

## FIRE RAGING IN BRISTOW, THREATENS COMMUNITY

### FIRE IN BRISTOW

As we go to press word comes of the destruction by fire of the Joe Collins' store and residence in Bristow. The Warrenton Fire Department is on the scene, as is the volunteer department of Manassas. It is believed that the fire is now under control and that its spread to other buildings has been checked.

### VA. TAX RETURNS DUE JUNE FIRST

To Avoid Penalty Returns of Intangibles and Individual Income Must Be Filed.

Richmond, May 23—June first is the last day on which State tax returns of intangible personal property and individual income may be filed without penalty, according to State Tax Commissioner C. H. Morrisett. The tax forms have been in the hands of the local commissioners of the revenue since the first of the year and any person liable to file these returns who has not received a form should apply to the local commissioner of the revenue for the same. The commissioners of the revenue try to distribute these forms, but the failure on the part of a commissioner to deliver a form to a taxpayer does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to file a return.

After June first no officer is authorized to receive a State tax return without extending the penalty imposed by the law. Taxpayers have had approximately five months within which to file State tax returns for this year.

The law provides that all State tax returns, after having been received by the commissioners of the revenue, must be by that officer forwarded to the Department of Taxation in Richmond for examination and audit. The Department also checks these returns against the information lists which it acquires, which lists contain the names of persons who should file returns. All delinquents are then called upon to file returns in order that the tax burden may be equalized. Delinquents are assessed with the penalties prescribed by law.

The Department of Taxation has in its files the record of salaries paid by corporations, associations, partnerships, and individuals and also a record of all persons who have filed Federal returns. This information is used to trace delinquents.

The State Tax Commissioner again called attention to the fact that the test of the liability of a taxpayer for the filing of a State income tax return is gross income and not net income. The fact that the taxpayer does not have an income tax to pay does not relieve him of the liability of filing a return, provided his or her gross income exceeds \$1,000 in the case of a single person and \$2,000 in the case of a married person living with husband or wife.

### FORMER TOWN MERCHANT DIES

W. B. Goode Died in Philadelphia May 16. Funeral Rites Held Sunday.

W. B. Goode, of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Manassas, died in North-western General Hospital, Philadelphia, on Thursday, May 16, and was buried in the old family burying ground near Manassas, on Sunday last. Mr. Goode had been ill but a short time.

The deceased was born and reared at the old Goode home, near Manassas, and for several years conducted a mercantile business here. He was an estimable christian character and a consistent church worker, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church here, in which the funeral services were conducted with Rev. W. A. Hall officiating. Twenty-five years ago the deceased moved to Philadelphia and became affiliated with the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of that city.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Ruth V. Goode, and a son, Claude W., both of Philadelphia; one sister, Mrs. Mary C. Bonner, and a brother, John C. Goode, of Alexandria.

### EYES OF INVESTOR TURN TO VIRGINIA

State Ranks Third In Ratio of Taxation To Estimated True Wealth.

### VIRGINIA IN POSITION TO LIQUIDATE DEBT

Local Taxes In 1927 Totaled \$4,372,083,000, or 1.32 of True Wealth Distributable By States.

Richmond, May 22—Figuring the relative burden imposed by the various states in direct ratio to the estimated true wealth of the people of those states, Virginia is found to rank third among all the forty-eight commonwealths, Arkansas and Delaware alone being placed ahead of her. West Virginia ranks fourteenth, Maryland eighteenth, North Carolina thirty-first and Kentucky thirty-third, with Florida at the extreme bottom of the list.

The above computation of taxes and of estimated wealth are taken from figures supplied by the National Industrial Conference Board for the year 1927. According to these estimates the wealth of the entire country for the year given was placed at \$336,275,000,000, of which total sum of \$330,199,000,000 was distributable by states. Local taxes collected in 1927 amounted to \$4,372,083,000, or 1.32 per cent of the true wealth distributable by states.

Local taxes collected in Virginia for 1927 were a little in excess of \$40,000,000, which was seventy-eight hundredths of one per cent of the estimated true wealth of its people. For the same year North Carolina, with aggregate local taxes approximately \$60,000,000, showed a ratio of taxation to the true wealth of its people of 1.21 per cent. A similar ratio for Arkansas, which stood at the top of the list of states, was seventy hundredths of one per cent, while that of Florida, which ranked at the extreme bottom of the entire list, was 2.82 per cent.

### Changed Laws Helpful.

Effective 1927 the state tax on land and tangible personal property was repealed, saving the taxpayers \$1,500,000.

Beginning this year Virginia demands no tax from her residents upon shares of stock owned by them in nonresident corporations. The tax on bonds of political subdivisions of the state has been repealed.

The tax on capital in business has been reduced in Virginia to seventy-five cents on the one hundred dollars. The tax on the capital stock of state and national banks in Virginia has been reduced ten per cent.

Owing largely to equitable taxation the eyes of large investors have been turned to Virginia, with the result that approximately \$150,000,000 of outside capital has only recently located within the state. There is at present \$275,000,000 construction work in progress in Virginia.

Virginia finds herself in position today to liquidate her entire state debt, and ranks third in a list of all the states in the ratio of taxes to the true wealth of the people.

### THREE COUNTIES TO POOL THEIR WOOL

The pooled wool of Prince William, Loudoun and Fauquier Counties has been offered to the wool-buying trade by the State Division of Markets on the sealed bid plan for which cash will be paid on delivery to car door at Marshall, or Purcellville. The date for delivery will be set not later than June 10.

The pooler has the privilege of setting the lowest price that he will consider for his wool and all bids not coming up to this figure may be rejected. Growers who are interested in selling on this plan that have not already done so may list their wool with F. D. Cox, County Agricultural Agent, as late as Saturday, May 25.

Greenwich Strawberry Festival.

There will be a strawberry festival in O. F. A. Hall, Greenwich, on Friday, May 25, for the benefit of the South Greenwich base ball team.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

I wish to call attention to the fact that there is only one week more in which to make a return of your incomes and intangible property. After June 1st a penalty of 10 per cent will be added.

Any one wishing assistance in filing a return may apply at the Commissioner's Office in the People's Bank Building. Hours 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, May 31st—Class Night, High School Auditorium, 8 p. m.  
 Saturday, June 1st—Alumni Banquet, Parish Hall, 8 p. m.  
 Sunday, June 2nd—Sermon to the Graduating Class by the Rev. C. J. Gibson, Rector of St. James' Church, Richmond, 8 p. m.  
 Monday, June 3rd—Commencement Exercises. Address by Dr. H. C. Krebs, of the College of William and Mary, High School Auditorium, 8 p. m.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF BENNETT SCHOOL

May 29, 1929.

Professional—Bennett School Children  
 Chorus—Medley of National Aims, by C. F. Furey  
 "An Evening in Dixie Land"  
 Place—Dixie.  
 Time—Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.  
 History of Dixie, by Columbia. Miss Ethel Robinson  
 Written by Mrs. C. H. Adams

**HEROES:**  
 Yesterday—Robert E. Lee ..... Ashby White  
 Today—Col. Charles Lindbergh ..... William Ward  
 Tomorrow—Barefoot Boy ..... William White

**HEROINES:**  
 Yesterday—Clara Barton ..... Sidney A. Runaldue  
 Today—Amelia Earhart ..... Ellen Bisson  
 Tomorrow— ..... Rachel Meetz

**MUSICIANS:**  
 Yesterday—"Old Folks at Home," by Richard Goardeler  
 Miss Indie Flinn  
 Today—"Country Garden," by Percy Grainger  
 Mrs. William Leachman  
 Tomorrow—"A Waltz," by Caroline H. Crawford  
 Althea Hooff and Elizabeth Davis

**POETS:**  
 Yesterday—Edgar Allan Poe ..... Elmo Seekford  
 Today—Joyce Kilmer ..... Henry Peters  
 Tomorrow—Original Poem ..... Marshall Johnson

**EDUCATORS:**  
 Yesterday—Thomas Jefferson ..... Vernon Moore  
 Today—A Teacher ..... Cornelia Lewis  
 Tomorrow— ..... Mary Fleming Bennett

**INVENTORS:**  
 Yesterday—Cyrus McCormick ..... James Payne  
 Today—Thomas Edison ..... Woodson Brown  
 Tomorrow— ..... Bobby Lion

### SCENES

Indian Dance  
 Negro Dance  
 Minuet  
 Tableaux

### GRANGE TO HAVE MRS. BEN AUSTIN ESSAY CONTEST DIES IN FLORIDA

Nation Wide Contest Open To Members Under 18 Years Of Age.

Washington, May 23—A nation-wide safety essay contest is to be conducted by the National Grange, it was announced here today by L. J. Taber, National Master. The subject is "Safety on the Highway for Children and Adults". All members under eighteen years of age in any of the 8,000 subordinate granges scattered throughout the United States will be eligible to enter the contest, 126 state and national prizes being offered for the best papers.

Pointing to the many notable contributions which the National Grange, during the 63 years of its existence, has made to the welfare of the nation and of the farming fraternity which it represents, Mr. Taber declared today that the organization "is pleased to announce this competition among its younger members, designed to impress upon them, their parents and friends alike, the necessity for care and caution upon the streets and highways, either as pedestrians or as drivers of vehicles."

Winner Goes To Seattle. In selecting the winners, elimination (Continued on Page 4.)

Former Popular Resident of Manassas Had Been Living in Sanford.

News of the sudden death of Mrs. Ben Austin, of Sanford, Florida, on Saturday, May 18th, came as a shock to her many friends in Manassas and vicinity.

Mrs. Austin, who was formerly Miss Mamie Steele, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boston Steele, made her home here with her parents until about ten years ago, when the family moved to Florida. She was a student of Manassas High School and a member of the Baptist Church, being an active worker in the Sanford Baptist Church up to the time of her death.

The deceased, by her kind, gracious manner and pleasing personality, also made a wide circle of friends in Sanford, where she continued to make her home after her marriage a few years ago.

Mrs. Austin is survived by her husband, a son, Ben, jr., two years of age; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boston Steele, and five brothers: Herman, Benna, Burke, George and Robert, all of Sanford.

The deceased was a niece of Mrs. Thomas Howard and Mr. Harvey Steele, of this place.

### WINS HONORS



MISS ELVERE CONNER.

### ELVERE CONNER IS ESSAY WINNER

Wins National Essay Contest And \$500 Prize of American Chemical Society.

Miss Elvere Conner, daughter of E. R. Conner, of Manassas, Va., a junior at the State Teachers' College in Fredericksburg, Va., was awarded the first prize of \$500 by the American Chemical Society, for her essay on "Chemistry in Relation to National Defense". This contest was open to students from all normal schools, colleges, and universities in the United States and was participated in by 50,000 contestants.

The subject for the essays was confined to the six following fields: The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease; The Relation of Chemistry to the Enrichment of Life; The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or Forestry; The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense; The Relation to the Development of an Industry or a Resource of the United States.

In each field there was a first prize of \$500, a second of \$300 and a third of \$200, making a total of \$12,000 in cash prizes.

This honor has come to a student of the science department of the college, the second time in the last two years, the previous winner being Miss Fannie Doggett Scott, of Fredericksburg.

The prize will be presented to Miss Conner in connection with the Class Day exercises, Monday, June 3.

The honor coming to Miss Conner is but another leaf in the large growing wreath of Manassas High School girls who have captured exceptional honors after leaving the school. Miss Conner graduated from the local High School when she was 16 years of age. After graduation she attended Randolph-Macon College for one year, and is now a junior in State Teachers' College, Fredericksburg.

### PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM DIPHTHERIA

In order to cooperate with the Board of Health in protecting the children of Prince William County against diphtheria, the doctors of the county will give toxin-antitoxin for \$2, if parents will bring their children during regular office hours.

"Diphtheria causes the death of many children," said Miss Ruby Ryman, county nurse, yesterday. "Three doses of toxin antitoxin protects most children for life. All children should be given this protection."

Since the fall months seem to be the period when the disease gets to be most prevalent the treatment should be given in the spring. Ordinarily it takes about five months to get the protection.

### THORNTON SCHOOL HEALTH FIVE POINTERS

The following pupils of Thornton School have qualified in tests required for enrollment as Five-Point students: Pearl Watson, Mary Tolson, Cora Cornwell, Margaret Keys, Mildred Keys, Virginia Jones, Woodrow Taylor, Edna Harrington and Mike Slovnaki.

### FLOWER SHOW PROVES DELIGHT

Baker Gymnasium Presents Brilliant Scene With Crowd Present.

### JUDGE LOUD IN PRAISE OF BLOOMS AND SHOW

Mrs. Robert H. Smith, President, Garden Club Section of Woman's Club, Directs Enterprise.

The flower show given by the garden club section of the Woman's Club of Manassas yesterday, in Baker Gymnasium, on the Swavely School campus, was one of the best ever given by the organization, and proves once again that the love of flowers continues on the increase in the county.

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Mrs. Robert H. Smith, president of the garden section, and members of her numerous committees worked indefatigably in the interest of the show and their efforts, with the splendid cooperation of the exhibitors, brought a full measure of success.

Prize Winners. Winners in the various classes of exhibits were:

1—Best collection of roses, not climbing—Mrs. Ernest Trusler, first; Mrs. Margaret Lewis, second, and Mrs. Mary Pope, third. 2—Best climbing roses—Mrs. Ernest Trusler, first and second; Mrs. James R. Larkin, third. 3—Best individual rose—Mrs. T. E. Didlake, first and second place, and Mrs. W. N. Wenrich, third. 4—Best lily, one stalk—Mrs. Margaret Lewis. 5—A—Best Poppies—Mrs. P. P. Chapman. 5—B—Oriental Poppies—Mrs. W. N. Wenrich, first; Mrs. Delaney, second, and Mrs. Harrison P. Davis, third.

Class 6—Delphiniums—Mrs. Margaret Lewis, first. Class 7—Best arrangement of flowers suitable for table decoration—Mrs. T. E. Didlake, first; Mrs. J. P. Leachman, second, and Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, third. Class 8—Best single specimen of Iris—Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, first; Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, second; Mrs. Margaret Lewis, third. Class 9—Best collection of Iris—Mrs. T. E. Didlake, first; Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, second, and Mrs. Margaret Lewis, third. Class 10—Best Peony, single specimen—No entries. Class 11—Best single double Peony—Mrs. O. D. Waters, first; Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, second; Mrs. Margaret Lewis, first; Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, third.

Mrs. Margaret Lewis, first; Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, second; Mrs. Delaney, third. Class 13—Miscellaneous—Mrs. Margaret Lewis, first; Mrs. W. N. Wenrich, second, and Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, third. Class 14—Children's collection of wild roses—Master Marshall Johnson, first.

The judges were Mrs. Amos Chilcote, president Fairfax Woman's Club; Mme. Bouigny, of Warrenton Country School, and Mrs. D. B. Smith, of "North Rock", Warrenton.

Mrs. Swavely, president of the Woman's Club, was hostess to visitors to the show through the afternoon pouring tea in the attractive gardens of Swavely School.

### Bennett Commencement

The faculty and pupils of the Bennett School, Manassas, invite their patrons and friends to their commencement exercises in the High School Auditorium, on Wednesday, May 29, at 8 p. m.

### CANNON BRANCH CHURCH HAS SPECIAL PROGRAM

Group No. 2, of the Young People's Department of Cannon Branch Church, will have charge of the program at the church on Sunday night, the service beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

The service will consist of congregational singing of familiar hymns; special numbers both vocal and instrumental, and other features all calculated to contribute to a deeper appreciation of sacred music. The public is cordially invited to join in the service.