over Thirty Miles Yesterday On a Proposition Put to Her By Her Father.

Miss Robena Carter, because of her ability as a walker, yesterday earned \$45. Miss Isabelle Carter, her cousin, earned \$5 and Dr. H. W. Carter and Preston Carter are out the amounts of \$40.95 and \$10, respectively. Numerous "side bets" were run and lost and considerable fun and excitement was provided.

It all started in an argument that Miss Robena had with her father, Dr. Carter. She claimed that she could walk from here to New Bern without any trouble. He said she couldn't. She declared that a jaunt from here to Greenville would be easy. He said it would be preposterous.

Finally the doctor made her a proposition. The round-trip distance from the Eureka mill to the bridge across Jack's Creek is a little short of three miles. He offered Miss Carter one cent for the first trip, two cents for the second, four cents for the third, and so on, doubling it each time. She took him up.

Yesterday morning Dr. Carter went to Greenville on business. The train had not crossed the Pamlico river bridge before Miss Robena was out. She completed two trips before breakfast. After a light repast, she started out again. After the third trip she found out that it was long-some walking, so she went around to the home of her cousin, Miss Isabelle Carter, and offered her \$5 if she would accompany her. Miss Isabelle accepted.

After the fourth or fifth trip, news of the incident began to spread through the city and the appearance of the two young ladies was greeted with cheers on the part of friends. Then the proposition began to appeal to some of the sporting element and they commenced to make wagers on the length of time the pedestrians could hold out. Preston Carter offered Miss Robena an additional \$10 if she would make two or three trips.

They had dinner at the home of Mrs. George Hackney and started out again. During the entire afternoon they kept it up. Supper they took at the Hotel Louise. The walk was resumed after supper.

At 7:30 Dr. Carter returned from Greenville. He was met at the door by Mrs. Carter. She told him of what had taken place.

"How long has she been walking?" asked the doctor.

"Since seven o'clock this morning," replied Mrs. Carter.

"How many trips has she made?" he asked anxiously.

"I don't know exactly, about twelve, I think," answered Mrs. Carter.

With an exclamation, Dr. Carter rapidly found a piece of paper and a pencil. He figured for a minute or two. Then he dropped pencil and paper and ran to the telephone. Mrs. Carter heard him mutter something about "forty dollars," as he waited for central to answer his call. He communicated with Mrs. Hackney, the Hotel Louise and Worthy & Etheridge's drug store, asking them to notify Miss Robena that he was satisfied and for her to "please stop walking."

Jesse Woolard, of Worthy & Etheridge's happened to see the young ladies pass. He went out and "flagged" them, delivering the doctor's message. At first they were loath to quit, but when he convinced them that he spoke the truth, they decided to call off their walk, although both declared that they were not the least bit tired.

They attempted to secure an interview with Miss Carter but at eleven o'clock this morning she was still asleep.

DELEGATION IS COMING

(Special to the Daily News)

Aurora, March 14.—A large delegation will leave here tomorrow to attend the baseball meeting that is to be held in Washington. Much interest has been evinced here over the proposed league and the citizens are enthusiastic about its formation.

The delegation will also make a canvass of the prominent business men of Washington for the purpose of selling shares of stock in the Aurora Fair Association. It is believed that the Washington merchants will respond liberally as they have shown themselves greatly interested in past fairs here.

GOING AND COMING.



DANGER IS SEEN IN CARRANZA'S ACTION

Mexicans Show Hostility In Americans, Who Are Forbidden To Cross New Mexican Border.

Columbus, N. M., March 14.—Distinct unfriendliness manifested by the Carranza forces which crossed at Palomas, seven miles south of here, on Friday night, has led to great uneasiness not only among the civilian population, but in military circles as well.

Army officers admit they are seriously puzzled by the attitude of the Carranzistas.

Distrust of the Mexicans is so great that army officers have refused to permit Americans to cross the border to Palomas. It is also indicated that no troops will move south from this place until some definite information is obtained as to the future course of action of the Carranzistas and a definite pledge obtained from Carranza.

To leave this force of armed Mexicans in the rear of an invading force without being assured of their non-hostile intentions, it is pointed out by men high in the army councils here, would be the greatest folly. 2,000 Carranzistas, in command of General Bertala, in command of the Carranzista force, refuses to discuss his possible course, when American troops cross the Rio Grande. His army is rapidly increasing and, according to information obtained today, will number fully 2,000 by tomorrow night.

The general opinion prevails that even if Bertala and his officers should desire to co-operate with the American forces, the greater part of the soldiers would mutiny and cast in their lot with Villa.

That bandit leader last night was reported at Corraltes Bancho, eighty miles to the south, where he is said to be slaughtering cattle and carrying on a campaign of terror. Unofficial reports last night are to the effect that Wednesday is the day chosen for the first movement into Mexico from this point. The Thirtieth Cavalry, troops of which were engaged with the Villistas during and after the Columbus massacre, will lead the advance.

Big reinforcements are reaching the scene and today was one of preparation.

VILLA EXTENDS HIS RAIDS

Forces of Bandit Leader Cause Wide Havoc in Torreon - Other Developments of the Day.

El Paso, Texas, March 14.—Three revolutionists today brought the horse attention to a crucial point and revived fears of a general Mexican uprising. United States troops may not have only Villa to deal with, but also the Carranzistas and the huge Mexican population on the American side of the border.

Legal officials today were reported simultaneously with the crossing of the first American troops over the international bridge.

BASEBALL MEN TO MEET HERE

MEETING TO BE HELD HERE FOR PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING BASEBALL LEAGUE.

TO MEET AT 11 A. M.

Greenville and Aurora Have Been Heard From Directly. Belhaven and Kinston Will Also Probably Send Delegates.

Representatives from various cities in this section, interested in the organization of a baseball league, will meet tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock in the office of Attorney L. C. Warren, for the purpose of taking definite steps towards reviving the old Eastern Carolina League. When seen this morning Mr. Warren stated that he had received word from Aurora and Greenville to the effect that these cities would be represented at tomorrow's meeting. He also said that he had heard indirectly from Kinston and Belhaven and that these cities would send representatives. No word has been had from the others. P. P. Maxwell will represent Washington at the meeting.

At this time, it looks as if the league would probably consist of four teams, unless those cities which have not been heard from will send delegates here tomorrow. But even with a four team organization, some good baseball will be assured the local fans.

MERCHANTS DO BIG BUSINESS

Fare Refunding Week Has Already Paid for Itself. Many Fares Have Been Refunded.

"Fare Refunding Week," which began Saturday and which will continue throughout this week, is opening up much new business to local merchants and is causing many out of town visitors to come to Washington to do their shopping.

Several more came into the Daily News office today and had their fares refunded to them. All of them were pleased with the result of their purchases and stated that they would continue coming here to do their shopping.

While the three days that have passed have already assured success for the venture, it is expected that many more will come to Washington during the latter part of the week. Merchants are making preparations for big business during Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

HO FOR SPRING, BIRDS DO SING

Warm Weather Has Come at Last. Farewell Given to Winter's Blast.

Spring, Spring, beautiful Spring! Hear the warbling birds sing. Sniff the sweet fragrant flowers; Buy umbrellas for April showers.

poetry, love, waving grass, and other junk of that nature and variety. The first real spring day of the year has arrived. Overcoats have been thrown back into boxes strewn with moth balls and considerable interest is being manifested in the price of palm beach suits.

Local merchants are going about with broad smiles on their faces. Spring has opened at last and with it they expect a big rush of business. Millinery displays will form a big attraction tomorrow and Thursday. Suskin & Berry, Jas. E. Clark and J. K. Hoyt having announced their openings this week. The spring fashions are temptingly arrayed in show windows. Never has there been a more complete stock of spring and summer garments carried by these stores than at the present time.

C. OF COMMERCE WILL DISCUSS RED HILL ROAD

CONTRACTOR TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING TONIGHT AND ADVISE ON PROJECT.

WILL TAKE ACTION

Expected That Definite Steps Will Be Taken at Meeting Tonight to Have the Road from Here to Red Hill Improved.

The proposed improvement of the Red Hill road will form the principal item of discussion at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which is to be held tonight.

It is understood that an experienced road contractor from Raleigh will be present at the meeting and offer advice regarding the best course to pursue in building the road. It is expected that the Chamber will take definite steps tonight towards having the road built.

Several other matters of importance will be brought up and a special request is made for the attendance of every member at the meeting and also the presence of any citizens of Washington or Chowan county townships, who are interested in the project. The meeting will start promptly at eight o'clock.

TO RAISE 70,000 BBLs. POTATOES

People in Vicinity of Aurora Expect to Exceed Last Year's Crop By 20,000 Barrels.

(Special to the Daily News) Aurora, March 14.—With hundreds of acres already planted in potatoes, Aurora expects to bring out the biggest tobacco crop in its history. Last year's output was about 50,000 barrels. It is expected that this year's crop will exceed that figure by fully 20,000 barrels.

The land in the vicinity of Aurora is probably the best suited of any in the State for the growing of potatoes. The crop has been increased every year and this section is fast gaining a reputation for the excellence of its potatoes and the size of its crop.

START WORK ON SCHOOL HOUSE

Residents of Old Ford Will Build New and Modern Structure to Replace Old One.

Work starts tomorrow on the erection of the new school building at Old Ford. It is expected that

with which to begin the work and they intend putting up a building that will be in every way superior to the one that was destroyed by fire. The new structure will be 60 by 70 feet, will contain four class rooms, a large hall, a library, music room and four cloak rooms. It will be a frame building.

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MILLINERY OPENING Wednesday-Thursday Suskin & Berry

CELEBRATED TENTH BIRTHDAY. Miss Margaret Bailey celebrated her tenth birthday yesterday afternoon from three-thirty to six o'clock at her home on Fourth street. Forty of her invited friends gathered and enjoyed games of all kinds. Refreshments were served. Many pretty presents were received.