## **ONLY ONE BALLOT** TO ACQUIT CLARA HAMON OF MURDER

Jury Returns Verdict of "Not Guilty" After Being Out Only 40 Minutes

MEMBERS OF THE HAMON **FAMILY NOT IN COURT** 

Woman Charged With Murder Of Jake Hamon, Republican Politician and Million-

tensely silent courtroom, drooped forward in her seat, only to be seized from behind by her younger brother Jimmie," squeezed violently and

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None of the members of the family of Jake L. Hamon was in the court room when the jury returned its verdict. Mrs. Hamlon, the widow, and her 19-year-old son, Jake L. Jr. left when the case was placed in the jury's hands. Mrs. Hamon at that time was in tears.

Mrs. Hamon attended all sessions of the trial, except two, clad in deep mourning and sitting directly opposite Clars Hamon, 30 inches away. Not once during the entire trial which began a week ago today, did the two women appear to become conscious of each other except on the days they testified when each other regarded the other closely.

Tonight at the home of Mrs. Jake

Hamon, it was said that she had not been told of the verdict and that she would not be until tomorrow because of her physicial and mental condition. Jake L. Jr., said that if his mother was given the information of the acquittal after such brief consideration by the jury it would "tend to throw her into a collapse on the

### Baptist Women Will Meet In Rocky Mount

# **ANTI-DUMPING ACT FIRST ON PROGRAM** FOR NEW CONGRESS Goldstein Obligates Fair Asse

President Harding Finds Him self "In Complete Accord" With Boss Penrose

**DECISION UNANIMOUS AS** FORDNEY AGREES ALSO

Special Tax On Imports De signed To Relieve American Manufacturers

when Judge Thomas W. Champion mounted the bench and received an affirmative response to his question:
"Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" her eyes followed the motions of the baliff as he received the verdict from Mr. Laughridge and hand ded it to the clerk to read.

Clara Hamon gasped audibly in the tensely silent courtroom, drooped in two committees to reach an unamitwo committees to reach an unani-mous agreement on the question indi-cated that he desired to consider the matter further before arriving at a

"Jimmie," squeezed violently and kissed. Tears came to her eyes and the other members of her family cried with her as she crossed to the standing jurors and haltingly thanked them for their verdict.

"I am the happiest woman in the world," she said.

She used a secret passage from the court room to escape the crowds which threatened to overwhelm her with congratulations.

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Tenight her plans for the future with the President soon probably before the end of the present week. The President seemed to be compared to be is attorneys said. She is considering a number of business propositions, according to Walter Boott, of Fort Worth, Texas, one of her counsel, but what she shall do in the immediate future is undertermined.

Her father, J. L. Smith, is seriously ill at El Paso, Texas, and it was said she might return there to be with him in the last days of what is termed an illness which may prove fatal.

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# Ready To Start Work

Thousand Miles Will Be Undertaken This Year

When the State Highway Commis-sion meets April 1 for the induction of seven new members, Chairman sion meets April 1 for the induction of seven new members, Chairman Frank Page will lay before them complete plans for the organization of the State maintenance department authorized under the Doughton-Connor-Bowle bill, a complete survey of the 5,500 miles of road embraced in the State system, and complete engineer plans for the construction of approximately 10 per cent of that mileage under contract or in radiness for the letting of contracts.

Dunn Baseballists **Assured Of Grounds** For Coming Season

ciation To Prepare Field or Local Tossers

Raschall of a superior class is asured to Dunn through a meeting of enthusiasts in the rooms of the Chamer of Commerce Wednesday night. In this meeting Ellis Goldstein, business manager of the Harnett Coun cy Agricultural Fair association, a greed that the association should equip the grounds and accept ten per cent of the gate receipts as its

Cost of American Products:
To Be On Basis of Dollar.

Ardmore, Okla., March 17.—Clara Smith Hamon today was acquitted of a charge of having murdered Jake L. Homon, Republican National casmitteeman and millionaire railroad and oill promoter.

The jury was given the case at 4:30 p. m. and returned to the courtroom 40 minutes later. B. P. C. Laubridge and American with the special of the Sality League, Sam Furrell, and informative railroad and only one ballot was taken, a secret one, confirmed by a rising vote.

Clara Hamon obtained the information fully seven minutes before the verdict was rendered in open court and sat, surrounded by members of her family, half smied, half afried to believe the rolas of assured the surrounded the bench and received an affirmative response to his question of whether priority afficient in the promised to three measures definitely decays and mean committee and incompany will smight be used. Among those who are sure to play are H. J. Weinges, who for several seasons was a first three proposal to make anti-discription to be enacted at the special to move of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and several of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam Furrell, and the special of the Bality League, Sam

form than he has been for several acasons and is confident that he can harl at least one game a week. Sam lis just rounding out as a pitcher and has convinced the local follows that he has the goods. Another pitcher is a fellow named Pace who is expected to arrive here this week to follow his trade as a carpenter. He is said to be a big, muscular fellow who can pitch every day if it is necessary.

The Dunn fellows are hoping to become aunit in the league recently formed at Payetteville with Parkton, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Camp Bragg and another town as the other units. It is understood that no players are to be hired by either team. With this understanding Dunn is confident that it can place a team in the field that will be a strong contender for the championship.

Local fans are not asked to contribute any money at all toward the support of the team. All that is asked of them is to give their moral support. The General Acrous provision scheels." and Description of the provision scheels." and Description of the provision scheels." and Description of the team will do the rest.

### Preacher Olive Will Accept Call Made D Mount Airy Church

Dunn Pastor Will Give Up Work Here First Of Next

Eugene I. Olive, pastor of the First Raptist Church, will preach his last for an expension to Dunn folk on Surday. March 27. On April 1 he will move to Mount Airy in answer to a call extended to him more than a month ago. Dunn is a real and big loser through his decision to accept the Mount Airy call. No minister of recent years has done more to advance the cause of his doctrine than he in the two years he has labored among the people of the surrounding district.

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Big Storage Scheme May Be Put Through By Utility Company

NEXT WEDNESDAY Representative Of National Marketing Bureau Interests Townsend In Warehouse

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BE PAID BY MAY FIRST
Interest of Agriculture, Washington. Mr. Miner was in conference for two days with Ben O. Townsend, active head of the General Utility Co. which owns the only cotton storage.

# RAILWAY WORKERS DECIDE TO REJECT **WAGE REDUCTIONS**

Representative Of Employes Head Of Tuskegee Institu Will Carry Fight To Rail road Labor Board

LITTLE DANGER OF ANY CESSATION OF WORK

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## **MOTON DECLARES** SOCIAL EQUALITY IS ANCIENT MYTH

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DELIVERS ADDRESS TO. AUDITORIUM MEETING

## Two Smithfield Banks Decide To Consolidate

Citizens National Bank and National Trust Company Will Move Casital Stock of \$250,000
Smithfield, March 25.—At a joint meeting here yesterday of the stock-holders of the Citizens National bank and the National Trust Company, it was decided to consolidate these corporations with a capital of \$250,000 and a paid in capital of \$100,000.