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#### GASTONIA, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 25, 1922.

### HIGH SCHOOL FINALS WERE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING

#### Diplomas Awarded to Twenty-Four Graduates - Ben Ratchford Delivers the Valedictory Address - Closes Succssful Year's Work.

Diplomas were presented to 24 members of the graduating class of the Gastonia high school Wednesday evening by Supt. Grier, this exercise marking the close of the scholastic year. Preceding this feature of the evening was the annual literary address by Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., of Charlotte, who gave the graduates some sound practical advice. He urged them to be honest, loyal and ambitious. In the beginning of his speech he took accasion to compliment the city of Gastonia on its fine school equipment, paved streets and cotton mill supremacy. He was especially pleased with the announcement of a new high school building. Dr. Orr had no regular subject or theme, explaining that he did not come to make a speech, but to talk a little while. His discourse was punctu-ated with frequent humorous stories. ROTARY-KIWANIS GAME ated with frequent humorous stories.

Following the invocation by Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, Miss Evelyn Boyd, salutatorian of the class, welcomed the friends who had come to the closing exercises. She expressed the appreciation of the class to the city and to the school board for the many advantages provided.

After Dr. Orr's address, Mr. A. E. Woltz presented the R. B. Babington medal for the boy of the class who attained the highst honors in the class, to Ben Ratchford, valedietorian. In the course of his speech, Mr. Woltz paid a tal.

presented by Principal Ray Armstrong and the diplomas were awarded by will go to the high school athletic asso- stimulating the attendance.

fine speech. Barbaghout his entire high Kinwanians the game without fail. school course he has displayed marked ability as a debater and an orator, and his speech last night was up to his usual standard.

The stage decorations, the flowers, the gifts, the graduating dresses, together with all the things that make up a high school graduating event, were all beautiful. Another audience that packed the auditorium willnessed the exercises.

BISHOP JOHN C. KILGO QUITE, ILL IN MEMPHIS

Seized Suddenly While En Route To Charlotte From Methodist Conference.

#### MILL MEN TO ATTEND REPORTS SHOW PRACTICALLY NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN N. C. WASHINGTON, May 25. icture reviving business activity broughout the country is drawn by ecretary Davis, in a statement toay based on reports of employment conditions to the Department of Labor. The reports indicate that unemployment has been "practically elim-

inated" in New York state, the secretary said, that it has been reduced more than 50 per cent in the past three months in Pennsylvania, while the "swan song of business depression has given way to a cheerful note of improved industrial activity" in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. There is unmistable evidence'' of improved industrial conditions prevailing on the Pacific coast Mr. Davis said, while in the south the reports show steady improvement in Georgia, Tennessess and Alabama and that practically no unemployment now exists in North Carolina.

# SET FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY man of the Board of Governors and Win-ston D. Adams of Charlotte N. C., secre-

Annual Contest Between Two convention by reason of the several vital Clubs Is Being Arranged - problems affecting or likely to affect the Rotarians Out to Avenge trend of Southern development that will Last Year's Defeat.

be considered at this time. The recent

The candidates for diplomas were the second dates for diplomas were inst year. The proceeds of the game inst year. The proceeds of the game

Supt. Grier. It was 11 years ago, said ctation. By the time Wednesday after- There will be two sessions of the con-Mr. Grier when the graduating class noon rolls around, both teams will be in Friday evening and then a business meetentered school and it was also eleven the pink of condition. The Rotary team ing Saturday morning. The opening adyears since he came to Gastonia as prin-has had one practice, and the Kiwanis dress Friday will be the annual address pal of the high school. The valedictory was spoken by Ben club says that one more afternoon of of President Tyson who is expected to YOUNG NELSON IS PUT Ratchford. Young Ratchford made a practice by the Rotarians will insure the sound the key-note of the convention. It will be remembered that last year Agriculture; James A. Emory, chief the Kiwanis club administered a stinging counsel of the National Association of defeat to the Rotarians and the latter are Manufacturers Hon. Thomas O. Marvin, out this year for revenge. Following is chairman of the United States Tariff the line-up for the Kiiwanis team, there Commission; Sir Auckland Geddes, Brit eing two players for each position : Jim Anderson, If.; Arthur Jones, c.; of Nashville, Tenn., chancellor of Van 'rice Rankin, If.; Hugh Legare, rf.; derbilt University. Mr. Wallace will dis-Walker Hamner, 3rd; Dick Aycock 1st; cuss the cotton erop situation from the Arthur Spencer, rf.; Gregg Cherry, c.; standpoint of the activities of his De-Ralph Ray, p.; Cantey Johnson, short; partment while Mr. Emory will talk of

Lester Kellner, p.; Mont Jones, p.; the trend of legislation in Washington J. C. Jones cross-examine Romeya Nelsider the tariff situation now such an

DR. OTTO L. WIEDFELDT, GERMANY'S FIRST ENVOY SINCE BERNSTORFF, HERE. WASHINGTON MEETING **Gaston County Textile Heads** 

to American Cotton Manufacturers' Association-Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly, Vice-President.

Interest throughout the South centers in the 26th annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association that is to be held in Washington Friday and Saturday of this week. The local delegation to this meeting will leave Thursday evening for the Capital City. In the party will be Messrs. J. H. Separk, a member of the Board of Governors; A. G. Myers, Clyde Armstrong, R. G. Rankin, W. T. Rankin, Fred Smyre, Frost Torrence and others. Large delegations will also attend from the various textile centers of the

South, some 500 to 600 of the leading cotton mill men of the country being expected. The officers of the Association are Gen. Lawrence D. Tyson, of Knoxville, Tenn., president; C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly, N. C., vice president; W. E. Beattie of Greenville, S. C., chair-

man of the Board of Governors and Win-

tary and treasurer. Particular interest centers in this

Plans for the annual Kiwanis-Rotary well-remembered child labor case will be United States, has just arrived in this known to the authorities here and would day, May 31, are rapidly maturing and discussions regarding the possible trans- ca. high tribute to Mr. Babington as the the contest between the two teams for of Northern activities to the South- for its commonplace air, and in decidfounder of the N. C. Orthopaedic hospi- promises to be as equally interesting as ern territory and the comment as to com- ed contrast to the pomp and circum-

Among the speakers will be Secretary Henry C. Wallace of the Department of ish Ambassador, and Dr. J. H. Kirkland,

Grady Rankin, p.; Chas. Gray, short: with particular application to its bear-Arthur Winget, second; Clyde Arm-strong, center; Jno. Miller, second; An-sider the tariff situation now such an



The second se

Dr. Otto L. Wiedfelt, first Ambassa-His reception was most striking occurred. feldt, a leading director of the Krupp works, is one of the most important in-

dustrial and economic authorities in Germany.

## THROUGH A GRILLING

#### Lincolnton Girl's Husband Unable to Define Love-Tells on Cross-Examination of His Feelings When He Married in Charlotte.

#### (Charlotte Observer.)

crowded court room listened to Attorney before be threw himself upon his bunk of love, during his trial of the case in and attempted to lynch him; and pray-

## Ward's Story of Black Mail And CIVITAN CLUB HAS BEEN The Killing Of Young Peters Third Civic Club For City-Is Is Accepted With Reservations

#### Peters Family Say He Was in South Carolina as Late as May 13-Was Killed May 15-More to Story than Has Yet Been Divulged.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 23. marines. -Investigators today continued to delve beneath the story of Walter S. Ward, used by Ward. Sheriff Werner says he has the gun

wealthy baking company official, who "I can produce Ward's gun when it has declared by shot and killed Clarence is need, " Peters, former navy man, in a fight growing out of a blackmail plot. Latest developments have aroused the "'How about Peters' gun!'' he was

ed.'' "How about Peters' gun?" he was question as to how long Ward had been asked.

equainted with Peters before the kill-"I can't say anything about that," he replied.

The Peters family in Haverhill, Mass., claims to have a postcard from young Peters from South Caroling, data carly in May. Peters was rejected the fight near the Kensico reservoir, he Greensboro and Ashville clubs will also by the marine corps May 11, according is sure they are in safe custody and be on hand, in addition to Mayor Eaton to government reports. Allowing for will be produced when necessary. State and probably others from the Winstonthe shortest possible time Peters could police found only one near the scene of not have reached New York before May the gun fight described by Ward. 13, and he went on his death ride on The sheriff also displayed the gar-

13, and he went on his death ride on The sheriff also displayed the gar-the night of May 15. The blackmail ments found on Peters and showed that plot had been going on for six weeks, a bullet had pierced the vest and shirt according to Ward's story. in front and passed through the coat,

The statement of police from sar vest and shirt in back. This indicated, ounding towns that Peters was seen he said, that Peters must have had his on Ward's baking company trucks sev coat open when the shot that killed him decision of the Supreme Court in the dor from the German Republic to the eral times before his death was made was fired.

baseball game to be played next Wednes-baseball game to be played next Wedneseern to all cotton mill men. The recent at New York on the steamship Ameri- ciuity for some time before the killing here and complicated a mysterious situation.

lavestigators employed by the Peters The authorities' attitude toward the June 6, 7, and 8, and the North Caro-family have notified the authorities here blackmail plot story and other portions lina State convention will precede the that they are trying to run to earth of Ward's confession is typified in dis- big meeting by one day when the Tar the reports that Ward may have known trict attorney Week's declaration that Heel Civitan hosts gather in Asheville Eders in Boston, which would date the there is no limit to the length he will requaintanceship back of the time that go to clear up the mystery of the killthe dead sailor tried to enlist in the ing and its causes.

#### NEGRO SAFE IN THE KAY DIXON BACK TO STAY; **BIBB COUNTY JAIL** IN TEXTILE BUSINESS

After Rope Was Around His Neck, Made Friend of Bloodhound, Prays for Mob.

(By The Associated Press.)

MACON, GA., May 24.-Jim Deanegro youth, prayed unusually an absence of several years, will be de- Harvey H. McKay, C. J. McCombs, WINDSOR, VT., May 24. - A long in the Bibb county jail tonight lighted to know that he has decided to F. E. Saunders, Marshall Dilling, A. for his first night's sleep of this week;

he prayed for the members of the mob and it to make Gastonia his permanent S. H. Ware, son for nearly an hour today in an enother that broke into the jail at Irwinton, residing place. Mr. Dixon has associated in Birmingham in the Spring of 1917. deavor to secure from him his definition Ga., carly Tuesday, dragged him out himself with his father, Mr. J. K. Dixon, The name, coined by one of the charter -Reassures His Family. -Reassures His Family. MEMPHIS, TENN., May 25. Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the piscopal Church, South, who is ill at a local hospital here, rallied ill at a local hospital here, rallied

ORGANIZED IN GASTONIA

Planned to Function Along Lines of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs-Charter to Be Presented Thursday, June

Gastonia's newest organization, a livitan club, has been launched, and a harter will be presented next Thursday evening, June 1, at the Country Club. Representatives of the Charlotte, Winston Salem, Greensboro and Asheville clubs will be present on that ocsaid the sheriff, "and it will casion to convey greetings to the newest Cititan club in North Carolina An attractive program is being prepared. Mayor Enton, of Winston Salefii, a member of the Twin City Civitan Club will present the charter on behalf of the International Association of Civitan Salem club.

The Gastonia club will start off with a charter membership of 25. C. B. Squires chairman of the extension committee of the Charlotte club was instrumental in bringing into being the Gastonia club. R. F. Brown, field représentative of the International Association, has been in Gastonia for the last several The entrance of investigators for the days assisting in the completion of the

> The International convention of Civitan clubs will be held in, Chattanooga June 5.

> Other clubs are in prospect in several towns in the Charlotte territory and efforts are loing made to complete ithe organization before the Chattanooga onvention. Mr. Brown will be in this ection for only a very few days to assist in completing the overtures made for harters in these towns.

Emery B. Denny, member of the Gas-Jim Denson Thinks Providence Saved Him—He Got Away Is Associated With His Father in Management of Trenton Gastonia Club, F. C. Abernethy, cashier and Dixon Mills-Has Had of the Third National Bank in Gastonia Long Experience in Bank- is temporary secretary.

The charter list includes: Frank C. Abernethy, E. R. Warren, Kay Dison, C. The many friends of Mr. Kay Dixon, B. Byers, V. D. Long, C. C. Carpenter, B. Denny, J. A. Griffith, C. C. Carpenter, Whitesades who recently returned to Gastonia after W. H. Patrick, Major V. Whitesides, east his lot again in his old home town Froneberger, R. W. Rankin, Gus Ginn,

The first Civitan club was organized

dition still is described by them as as follows: 'critical." Gray.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 25. -Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is ill at the Methodist hospital here suffered a relapse this morning and his physicians states that his condition is critical. Bishop Kilgo spent a fairly comfortable night, but suddenly grew much weaker this morn-

He is now only semi-conscious, it was stated at the hospital. Bishop Kilgo was taken ill Monday night while returning to his home at Charlotte from the Methodist conference at Hot Springs.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 24.-Bishop John C. Kilgo of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, who was taken ill while en route to his home in Charlotte N. C., after attending the recent general conference of the church in Hot Srings. tion at a local hospital.

#### FAMILY IS REASSURED BY

WIRES FROM HIS FRIENDS of The Acts. In an eloquent and touch-CHARLOTTE, May 24. -- Bishop Kill ing manner he gave some striking illusgo was taken ill at Memphis, Tenn., on trations showing how God is today transhis return from the conference at Hot forming the hearts and then the lives of Herrick added, "why you just mosey a Springs, and was taken to a hospital some of the world's most successful busi- round to my offivce and we will to the there. The family has received wites ness men.

saying he had rallied and was resting and others of the day before and after poetry, Herrick gave this: comfortably. He also wired his family they had believed on God and become not to come. followers of Christ, some higher critics of

### AROUND-WORLD AVIATORS

COMPLETE FIRST LAP the teachings of this one man, Jesus (By The Associated Press.)

Christ, should transform one fifth of the PARIS, May 25. - Beccause of a Roman Empire by the end of the third adding: slight fog this forenoon there was some century. This fact of history stands out delay in the departure of Major W. T. at a challenge to the church today. Blake, Captain Norman MacMillan, and Dr. Bruner then showed how this I have neither father nor mother, sister. Lieut. Col. L. E. Broome, the British same spirit of Christ is very much alive nor brother, uncle or aunt, nephew or married her? aviators, who reached Paris yesterday in the world today. Just as it taught His neice nor cousin, even in the fortyfrom England on the first stage of their disciples to stop praying for vengeance third degree. Life to me is not sweet attempted 30,000 mile flight around the upon their enemies, so it is today build and I don't care two whoops in genena world. The airmen had their machine ing hospitals for the sick and crippled of if you go up a couple of miles and stand out on Bourget field, ready for the de- humanity. Even the disciples turned aparture, but at 1:30 p. m. they were still way from suffering suffering in their awaiting more favorable conditions. The early ministry and after catching the next stop for the aviators will be Lyons. vision of the Christ, sought to heal the sick and restore the crippiel. Our dif-



tures load tody July 20.38; October 20.11; Learning P. in-19.97; January 19.81; March 19:03; Spota 21.50.



atrongly after a relapse early today and over near the third base line where they cent discussions North and South will Romeyn's affections. Young Mrs. Net United States. his physicians say that he is now rest- will be excented by the cheer leaders, prove of particular interest just at this son formerly was Miss Nellie Rudisill, ing more comfortably, although his con- Other positions on the Kiwanis team are time. The Board of Governors of the of Lincolnton, N. C., and was mare the mole was made possible by an act

CONGRESSMAN HERRICK

self the only real actual dare devil of Congress, Representative Manuel Her-

Herbert J. Fahy, the flyer, had prom-

sed the Oklahoman that he would lose

nore than a necktic if he agreed to go up.

kin; third base line, Jim Sloan, Our umpires: Geo, Mason and Miles rick, Republican, Oklahoma, accepted Rudisill, (Game guaranteed by both.) an aviator's challenge today to join him in a high flight with the brakes off.



ficulties in winning men to Chrst today

are not greater than those of the early

disciples. They won the Jew, the Sama-

Services each day at 10 a. m, and 7:45

THE WEATHER

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North Carolina, mostly cloudy tonight

Water boys: Al Stanford and Charlie

Surgeous: Geo, Powell and Tom Wil-

Coaches: First base line, Wiley Ran-

Williams:

Barrett

Rittin.

go with me to the War Department." Raleigh Pastor Shows That Spirit of Christ Is Alive in request as a Congressman, personally." the World Today - First The Oklahoma House member said ne **Evening Service Today.** he was "sore at the department for is-

"The Transfigured Church" was the sunig an order that I must not do any Ark., was reported in a critical condi- subject of Dr. Weston Bruner's sermon more stants flying over the capital for at the First Baptist church this morning fear 1 might fall upon the skylight and fracture a pane or two and thus put some using as a basis for his discourse, some slivers of glass in some sleepy Senaverses from the first and second chapters

tor's or Congressman's nose." "If you really have any said in your eraw to make good the challenge," Mr. War Department together.

from ministers who stopped off with him Comparing the lives of Peter and John Dropping into his own home made ance to the marriage ectementy. If when we fly away on high we should fall down and die.

'Anyone who wants to ery must rub an today might get the idea that there were onion in their eye." two Johns. It is hard to understand how Advising Faby to take out some life

insurance, Herrick said he had none.

not leaving and dependents behind. Fir the marriage. her on her nose and let her hit."

PORTSMOUTH HAS BIG

\$75,000 HOTEL FIRE (By Associated Press.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., May 25. it. Fire early today completely destroyed ritan, the Greek and Barbarian and the roe the hotel in their night clothing, and any longer? damaged the Masonic Temple and the - A . Q.

Court atreet Baptist church. The loss was placed at \$75,000. The hundred odd guests in the hotel recall. I think we were both excited, shake him. with elevators and electric lights out of too. order and the glare of flames only

lighting hallways, were aroused and that night? left the hotel without trace of public. A. Yes. Two small residences on Queen street.

sall demolished another small have. Asheville Times

IS DARE DEVIL AVIATOR Attorney Jones asked Romeon if he impresement. It is the only chance Jacksonville he was for nearly six years high ideals, and demands of its mem-

definition of love.

"It is a mood." ... It is a state of mind ...

"It is an abstraction,"

"It is intangible." These were the most concrete defini-

go with me to the War Department," Mr. Herrick wrote, "and make the real wring from Young Nelson Cross examination of Young Nelson

quest for a plane and I will back up the by Attorney Jones was les follows, in body, he was

would make no request himself because you married her!

1 don't know,

- Who popped the quastast? Q
  - She did Who matried you ?
- 0. I don't know.

You don't care the you? 12.

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Λ.

impress you? I was excited at the time

Λ. Is that all? Q.

I did not attach nuch import-Α.

I regarded it only its a formal-

time.

to the ditch.

I think I did.

I cannot define it. You have been matried three

A ....

building, routed all the guests of marry you and did not sound to wait trail.

(Yawningly.) Excited.

Q.

The real statesman will be the man was playing with a second hound and violation with the Federal reserve bank- ing conducted here, by J. B. Pa s reached him.

Believing that Denson's escape from cation that Mr. Dixon has great faith in

ing Business.

Ther positions on the Kiwaals feam are s follows: The Baard of Governors of the s follows: Cheer leaders: Joe Watson and Geo, Ray, Bat holders: Ken Glass and Dam gestion, on Christmas Day, 1917, while will ask Governor Hardwick to com genrs vice president of the United States Club has for its purpose the building Trust Company. Just prior to going to and making of good citizens. It has

> For nearly an hour Young Nelson There were two newspaper reporters Bank of Gastonia in 1900. After two was pressed by Attorney Jones for his from this city in the party. They yours with that bank he went to the State definition of love. Turned Denson over to Sheriff Player, University for two years, following They yoars with that bank he went to the State itan Clubs is a corporation, not for

at Irvington, Ga., who only a few which he spent two years in Washington Alabama. Membership in the Interna-hours before had declared his behef that as private sceretary to Congressman E. tional Association of Civitan Clubs is Yutes Webb. Returning to Gastonia he

It was like bringing a man back was again with the First National for from the grave to present the prisoner two years, resigning to take a position as expressed in its motto: "Builders of "You will at your earliest convenience tions that Attorney Jones was able to at the Wilkin on county pail. As soon assistant State bank examiner of South Good Citizenship. as the negro could be fed and clothed, Carolina with headquarters at Columbia. The Civitan Club aspires to leader

for there were only a tew rage on his S. C. From the latter place he went to ship in all things that make for a betbody, he was rushed to the county jail, Asheville, Gastonia is fortunate in scenting Mr. rock of devotion to state and nation,

bid you know your mind when arried her? I don't know.

the gateway of the local just. "I'se sho mighty proud to be here," time vitally interested in matters of a section of the sect and Pim smilled until his big white old home town his most loyal support

and his best efforts in all matters per CHERRYVILLE CHAMBER teeth glistenid. Inside the gad there were two recept taining to its welfare and upbuilding

Denson was dead.

tions for the pressner, one by the ne goes with out saying. Did the suleanity of that occas: groes; the other he wante-"They fied a rope around my neck,"

said Denson, "then they grabbed me JOHN J. PARKER APPEALS TO U. S. SUPREME COURT. into the car. I asked to to let me

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25. -John members and passing upon proposed by-laws the temporary board of directors of pray and they represent that they hadn't J. Parker, counsel for the North Caro the newly organized Cherryville Chamber of heard them see the would shoot line state banks in the injunction pro- of Commerce held a rousing meeting in

me just out of time. The knot on the coedings before the State Supreme the Pythian club roome at Cherryville, A. I regarded it only as a robust of the just and of the part and the part a

A. To marriage. have neither father nor mother, sister, or brother, uncle or aunt, nephew or Network and the father nor mother for the father for a grant of the father father for a grant of the father father

chants and Farmers Bank, of Monroy, proposed organization and it is heli ved "When I go the ditch seven N, C, after member banks of the Fed that a creditable membership will be

Q. Don't you know what her is!
Q. Don't you know what her is!
A. I am not able to define it.
Q. And you have been in college 10 years, and don't know what love is!
A. I cannot define it.
Q. You have been in college 10 the section of the sectio

Q. You have been matried three years, and you don't know what love is? he obtained bread from another negro banks. The union county Wednesday night meeting, presided over banks banks. The union county Wednesday night meeting, presided over banks. The union county by Temporary President Summers and details for the organization were quite

Well, I certainly did not find and then returned to the swamp. At sun-up today, he stad, he crawled out session of the North Carolina general the last Q. What was your state of mind and got planes, being nearly starved, assembly at the instance of some of the Orpheum Theatre in the Hotel Month the night she told you she wanted to Then he have the bloodhounds on his the banker members of the legislature,

who claimed that the state banks were "Pretty scould flat white hound came losing a great deal of money through

upon me, and the negro. "I kept imping from one side of the not allowing the collection of ite freight rate system based on male-How was the girl? She was excited, too. I don't the ercek to the other. I couldn't these exchanges. The haw gave the age, with minor variations which lie got right up to my state banks the right to collect ex- was expected to discuss today, is ad-

1. I think we were both excited, bid you think about it during night? Yes. I the negro had this dog tied to him, The negro had this dog tied to him, The negro had this dog tied to him, The negro had this mean and the second had this dog tied to him, The negro had this mean and the second had the second h

tonia to become identified with the tex-tile manufacturing industry is an indi-cation that Mr. Dixon has great faith in "Civitan," which is a "citizen," but the future development of this great from the very purposes and beliefs of

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 25.—Willing to take a chance with death to prove him-take a chance a chance a chance a chance a chance a chance a chanc

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The International Association of Civmade up of the local Civitan Clubs, The purpose of this organization is

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Planning a whirlwind campain for

details for the organization were quite

(By The Associated Press.)

BASED ON MILEAGE.

WANTS FREIGHT RATES

PLANNING CAMPAIGN