

PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GERMANS TUESDAY

Von Bethmanny Incellor follweg Receives Represenatives of the United States, main and Other Neutral

ountries and Signifies Wilmess on the Part of Cenral Powers to Enter Into eace Negotiations.

Dec. 12.--Germany's al for peace is regarded here naving broken the chains which for the have restrained the United es as well as other neutrals from ting offers of mediation. the one set of belligerants has been that one set of belligerants has held its. willigness the discuss the terms—a condition often piter-d as necessary to any action by dent Wilson-there are indicas that when the United States, act. as the intermediary, transmits the man proposal it may accompany action by some steps, necessarily leafe to throw the influence of the ited States into the balance for at consideration, however prelimry, of the terms on which a lasting might be brought to the world. e ranking officials of the Amerigovernment believe a league of ons such as President Wilson has ested must be the outcome, and could not be perfected without the rticipation of the United States. Whether the United States will usual the German proposal without comment whatever, or accompany with some formal or informal exession, will not be finally decided til the note delivered to American

t Wilson's hands, probably tomor-There were indications tonight that

are Grew in Berlin reaches Presi-

be ready to relinquish the claim on

Kiau Chau. The security of Turkey in posses sion of Constantinople probably would be insisted upon by the central powers, as well as the restoration of Albania.

The establishment of independent cingdoms in Lithunia and Poland would be one of the factors in the German proposal, although that part Poland possessed by Germany at the ontbreak of the war would not be included.

What adjustment would be made to cover the Tretino region between Austria and Italy, or any provisions affecting egypt, the Suez canal. Mesopolamia or the gateways of control to the Indian empire are not made clear in German quarters here. The Bulkan situation is considered so deli-

he peace conference. some definite progress early in Jan-uary, There is said to be no possibil-ity of a peace conference being held in the United States. Berne and The Skinner, Yonkers, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. Hague are mentioned as most likely places and it is not doubted that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here, would go as one of his country's representatives. His attitude was expressed tonight in the following statement:

"I am, of course, extremely gratified at the step that has been taken. hope that it will be successful. Even if it does not lead to peace it offers proof that Germany wants peace, even after a victorious campaign, and does desire responsibility for further suffering of mankind, loss of life and property. Germany wants peace and does not desire conquest. I can not ay anything about the terms.

Diplomats of the entente allies here regard the peace offer as having the double purpose of placing upon the allies the responsibility for continu-

ing the war, and for impressing upon e that they are fight-

MORE TOURISTS ARRIVE.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

ed for the occasion.

May Purchase Truck.

being used on the county highwavs of

Clemson College, S. C., Dec. 12.-

After making an economic survey of

eight counties, specialists of the Office

of Public Roads determined the dollars.

and cents effect of good roads on land

Supervisor West and Commissioner

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our For Camden Graded Schools For The Interesting Happenings Gathered From **Hobkirk Inn Register Shows Number**

A delighted audience heard the lec-

of New Arrivals.

Hobkirk's register for the first of this season certainly points to a banner year. The North cottage and annex having been open since. November 1st is now filled past its capacity and

the improvements on new office and parlors are being rushed through so as to be able to transfer the guests into etary. the main hotel before Christmas. The entertainment to be given tomor-

The big bungalow on the Hobkirk row night by the pupils of the high school in the auditorium promises to grounds has just had two baths and rooms added, and newly shingled with be a most enjoyable affair. asbestos shingles which adds greatly to its looks.

ture of Dr. W. S. Currell, president of The following is a list of arrivals at Hobkirk for this season so far: Mr. M. H. Bridgeman, Hartford, the South Carolina University in the school auditorium last Friday night.

Rev. A. M. Gardner, who was re-turned by the annual conference as Conn.; Mrs. J. Hall Dow, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Smith, Pitts pastor of the Bethune Methodist church burgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cook, John A. Cook, Brooklyn, N. Y.; will have charge of five churches the coming year, viz: Bethune, Bethany, Chas. E. Goodspeed, New York; Mrs St. Matthews, Lucknow and Sandy cate it would have to be untangled in T. A. Lawton, Newport, R. I.; Mr. and Grove, the latter having been added to Mrs. F. W. Hopkins, Wilmette, Ill.; The whole German view of the Ralf W. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. peace move is that it is a step toward R. V. Pierce, Buffalo; Mrs. M. J. Dethe work. Mr. B. F. Bolton and family, who have resided here the past year, moved discussion of peace terms, which if lano, Miss Howland, Asheville, N. C.; to Mr. J. C. Josey's farm, near Tur-key Creek church, on Tuesday. emounts to anything, ought to show I, B. Ault, Fred Von Steinwisch, Cin-We regret to learn that Mrs. M. E.

C. King, of Camden, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Watkins, in Dar-Tudor, Boston; Mrs. White, Miss Wil-liams, Geneva, N. Y. lington county, has been seriously ill for several days. At last accounts, The William Dodsworth family, of however, she was slightly improved.

The Christmas tree which is to be ber 15th to occupy one of the Cook given for the Sunday School children Englewood, N. J., will arrive Decemcottages. They will send down their of Bethune and vicinity, will be held at the Bethune Baptist church on Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock. An servants and horses'a few days ahead of them. attractive programme has been arrang-

Mrs. Whittredge and her daughter, Miss Olive, are again spending the winter in Camden and are in the de

Jersey house. Mr. Ralph Ellis and family of Jeri-T. R. Horton, accompanied by Messrs. cho, Long Island, will be down Tuesday for the winter. Mr. Ellis had a W. R. DeLoache and S. L. Perry, made number of horses in the New York a trip to Gaffney Monday in Mr. Per-Show recently which he will bring ry's Dodge car, to inspect a truck now down for the winter season. Mr. C. M. Taintor, of Montana, is Cherokee. Mr. West is contemplating here for the winter. Mr. Taintor is buying one for the county gang, and

a well known polo player who cames the matter will be brought up at the Mr. John R. Todd and family, of with the use of a quick movable truck Summitt, N. J., are occupying their be can keep big quick movable truck here every season.

Regular Correspondent. Month of November. Bethune, S. C., Dec. 14.-At the regular meeting of Lynchwood Lodge, No-

Grade 1 .--- Susie May Bateman, Claro Bruce, Coline Campbell, Carolyn Heyman, Billy Lindsay, Virginia Nettles, Virginia Nicholson, Willie Porter, Wal-197, A. F. M., held last Satorday afternoon, the following officers were electter Rhame, John W. Richardson, Clara ed to serve for the ensuing year: Wm. Thompson, W. M.; J. A. McCaskill, S. W.; A. T. Bethune, J. W.; N. K. Me-Kinnon, treasurer; S T Gardner, sec-Sowell, Bessie Truesdale, Mary Thompson.

Grade 2,-Moultrie Burns, Harvel Clarke, Davis Jung, Jack Kirkland, Mary Cureton, Sarah DePass, Lavinta Gibson, Mary Goodale, Jumelle Halle, Frederick Kirkland, Dalsy Lang, Mary Frances McCoy, Harriett Whitaker, Carolyn Wooten.

ROLL OF HONOR

Grade 3.-Margaret DeLoache, Ell zabeth Clarke, Lucy Harding, Elizabeth Lewis, Mary Moore, Martha Singleton, Cora Williams, Henry Hardy, Boykin Rhame, Elihu Schlosburg, Al-

Grade 4.—Miriam Bruce, Mildred Gardner, Helen Hinson, Louise Hirsch, Ethel Smith, Harriett Steedman, Thoburn Bond, Stephen Condor, William Nettles, Cecil Wittkowsky.

Grade 6.—Andrew Burnet, George Coleman, Laurens Mills, Virginia Clarke, Estelle Harding, Nellie Kirk-

Truesdale, Henry Clarke, Thornwell Hay.

Grade 8.-Sara Clyburn. Grade 9.--Christine Jones, Emma Villepigue, Hannah Lazarus, Rebekah

Lazarus, Mabel Lee. Grade 10.- Paul Twitty, Clara Cureton, Jimmie Griggs, Mary Kirkland, Corinne Lewis, Mable Pate, Olive Rhame, Wrennie Boykin, Mary Cly-burn, May Rush, John DeLoache, Evaret Schenk.

Grade 11.-Ernestine Bateman, Bo salle Block, Nancy Lindsay, Margaret Taylor.

MANY MADE HAPPY.

Employees of First National Busy This Week Paying Christmas Checks.

Bank have been working late at nights is getting along as well as could be getting ready to pay off Christmas sav- expected. ings club depositors, and on last Mon- C. P. Nanny has resigned the manage

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

The Era of That Piace.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas. Westville, Monday, Nov. 27, 1916, a son, Albertus Lorenza.

Mr. R. N. Montgomery, who resided in Kershaw the past four years at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel McNinch, died here last Tuesday, Dec 5. at the age of 70 years. Mr. Montgomery was a soldier in the Confede rate Army, being a member of Company I, 5th South Carolina Reserves, Capt. Jas. Small's Company. He is survived by two daughters. Mrs. S. McNinch, of Kershaw and Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Camden; one son, Robt. A. Montgomery of Sumter; two sisters, Mesdames Margaret Dunlap of Clarks ville, Ark., three brothers, Merrsr. D. Pressley, Calhoun, S. C., Thomas, Ha vana, Ark., and Jefferson, of Texas. The remains were interred in the Kershaw cemetery Wednesday afternoon after funeral services by Rev. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the Kershaw Bap tist Church.

Hon. W. U. Olyburn, who bought the Brewer Gold Mine property about five years ago, has been offered, \$125,000 land, Estelle Williams. Grade 7.—Joyce Steedman, Elizabeth Workman, Josephine Cureton, Cecil talists from Philadelphia visited Mr. Clyburn recently in person and made an offer of \$100,000 for the property, and the larger offer has been made by let ter since his visit.

Mrs. D. E. Craft mother of Mrs. S O. Gregory, and the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shofield. and another aunt, Mrs. E. C. Cobb. all of Swansea, motored to Kershaw last week and spent Thursday and Fri day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Gregory.

Mary Beckham, colored, was acvi-dentally shot in the right wrist Sunday morning at her home at Westville by a boy who was fooling with a loaded shot gun. After passing through the wrist the load plowed an ugly gash in the bleep of the right arm. Drs. Brasington and Gregory, who attended the woman, had to take off the The employees of the First National right hand just above the wound. She

ment of the Kershaw Coca Cola Bo All club members could not He will be succeeded by S. L. Black self with the details of management. gage in the bottling business in York. Rev. J. F. Mahaffey and family pass-ed through Kershaw last Friday in their car on their way to York, where Mr. Mahaffy will be stationed as pas tor of the York Methodist church. Mr. Mahaffy was pastor of the Kershaw as new ones have already opened 1917 Methodist church about twenty years are, when the church was included in the old Hanging Ree's circuit, and counts. Should you call at the bank lived in the home now occupied by J. -Carl A. Horton and Walter Floyd, of Kershaw, and Cavitte Jordan and Tillman Hilton, of Westville, who were with the Kershaw Guards on the Mexlean border are back at home and their Miss Mary Hayes of Camden, and ed to have their little savings accumu- Miss Nancy Hayes'of Winthrop College, inted during the year come back to were home Sunday to see their uncle

ments have made known their atde towards the German proposal. is it was pointed out, necessarily aid be done in such a delicate and aconfidential way that it never ld be publicly known should the said to be absolutely necessary so to leave the United States free and marrassed to' act when an actable neace offer comes.

erardiess of whether President Hind possibly might again send to ope his personal friend and, ad-Col. E. M. House.

formation was conveyed in the this is an economic as well as a milidated Press dispatches from Ber- tary war.

President Wilson was said to be Secretary Lansing maintain- courage peace talk. similar attitude. The cabinet sed the development at its reg-Tuesday meeting, but the situawas described by members as so bush delicate that no announcecould be made.

e absence of any specific terms The German embassy, howis in possession of advices which Hindenburg. he in a general way what Gerexpects and the diplomats of intente powers, of being supplied with inforbelieve they have a general of what terms the central powe willing to advance as the for discussion. Recent diss to the German embassy india belief that the general terms be in substance as follows:

restoration of the stants quo exacuation of Belgium and the ation of the occupied portions them France with the exception sace and Lorraine. No authorizpression was obtainable from the be attached to the restoration gium and French territory, but understood the German Idea make provision for the future allty of Belgium and probably

defortification, particularly city of Antwerp. It was also tood that no conditions amountiomic control of the mineral of northern France would be to be asked. All Germany's lost es she expects to be returned. ssions in the Pacific, however. et a subject of great concern and etlin government is understood to as far south as Nish, which would

express the solemn and earnest ing a defensive conflict against eneth of the United States for a careful mies who refuse quarter. Coming imsideration of the suggestions of mediately after the culmination of the ce, even before the entente gov- triumphant Roumanian campaign, the peace offer, entente diplomats say, is intended also to impress the German people that they need have no lack of confidence in their government to

continue the war. Based upon information from their decline the offer. This course home governments the entente diplomats believe Germany's terms are in SCRNOTI. general about as follows:

Regardless of how far Germany's

proposals may be expected to go toward ending the war, it was regardson decides to accompany the ed as of great significance that for man proposals with any word. It the first time in two and a half years said tonight he unquestionably of war one group of belligerants had Id take steps to learn the attitude addressed the other on the subject entente allies towards the peace through the channels of diplomacy. In German quarters here it is believed that any sort of an armistice during a discussion of peace plans me of the official dispatches had would be out of the question because

Meanwhile the central powers, it interested but reserving com- is said, expected all neutrals to en-

So far as has been disclosed no News. intimations reached the American government forecasting the action of the central powers. Today a dis-patch sent from Berlin Sunday night to the German embassy announced the intention of the government to are in the note or in the German make public peace proposals "prob-rellor's speech was in a measure ably Tuesday". This was taken to appointment to those who ex- indicate that the move had been desome concrete expression of cided upon Saturday or Sunday and sis on which negotiations might probably after Emperor William's five hour conference with Gen. von

As the text of the chancellor's speech, the note to the belligerants through their and the note to the holy see were published, it became apparent that the Germanic allies had not proposed specific peace terms, but rather had indicated a movement for peace, and it became apparent that the matter resolved itself in effect into an official communication of what German statesmen have said many times be-German

fore in public and in the press, that they were willing to discuss peace on terms which will assure a lasting

Restoration of Belgium, with the conditions which would practically leave it under German control and probably give over the port of Antwerp to Germany.

Restoration of the occupied por tions of northern France but with economic control which would guarantee to Germany supplies of iron and other raw material drawn from there.

Domination of Mesopotamia by Germany and Austria to give them a path of the Persian gulf and break England's gateway to India and

Egypt. To award to Bulgaria all of Serbla advent of peace.

residence, "Fox Hill," for the winter. Mr. Newbold Hutchinson, of George- ly in all directions. As it is now the town, N. J., was the guest of Mr. and moved by mule teams, and is necessas-Mrs. Geo. R. Cook, at "Shingle Cot-

tage," this week. Mrs. William Tudor, of Boston. is occupying Goodie Castle for the months of the county road forces,

of December and January. Mrs. Wm. E. Dodsworth, and daugh-Good Roads Increase Value of Farms. ters, of Englewood, N. J., are occupy-

ing one of the Cook cottages for the

An Amusing Incident.

values. Improvement of the main mar-An Augusta toll operator relates the ket roads increased the selling price of following amusing incident : A few days ago, on responding to tillable farm lands from 25 to 194 per the call for long distance, a voice at cent. With the development and improvethe other end said: "What is your rate to Millen, Ga., please?" and on ment of the roads comes a development of the rural activities. The marbeing given the rate said, "Now, Miss kets can be reached more quickly, work Long Distance, the party 1 wants to talk with stutters very badly. Will can be carried on in unfavorable weathyou charge me for the time it takes to er, the schools and churches can be understand him?" After it was ex, more readily attended, and the community is improved socially. All such plained to him that he would be charged with the time he talked, or used the line, he said, "I thank you," influences have a powerful effect in making the farms more valuable. While some farms, relatively poor so and hung up.-Southern Telephone

way, command a much higher price take from Servia as much territory as than poorly located farms of greater she gained in the Balkan wars. They fertility. expect Germany will demand the return of her African colonies or at least propose to exchange them for

the French Colonies. Poor Old Turkey

- Turkey's interests are considered a minor affair and not fully developed

in consideration of peace. The attitude of the Balkan nations of the Germanic allies, it is expected, will be set forth in the notes which have been dispatched from Sofia and roads had been properly built. Constantinople and nothing of them In Lee county, Virginia, a study of eight tracts along the roads before is known at the Balkan legations here, except that Bulgaria probably and after their improvement, indicated will expect to get Macedonia and Dobrudja, which formerly belonged to her, making the Danube the bound dary between Bulgaria and Roumania and shutting the latter from the Black sea.

Germany's proposal to her enemies, according to precedent, begins with Charge Grew forwarding the note to Washington. The state department then will forward it to the American ambassador resident in the country to be addressed and he in turn prese it to that government, acting in the interest of Germany and her allies. One immediate effect of the peace

developments upon the United States will be to hold in abeyance practically all the diplomatic issues pending with the warring countries. The new submarine issue with Germany, the pro-test against deportation of Belgians, the controversy with Great Britain over mails and commerce, all will mark time until it becomes apparent whether they will be solved by the

The actual procedure in conveying but a greater spirit of cooperation in keeping the roads in a state of perfect condition after they are properly built, graded and surfaced. It is useless to spend money building a perfect road if it does not receive the necessary

care to maintain its condition indefiniteepard Subday School, Cassatt, S. C., Dec. 13 .- Our Shep ard Sunday School is progressing fine. Organized July 30th, by Mr. Earle K.

Organized July 30th, by Mr. Earle K. Hyatt, Missionary for the American Sunday School/Union. The officers and teachers are: J. T. Poplin, superin-tendent; R. B. Elliott, teacher of Bible class; Miss Blanche Poplin, teacher of Junior and primary classes; Miss Nora Tidwell, teacher of card class. All are here to the supering take a part invited to come and take a part.

central point and work the roads quickday and Tuesday many perse made happy when they were paid their tling Works to take effect January 1 savings. men and road machines have to be be waited on Monday and Tuesday and men, who is already familiarizing him the bank people tell us several hunily slow. This truck would be a great dred members are yet to receive their Mr. Nanny will leave Kershaw to entime saver and increase the efficiency SHVIDES.

Many members are calling daily and getting their money or transferring it to regular bank account.

Next Monday, the 18th, is the day for opening 1917 Christmas savings accounts, but many old members as well accounts. The Bank people tell us they expect to have 1,200 to 1,500 acand find you cannot get waited on W. Powers and family. promptly you are requested to come

back later, unless it is convenient for you to wait. Everyone will be waited on as promptly as possible.

The bank has paid out several thousand dollars to the many members of friends are glad to see them again. the club and all members are delightthem at this time in large amounts. and nunt, who were visiting here. They all realize and appreciate that the First National is doing the community a great service in conducting far as fertility is concerned, yet because of their location on a good high-Christmas savings clubs.

Death of Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Adelaide E. Kennedy, died at about midnight Monday night at the In Spotsylvania county, Virginia, the average value of the farms per acre residence of Mr. T. H. Clarke on Church street, where she has been in after the roads were improved was 28.26, as compared with \$17.31 predeclining health for several months. Mrs. Kennedy was in her 89th year vious to the improvement. In Dinwidand had outlived all of her children. dle county, Virginia, the actual price She is survived by the following grandchildren: Mrs. T. H. Clarke, Dr. F. K. Holman, Mrs. Geo. L. Rick-er, Mrs. Thomas McIntosh, Mrs. E. of 43 farms sold or offered for sale from 1909 to 1914 ranged in price from \$3,38 to \$43.74 per acre before the roads were improved, and from er, W. W. Witherspoon, of Sumter and Mr. D. J. Winn, Jr., of Florence.-Sumter \$24.70 to \$73.60 per acre after the Item.

Woodmen Elect Officers.

that these properties had increased in At the regular meeting of Live Oak Camp No. 49 W. O. W. held Dec. 7th 1916 the following officers were elect-ed for the ensuing year: J. F. Bate-man, C. C., W. C. Moore, A. L., J. H. Clyburn, Banker, M. G. Huckabee, Clerk, S. W. Hogue, Escort, B. F. Catoe, Sentry, D. L. Dabney, Watchman, S. F. Brasington, W. R. Clyburn, Physicians, W. F. Nettles, W. M. Shannon, E. W. Bond, Managers.

All members of Live Oak Camp No. 49 are earnestly requested to be present at the annual supper on the first Friday night in January. You will be welcome whether you have contribut-ed towards it of not. By order of the

another Fre at Cantey.

Fire near Cantey Hill on Thursday completely destroyed the school house at that place. It was a two story wooden structure and all of the con-tents of the building were consumed. About \$900 insurance was carried on the building/

PAROLES TO FOUR

W. E. Arledge, of Camden, Among , those Granted Clemency

Governor Manning Monday granted paroles in four cases. Each prisoner was liberated during the good behav-

Malle Andrews, convicted of assault Malle Andrews, convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill during the October 1914(term of court for Greenwood county and sentenced to

W. E. Arledge, convicted of viola tion of the prohibition law during the July (1916) term of court for Kershaw county and sentenced to six months. J. S. Sullivan, convicted of violation of the dispensary law during the March (1916) term of court for Oco nee county and sentenced to one year. York Bradham, convicted of larceny during the January (1916) term of court for Bamberg county and senenced to 18 months.

The paroles were granted on the recommendation of the state board of pardons.

New Express Agent.

Mr. P. N. McCorkle, of Athens, Ga., has taken charge of the Camden office of the Southern Express Company, He succeeds Mr. N. O. Epps who resigned several weeks ago to go into business at Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. McCorkle has en in the express service for sev eral years. 05332

Valuable Horse Dead.

Bessie, the handsome black mare b longing to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schle burg died last Friday from lockja It was a most valuable animal, beb family pet, and is a great

lodge.

value about \$23 per acre, or 70 per cent. Similar results could be obtained in South Carolina, where there is not only a pressing need for better roads to the main markets of the State.