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# GUARD IS KILLED IN PRISON BREAK

## Call Strike Sat. Night

UP AND DOWN  
**The Avenue**  
WITH THE EDITOR

More Don't for our correspondents: Do not use the words "delightful" and "delicious". It may just be an old fashioned custom but we assume at all parties, etc., the hostess entertained in a delightful manner and the refreshments were delicious. So why use them? If however, the hostess happened to be grouchy and mean in manner and the food is terrible, it would be "news" to so state. The same holds good for weddings. In reporting all such social occasions, a simple statement of facts, with the use of as few superlatives as possible, is much better for all concerned.

### BUXTON SHEARIN

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Shearin announce the marriage of their daughter Cecil, to Russell Buxton, Jr., on Saturday, August the 18th.

Bessie is a little brown bantam hen, owned jointly by Mrs. W. C. Hasty and Mrs. Esman Hasty of 1024 Jackson Street, in Rosemary. Bessie is not much for size, weighing scarcely one pound, but she is smart. When the other hens were laying this spring, Bessie would go on the nest and after sitting awhile would cackle as loudly as any of the other hens, but believe it or not, she has never laid even one egg. At last she decided she wanted a family so took her nest to sit, three eggs being all she could cover. Her patience was rewarded and Bessie is the proud and happy mother of three little baby chicks. Mother and chicks are doing fine.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor of the Morganton News-Herald and secretary of the N. C. Press Association, was nominated as National Committeewoman to

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## CALL GOES OUT THIS AFT'RNAOON

United Textile Workers call cotton mill members out in Nation Wide Strike.

The cotton textile strike has been officially called for 11:30 Saturday night by the United Textile Workers.

The special wire went out this afternoon to all locals of the U. T. W. from strike headquarters in Washington, signed by F. J. Gorman, chairman of the strike committee of United Textile Workers.

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## BENEFIT BASEBALL WED'AY

Young Mens Civic Club and Kiwanis to meet at Simmons Park next week.

The Young Mens Civic Club has challenged the Kiwanis Club to a baseball game the proceeds to go to the fund for buying uniforms for the High School football team.

The challenge was accepted by the Kiwanis Club tonight and the game will be played next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at Simmons Park.

While the younger club has plenty of stars of recent days with such men as Coach Hoyle, Ted Speight, Clyde Liske, Bernard Allsbrook, Bill Alligood, Gene Kimball, Willis Matthews, Tom Cheek, Tom White and the like, they will meet some real opposition from the older Kiwanis Club stars when

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## Five Attempt Escape At Caledonia Today

### Louisiana's 'Dictator'



"Hitler of The Delta" is what his foes term Senator Huey P. Long, above, after the bold coup by which he compelled a docile Louisiana legislature to push through 27 bills giving him dictatorial powers. Anti-Long forces are fighting the new laws, several of which would turn over to Senator Long control of the state's election machinery.

### MORE INSURANCE AGENTS FOR CITY

Mrs. Minnie H. Allen and J. P. Little, both of Roanoke Rapids, were among those granted licenses to sell insurance in the State, having passed the necessary State examinations.

Included in those passing exams were five prominent school principals and superintendents in the State who are going to try to increase their incomes by selling insurance as a sideline.

### SUITS ON BACK TAX

Foreclosure suits against Halifax county property owners for delinquent taxes due in 1931 and all previous years will be filed not later than September 15th, C. S. Vinson, county auditor, said this week.

Mr. Vinson urged all citizens liable to such suits to pay their back taxes before the deadline in order to save both themselves and the county money as considerable court costs will be attached to each proceeding.

### Ernest Hux, Guard, Kidnapped And Taken For Ride; Found Dead In Car After Prisoners Are Caught Tonight.

Ernest Hux, 30 year old guard at Caledonia State Farm, is dead as a result of a break for liberty by a gang of grade B prisoners at the State Farm late this afternoon.

At press time, an autopsy is being performed on the body of the dead guard to determine whether a bullet from his own gun at the hands of the prisoner who stole it from him caused his death or whether shots fired by other guards at the fleeing car in their efforts to stop the car killed him.

A single bullet entered his head at the base of the skull. The pursuing guards did not know Hux was in the car they were trying to stop.

The break took place when Edgar Shearin, state highway employee, drove his car, a small coupe, up to the camp this afternoon. He was on a tour of inspection. Mr. Shearin removed the keys of his car and went about his work. Hux was on guard a few feet away and was overpowered by two prisoners, Roy Adams and Luther Pennington. Mr. Shearin, attracted by the shouts of the guard looked up to see Hux battered back. At the same time he heard a rifle report. The two prisoners were joined by three others, John McIver, Raymond Burch and Ransom Brooks.

One prisoner covered Shearin with the rifle and demanded the key to the car. The five then dragged Hux to the car and drove off. It had not been determined tonight whether he was shot at the time or not.

A guard fired two shots at the car from his post. Guards W. W. Cook and I. D. Hinton gave chase, firing scores of shots from their pistols. They finally overtook the car and the prisoners surrendered.

Hux was in the car mortally wounded. He was driven toward the Roanoke Rapids Hospital by Dr. F. M. Parker but died before reaching Weldon.

All five prisoners are in custody under heavy guard. There were 17 bullet holes in the car.

Mr. Hux lived at Tillery and had been a guard for three years at Caledonia. He is survived by his wife, mother and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stratton, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, August the 26th.

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