

CARTER REFUSES TO RESIGN FROM TECH BOARD

CHARGES OF GOVERNOR DENIED IN LETTER

Amon G. Carter, member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, whose resignation was demanded Monday by Governor Ferguson, announced Tuesday that he would not accede to her request. A letter, announcing his answer, was dispatched to the Governor and given to the press, just as the Ferguson letter was the day previous. A statement from Carter, replying to the Ferguson charges, was given to the public at the same time as the answer to Mrs. Ferguson.

The letter and the statement follow:

"Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Austin, Texas.

"Dear Governor:

"The charges contained in your letter published in the press of the State, asking for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, are malicious and without justification.

"Smoke Screen" Charged.

"The extreme conscientious sense of duty, which you so gallantly refer to with so much regret, is nothing more than a smoke screen to divert the mind of the public from the real issues. My appointment was made by Governor Neff for four years, two of which I have yet to serve. I fully appreciate the responsibility and dignity which naturally accompanies a position of trust of this kind. The Texas Technological College has started out as a real institution, capably managed throughout, and, as chairman of its board of directors, I could not countenance any confusion of side line issues interfering with its growth and development.

"I recall, as many others do, Governor Jim's past activities with respect to our educational institutions, especially the Texas University, and with the consequences of his actions in mind and their effect on the growth and development of these institutions, I seriously question the wisdom of your counsel, which, from your statement, is doubtless influenced by Governor Jim.

Divorce Schools and Politics.

"Administrations may come and go, but these great institutions will go on forever, and I feel the responsibilities of those administering them should go directly to the people served by them and not to the particular administration which happens to be in power. If there is one point on which the people of Texas are in accord, it is that our educational institutions should be divorced from politics. Under the circumstances, I am compelled

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WEATHER

Fort Worth and Vicinity—Tonight and Wednesday generally fair, rising temperature Wednesday. Light to fresh variable winds tonight and Wednesday.

Sunrise 7:14. Sunset 5:22.

Oklahoma and East Texas—Tonight and Wednesday generally fair; rising temperature Wednesday.

West Texas—Tonight fair, warmer in the Panhandle; Wednesday fair, warmer except in southwest.

LISTENING TO FORT WORTH Through WBAP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.

Radio Station WBAP, The Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

About a week ago I set up a five-tube radio receiving set. Last night I tried it out on distant stations for the first time and the results far exceeded all expectations.

I noticed your program in the newspaper last night and decided to try and tune it in. Having noted the wave length of your station, I turned the dials to the position which I thought would be liable to bring in your program and was almost knocked cold to hear the voice of your announcer broadcasting a program by the Majestic stars. It came in with great clearness and force.

With every wish for your success in broadcasting sunshine and education to the world, I wish to be remembered as one of WBAP's far-away radio fans.

Yours very truly,
DAVID E. SCHOTT,
1826 H Street, N. W.

2 KILLED, 1 HURT \$1,000,000 IS FIRE LOSS

By Associated Press.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 1.—Two firemen were killed, a third seriously injured and property loss estimated at \$1,000,000 was suffered here Tuesday in a fire in the business section.

Hollis Vincent, a volunteer firefighter, and Bill Guillotte, member of the fire force, were killed by falling walls. Ben Collins, supervisor of fire forces, was removed to a hospital due to serious injuries, also caused by falling walls.

All telephone and light service was put out of commission by the flames, the loss of the Cumberland Telephone Company being estimated at between \$225,000 and \$250,000.

The fire was discovered about 3:30 a. m. in a grocery store. Before firemen could attempt to check the flames, the roof of the Arcade Building was burning. It was soon evident that the fire in the Commercial Building could not be extinguished and efforts were concentrated to confine it to this building. The front wall soon fell, causing the fatalities. Flames soon attacked the Moss Building, driving telephone operators into the streets.

Guests of the Rigmalden Hotel, across the street, were awakened, but it was not necessary for them to leave the hotel.

SPECIAL JUSTICES TO SIT IN WOODMEN CASE

AUSTIN, Dec. 1.—The Texas Supreme Court Tuesday disqualified itself in the case of Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, vs. Mattie Hines, defendant in error.

Governor Ferguson appointed Will Brown, Temple, chief justice, and Wallace Tyler, Houston, and Sam Sayers, Fort Worth, associated justices, to sit on the bench in the case.

The Texas Supreme Court is composed of C. M. Cureton, chief justice, William Pearson and T. E. Greenwood, associate justices.

ROAD FUNDS AND BILLS TIED UP IN ROW

By Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Dec. 1.—Although the Highway Department has to its credit in the treasury more than \$500,000, it can not pay pressing bills aggregating tens of thousands of dollars, Eugene Smith, secretary, said Tuesday. Failure of the Governor to appoint at least one commissioner is responsible.

John Bickett Sr. of San Antonio is at present the only member of the commission, normally composed of three, and vouchers for many items are not valid unless signed by at least two members. Smith said 1,800 highway laborers are included in the number unable to draw their pay, due Tuesday.

Resignation of Frank V. Lanham and Joe Burkett, following criticism of their work as highway commissioners, reduced membership of the commission. For the past week, the Governor has held conferences with various men, who have been mentioned by appointment.

T. B. Riggall of Breckenridge, Arch Allen of Dallas, and R. Q. Lee of Cisco are among those most persistently mentioned.

Attorney General Moody refused late Monday to give the Hoffman Construction Company permission to pay J. F. Dexter, Dallas, \$40,908.07 and H. K. McCollum, Fort Worth, \$27,848.68 for work as subcontractors of the Hoffman Company.

The Fifty-third District Court, in which the American Road Company suit was settled, issued a temporary order restraining the Hoffman Company until Dec. 16 from disbursing any of its funds except for current expenses from collecting any money from the State or from removing any property.

The State's application for an injunction and appointment of a receiver, will be heard Dec. 16.

Attorneys for McCollum and Dexter, urging Moody to permit the Hoffman Company to pay for work completed by the subcontractors, were reminded that the State is suing the Hoffman Company for \$100,000 alleged to be excess profits and if judgment was obtained by the State and the subcontractors, there wouldn't be enough money in the Hoffman bank account to settle with the State.

There is a wide discrepancy in figures of estimated excess profits made by the Attorney General and the defendant company. Attorney General Moody figures the net profit of the company at \$599,717.18, while the company says it made only \$281,026.20.

West Texans Regret Lee Declined Post

West Texans were doomed to disappointment Monday afternoon when R. Q. Lee of Cisco, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, declined the appointment to a position on the Texas Highway Commission.

The man, identified as Frank Pietro, was found by a taxicab driver who saw several men running from the scene of the shooting.

Detectives later arrested Peter Manzone for questioning in connection with the killing. Police said they found in his room two sawed-off shotguns with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, a loaded revolver, a large number of cartridges and a long knife.

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Two Kisses at \$25 Each; Cafe Man Fined \$50

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 1.—Two kisses at \$25 each total \$50.

That was the price fixed for A. J. Pappas to pay after a conviction in the County Criminal Court on the charge of aggravated assault against a young woman employed by the defendant as a waitress in his restaurant.

The young woman testified the kisses were forced upon her after Pappas had called her into the linen room.

She went to work for Pappas at 2:30 in the afternoon, the girl said, and her employer at once began to force his attentions upon her while instructing her in her duties.

Soon afterward she was called to the linen room and Pappas seized her and kissed her twice, she said. Two witnesses said she left the place and did not return.

MOTHERS WILL FIGHT SCHOOL DANCE BAN

Authentic reports were in circulation Tuesday that a delegation of mothers would appear before the Board of Education next Tuesday night and urge the members to withhold a ban on dancing at student social functions.

Dr. Kent V. Kibbie, author of the resolution passed at the last board meeting in which proper chaperonage for school parties was required, stated Tuesday that in his opinion it was entirely probable that a delegation either for or against the ban on dancing might appear before the board.

Board members have been deluged with telephone calls relative to the dancing ban since the statement by L. A. McWhirter, secretary of the board, and Mrs. O. F. Carlson that in voting for Kibbie's resolution they thought they were banning dancing. McWhirter issued a statement announcing his purpose of introducing such a resolution at the next meeting of the board.

One member of the board who declined to be quoted stated Tuesday that a memorandum of phone calls relative to the dancing question was kept at his office for two days and that they indicated a 3 to 1 ratio in favor of chaperoned dancing parties for high school students.

J. R. Coffman, board member, who favors properly chaperoned dances, stated that the consensus of opinion among school patrons who had called him on the question was that the board should neither formally approve or censor dancing, but should insist on proper chaperons at parties where dancing was indulged in.

BOOTLEGGERS FEUD IS BLAMED FOR KILLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Another victim of what police believe is a feud among the bootleggers on the East Side was found shot to death Monday in front of a tenement house on East Fifteenth Street. Five bullets were found in his body.

The man, identified as Frank Pietro, was found by a taxicab driver who saw several men running from the scene of the shooting.

Detectives later arrested Peter Manzone for questioning in connection with the killing. Police said they found in his room two sawed-off shotguns with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, a loaded revolver, a large number of cartridges and a long knife.

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'RAW DEAL' ON LIQUOR EDICT IS CLAIMED

By Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Dec. 1.—"Now get this straight," former Governor James E. Ferguson said early Tuesday, "Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has not issued a formal statement whether she will issue a call for a special session of the Legislature."

When asked whether he would deny an interview with a representative of the Baltimore Sun, in which the Governor is quoted as saying that she would not call a special session, the former Governor evaded the answer by saying, "I'll let you newspapermen argue that out for yourselves."

"Went Out Holding Ma's Hands."

The Fergusons, in a joint interview granted the Baltimore Sun correspondent, related to him some of their political experiences and opinions, the paper says Tuesday in a special dispatch. According to the story, Mrs. Ferguson defied the "wolves who want to tear" her "to pieces" to call a special session and "do their worst."

Ferguson told of his impeachment, declaring: "I went out holding Ma's hands and now they want to see her walk out holding mine."

Last night Speaker Lee Satterwhite announced he would call a special session of the House to assemble Jan. 4 for an investigation of state departments and possible impeachment proceedings. His proclamation, he said, will be published Dec. 16.

The speaker also reported that \$100,000 already has been raised, with more promised. He expressed the belief that the money can be used with no question of legality.

Interview Not Denied.

Ferguson did not deny the interview was granted.

The Fergusons have been granting interviews to special correspondents representing Eastern newspapers and excluding local correspondents except from the usual formal statements and conversations over the telephone. They have been quoted in these interviews as having said that many newspapers in Texas have not been friendly to the administration.

Ferguson said that he believed he would stop granting interviews to Texas newspapermen until their newspapers "learned how to play fair." He was displeased, he said, because many newspapers excluded portions of the Governor's proclamation offering \$500 rewards for conviction of wealthy persons for violation of the liquor laws.

He declared the local correspondents gave him a "raw deal" on the liquor proclamation, and that in granting interviews with the special correspondents that he "was unaware that I have been discriminating."

W. C. Hogg Ready to Help Finance Special Session

HOUSTON, Dec. 1.—W. C. Hogg, son of a former Texas Governor, and widely known as one of the State's wealthy men, in a statement here Tuesday announced his willingness to assist in underwriting the expense of a special session of the Legislature.

"What I know about any sort of underwriting of the expense of the special session," he said, "comes from the papers, although I dare say I would join in such a guaranty at the moment."

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New Senator From North Dakota



Although Gerald P. Nye has been officially named to succeed the late Senator Ladd of North Dakota, he is expected to be a storm center when his name comes up for confirmation. Nye lives at Coopertown, N. D.

Appeals for Help Exceed Donations to Christmas Cheer

Did you ever spend a Christmas that was not filled with holiday cheer and happiness? There is a large number of unfortunate families in Fort Worth that will not be able to provide the Yuletide pleasures for themselves. For this reason, The Star-Telegram is conducting the Goodfellows' activities that have for years been an annual charity event.

This year the entire fund to be used in making dependent families and children happy must be raised in a short time as there are no funds in the treasury.

Each year interested citizens contribute to the Goodfellows Fund and not only avert unhappiness for others but bring to themselves the satisfaction that they have rendered a service and kindness to some unfortunate family at the season when comfort and good cheer should be in every home.

Letters from old people and little girls and boys are pouring into the office in much larger numbers than are the contributions to the fund. All those who wish to participate in the Goodfellow work are requested to send their contributions in at the earliest possible date, as there are many preliminary details to be carried out before the baskets of food and toys are delivered on Christmas Day.

One little boy who says that he needs food more than toys writes the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Goodfellow: I'd like mighty well to have some toys this Christmas. I think a red wagon would be nice or a train. If you can't give me these send us some food because we need that worse. We haven't any papa, and mama is sick and can't work. All of us will be glad."

"Dear Goodfellows," writes a woman 69 years old, "I was forgotten last year and need food and clothes so badly. Won't you try to stop by to see me this year? I live by myself and haven't any one to care for me. May God bless you."

Library Official Renamed.

AUSTIN, Dec. 1.—Reappointment of Maj. Richard Burgess of El Paso to membership on the State Library and Historical Commission was announced Tuesday by Governor Ferguson.

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HOT DEBATE IN COUNCIL; CITIZENS PROTEST

City Manager Carr's recommendation for the employment of L. B. Stoner of Philadelphia, Pa., and associates, to conduct a revaluation survey of all taxable property in the city at a cost of \$55,000 was temporarily withdrawn from consideration by the City Council Tuesday when it became apparent that it would be defeated if brought to a vote.

Councilman Card, who had previously moved the adoption of the recommendation, withdrew his motion with the request that the matter be deferred for another week as a climax to the warmest debate in the history of the present administration.

Vigorous Protest.

Objections to the adoption of the city manager's recommendation were numerous, but the most vigorous protest was registered by Councilman Renfro and private citizens on account of the proposal to employ experts from outside Fort Worth.

At one stage of the proceedings Councilman Thomas declared that W. T. Macy, city tax assessor and collector, couldn't do the work himself he should resign. Macy, who was sitting with the spectators in the council chamber, made no reply. Councilman Hoffer told Thomas that he was doing Macy an injustice and Thomas replied that he had meant no insult and extended an apology to the assessor and collector. To this Macy made no rejoinder.

Seen as Nuisance.

Among the citizens voicing their objections to the employment of Stone was J. T. Pemberton, president of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank.

"It appears to me that this council has not even given consideration to local people who have applied for the contract, and doesn't want them even at a cheaper figure, too," Pemberton said.

"This thing of running out of town every time we need someone to do a piece of work is getting to be a nuisance," Pemberton declared.

Much Criticism Seen.

Councilman Thomas said that it was not so much opposed to hiring outside experts as he was to the proposition of giving them free rein in the matter of arriving at basic property values. He suggested that a board of five or seven competent appraisers be appointed to assist whoever conducts the survey in establishing real estate and property values.

Councilman Burton declared that it appeared to him the council would be courting a great deal of criticism by employing an outside expert. Mayor Meacham replied that he didn't care about the criticism so long as he knew the proposition was right. Burton agreed with the mayor on that score but added that he was not sure about it being the right thing and then announced that he was not ready to vote on the matter.

Cost Is Principal Objection.

The principal objection from Councilman Monnig was the cost of the survey, he said. Only two councilmen, Bryce and Card, joined the mayor in urging the adoption of Carr's recommendation. Card declared that inasmuch as the

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FERGUSON SAYS CALL NOT YET REFUSED

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quest of the Speaker and a majority of the House of Representatives, who now seem impelled by patriotic duty and an aroused public opinion to investigate the Ferguson administration. Doubtless many members can and will finance themselves and certainly the neighbors and the home folks of nearly all the others will see to it that their representatives, Ferguson or anti-Ferguson, shall not be shut out of the show for lack of railroad fare and board at Austin.

"I am inclined to agree with Farmer Jim," he said, referring to the husband of Governor Miriam Ferguson, "that this is a situation for a healthy, honest, untiring grand jury, for it is probably as ridiculous and as sickening as ever confronted an American commonwealth."

Terrell Senator Is Against Extra Session

Senator J. Roy Hardin of Kaufman, who was a Fort Worth visitor late Monday, declared he saw no justification of a called session of the Legislature at this time. Asserting that he believed it would be a waste of time and money, he said, "If I were the Governor I would not call the Legislature together."

He branded the attempt of the leaders in the move to call a special session, in the event Governor Ferguson does not, as "politics."

"Suppose the Governor should convene a special session," he said, "what would the Senate do? All we could do would be to sit there and twitch our thumbs and wait for the House to do something."

"I don't know of anything that could be the basis for impeachment charges, and that is all the Legislature can meet for now. Of course I may be wrong. If there has been any wrongdoing and the House members know of it, then let them bring the charges. In that event I would gladly vote to impeach the wrongdoer."

"I am in favor of letting the Attorney General handle this matter. So far he has been successful in showing that excessive profits have been enjoyed by one road contracting firm. If he knows of others I want him to go after them. He seems to know what he is doing. I have the utmost faith in his motives."

DEATHS

Bayer—Funeral services for Mrs. Erma Bayer, 47, who died at her residence, 936 East Myrtle Street, Monday, will be held at the home at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Rev. H. B. Henschel, Allen Avenue Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Olivet. Mrs. Bayer is survived by her husband, C. L. Bayer; a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Clark, Fort Worth, and a son, C. H. Bayer, St. Louis.

Woods—The body of Mrs. Alford Woods, 28, who died Sunday in Los Angeles, will be returned to Fort Worth for burial, and is expected to be received at the Gause-Ware Funeral Home Wednesday. Mrs. Woods is survived by her husband, Alford Woods, Los Angeles; parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Black, Fort Worth; four brothers, Arthur L., H. Clay, Crawford H. and B. H. Black Jr., all of Fort Worth; and four sisters, Miss Ethel Black, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. B. Hutchenson, Lubbock; Mrs. P. B. Brown, Chicago, and Mrs. C. D. Radebaugh, Danville, Ill.

Morgan—Funeral services for B. R. Morgan, 40, Oklahoma City, who died here Sunday night, will be held at the Robertson & Mueller chapel at 3 p. m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Mount Olivet.

Coats—Mrs. Alta Ina Coats, 36, died at her home, 412 Alston Avenue, at 12:30 a. m. Tuesday. She is survived by her husband, D. B. Coats; three sons, William Wallace, Tasco Benton and D. B. Wallace Jr., all of Fort Worth, and a daughter, Ina Frances Wallace, Fort Worth. The body is at Harveson & Cole pending funeral arrangements.

Henry—D. Henry, 28, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Stuart, 1708 Lincoln Avenue, at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday. He is survived by his wife, Hattie Stuart; two children, Douglas and Ouida Mae; six brothers, Olin and V. Henry of Terrell, Frank and A. C. of Fort Worth and Byron Henry, Weleetka, Okla., and Harvey Henry, Dallas; and his sister, Mrs. Stuart. The body is at the North Fort Worth Undertaking Company pending funeral arrangements.

CITY BRIEFS

The Stroup Circle of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Methodist Church will give a home-cooked supper at the church at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The Arlington Heights Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday at 3:30 p. m. at the high school.

The Perial Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. E. Steele, 2301 West Weatherbee Street, at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday. Mrs. H. Snyder will direct the lesson of John Keats.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Carroll M. Peak School will meet at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday. A talk, song and reading are included on the program.

The A. & M. Mothers Club will meet at 10 a. m. Thursday at the University Club.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold its annual election of officers at 2 p. m. Thursday at The Texas.

A turkey supper and Christmas sale sponsored by the Woman's Guild will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The Dorcas class of Rosen Heights Baptist Church will hold its regular business meeting at 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

CARTER REFUSES TO QUIT TECH BOARD, DENYING ALL CHARGES

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to decline to accede to your request for my resignation. Meanwhile, if the board of directors or the management of the Texas Technological College, or the people of Texas, should feel that this institution would be benefited by my resignation, I would gladly resign. Respectfully,

AMON G. CARTER.

A statement addressed by Carter to the people of the State follows:

"To the people of Texas: "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. It is as true now as when the adage was first uttered and it would appear to fit the case of the Governor as though the classics had the present situation in mind."

"Jim" the Real Actor.

"The demand for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, coming as it does at this juncture of time and circumstance, is simply a huge barrage to hide the real intent and motive that lurk behind it.

"It comes with poor grace to assert that now for the first time 'Governor Jim' has learned of certain things, which he now proceeds to denounce with smug unction as contrary to good morals.

"I say 'Governor Jim' with no purpose to wound the sensibilities of the good lady who is the nominal Governor of the State, but to indicate the real actor who like a ventriloquist behind the scenes puts his voice and his words into the figure on the stage.

"In truth, the things to which the Governor refers, on account of which my resignation is demanded, represent ancient history, and an effort to make fiction out of fact and to lend to an innocent social entertainment the complexion of a violation of the law.

Entertained Oil Leaders.

"I have no apology to offer for the fact that I acted as host on a certain occasion in the city of Fort Worth, when distinguished men and hundreds of guests assembled in Fort Worth to learn of the hospitality that awaited them from the Chamber of Commerce of which I chanced to be its representative at the time. I was general chairman of the committee that succeeded in bringing to Fort Worth a party of men celebrated the world over as leaders in great commercial enterprises, and the story that this entertainment violated the law is but another effort to divert the public mind from the real issues that now challenge attention on every hand.

"Usually, the zeal of a reformer comes by slow stages and his past is a background for very much of what he chooses to accomplish, but when the conversion is so sudden and abrupt that it marks an acrobatic performance, then indeed people look askance and wonder what prompted the peculiar antics of the performer.

No Law Violated.

"The occasion, obviously, to which 'Governor Jim' refers was that of the entertainment of the American Petroleum Institute in the city of Fort Worth in December, 1924, and it comes with extremely bad grace to belie the hospitality of Fort Worth and to charge that all the guests who assembled there, numbering men in all walks of life, were part conspirators in violating the law of the land. In very truth, there was no violation of the law and there could have been no such action as is charged, because present with this party were members of the law enforcement departments of both county and city and, therefore, the accusation is quite as false and as flat as the role of reformer in which 'Governor Jim' seeks to clothe himself.

"It is strange, passing strange, that 'Governor Jim,' familiar with what took place at this entertainment, knowing of it for almost a year, should suddenly wake up to the enormity of the 'offense.' Why wait until the newspaper, with which I have the honor of being associated, should publish to the world a series of educational articles on highway development and seek, in company with other enterprising journals, to direct the public mind to the consideration of a wasteful highway policy?

Not Concealed From Public.

"If, indeed, I had wished to escape just such a diatribe as that in which 'Governor Jim' indulges, all that would have been necessary to do in the premises was to heed a veiled insinuation made some time ago that unless such publications ceased there would be an effort on the part of 'Governor Jim' to catch up with me and seek an indictment. Nothing that I did was cloaked or concealed from the public, because it was the public that was in attendance at this banquet, and I much prefer the approval of those good people to an indictment by 'Governor Jim.'

"Certainly, I did not seek in any way to prevent the dissemination of any fact that took place at this banquet and nothing has laid upon my conscience since that time that would warrant me in employing lawyers to obstruct the consequences of anything I had done or sanctioned.

"Governors' Fool Themselves.

"Time and again men have come to me to indicate that unless I saw fit to adopt a different policy with respect to the highway articles that I would be made to rue the day that first the newspaper of which I am a shareholder began to shed light in dark places and point out to the people the chasm in public finances that yawned at their feet. Nothing can be clearer than the fact that 'Governor Jim' is desperately trying to build a smoke screen to obscure the eyes of the people of Texas so that they may be turned aside from the true version of what has lately taken place in the Highway Department and the efforts of Attorney General Dan Moody to bring to light much that had been hidden from the public knowledge. In this connection, the 'Governors' are fooling no one, not even themselves.

"I have been actively identified with the Texas Technological College since the institution was created, having been elected chairman of the board of directors at a meeting in Sweetwater in the early part of 1923 and ever since that time, without a penny of expense to the State, I have dedicated the very best of which I was capable to the service of the institution, so that, together with my associates, I could assist in promoting an avenue of education for the youth of Texas.

Tech Invitation Rejected.

"I recall in this connection that when the original cornerstone of the college was laid the 'Governors' elect had been invited to be present, but neither Governor Jim nor his wife chose to accept the invitation; and when later on in October of the present year, when the college opened with a phenomenal enrollment of 906 students, our 'Governors' were invited again to participate in the celebration connected with the opening of the college, but they and each of them failed to appear.

"It may be a trifle, but trifles some

time show which way the wind is blowing, that Governor Ferguson, in making mention of the college, described it as the West Texas Technological College, when the lawmakers and all the people know that it fulfills a much wider scope and destiny than that, because, by law, it is designated as the Texas Technological College.

Has "Nothing to Hide."

"I am perfectly willing to match my record as a member of the board of directors of the college, or in any other capacity, with that of 'Governor Jim,' and I am also willing to invoke the spirit of the past, a past which brings to mind that the slight unpleasantness between 'Governor Jim' and the State Legislature grew out of his attitude toward the State University, as well as the unfortunate circumstances connected with the location of the proposed West Texas A. & M. in 1917. Personally, I have nothing to hide from the people of Texas, and I have never sought from the Legislature or any other body any condonation of my acts that would enable me to walk erect, either as citizen or candidate, in season or out.

"I am even willing to go further; I am prepared to match my humble record with that of 'Governor Jim,' giving him the odds in respect to eliminating altogether from that comparison any fact in connection with the highway disclosures.

"When 'Governor Jim,' by innuendo, sought to include me among the millionaires, concerning whom he offered a reward of \$500 for violation of the liquor laws, commendable as it was, he quite overleaped himself, because, never having had a highway contract, I can not possibly fall into the millionaire class.

The A. & M. Incident.

"In this connection, may I inquire whether the recent proclamation of 'Governor Jim' (which, like the religion or property of so many men, is concealed in his wife's name), in which a reward is offered for the conviction of bootleggers, includes those to whom amnesty was so freely afforded, or whether, spellbound by the scrupulous regard for highway contracts, those recently pardoned are now bent upon an honest career on the 'highway' of good citizenship and Christian morals?

"As a matter of fact, the accusation of the Governor is so egregious and absurd that it might well be classed with farce-comedy, but for the evident resentment that lay back of the charges.

"Governor Ferguson relates an incident which happened at College Station in the progress of the football game between A. & M. and Texas University on Thanksgiving Day and points to the atrocious fact that I was reported to have admitted yelling 'hurrah for A. & M. and Dan Moody.'

"I am not surprised that my remark should bring forth the resentment of 'Governor Jim,' since Mr. Moody as Attorney General recovered \$600,000 of the taxpayers' money from one road contracting firm. And particularly when you call to mind that 'Governor Jim's' reason, as he stated, for sitting in with the Highway Commission was that he would see to it that its affairs were 'economically administered.' Without pausing to inquire what standard work on economics 'Governor Jim' had been studying, I would like to know why \$1,720,000 of the State's money was spent without any real contract, without a bond to secure its proper performance and at a price of 30 cents a square yard, fixed, not by the road contractors or competitive bid, but, according to the testimony under oath, by the chairman of the Highway Commission himself.

"'Governor Jim,' responding to a sensitive conscience, after this fact had been made manifest to all the world, sought to 'encourage' the Attorney General by employing lawyers and paying them a fee of \$2,000 of the taxpayers' money to prevent the Attorney General from prosecuting the suit and thereby avoid the cancellation of the road 'contracts' and the recovery of \$600,000 of the people's money.

"I merely mention this in passing, not to reveal something not already known to the world, but to show what an acute conscience 'Governor Jim' possesses and with what pride he should refer to his conscience when discussing any fact connected with the highway situation. It must follow as an obvious conclusion that a conscience of this kind should be an exemplar to the younger generation and particularly to the students who may attend the Texas Technological College, or any other institute of learning. Doubtless, this conscientious regard for the people's welfare had much to do with the demand on the part of the Governor that I should forward my resignation.

Yells Not Criminal.

"My yells for Dan Moody are not treated as criminal in the statutes of the State, unless a new edict has been prepared in the Highway Department and has been formulated into law by Mistress Miriam A. Ferguson's husband. Is it any more of an offense against law and morals to toss up one's hat for Dan Moody than to obstruct the Attorney General in his suit against highway contractors? The story that I was under the influence of liquor when I cried out on the one hand for A. & M. and on the other for Dan Moody, was not only false in every particular, but could only be supported by the conclusion that, to the mind of 'Governor Jim,' anyone who declared for Dan Moody was either drunk or crazy. I have too much respect for my wife to tarnish her name with improper conduct, particularly when in her company, and I could wish that much the same might be said with respect to the public expenditures of those who sit enthroned in high authority.

"It is unnecessary for me to say that I not only had no intention to be discourteous, but that I was not discourteous to the Governor of the State, nor did I endeavor to embarrass anyone. My conduct in no way paralleled the conduct of 'Governor Jim' toward hundreds of University of Texas students when they protested to him against the veto of the university appropriation.

Has Favored Aggies.

"My wife always has been a partisan for the Texas University, while I, on the other hand, always have 'rooted' for A. & M. But I may be permitted to say in a sort of stage whisper that I always have supported and encouraged the development of both institutions, side by side. As a taxpayer and as sort of balancing the family allegiance and as one who had paid his way into the football game, I reserved the right to shout for A. & M. very much as I had done in times past, and particularly to hurrah for Dan Moody because of his energetic activities and courage in protecting the taxpayers of the State—and all this on his part,

PIANO SOLOISTS ON PROGRAM AT FAKES

J. B. Taliaferro, concert pianist, will play tonight at the formal opening reception of Fakes & Company during the orchestra intermission. His program will include in his program some of the most popular classical numbers arranged for the piano. Taliaferro spent seven years in study abroad, received a musical degree from the Berlin Academy of Music and spent several years with teachers at Boston and Cincinnati Conservatories of Music.

Flowers, orchestra programs and display of unusual furniture lend the Fakes & Company formal opening an air of artistic hospitality. Several thousand visitors called at the store Monday and viewed the displays of the first five floors of the Fort Worth Club building, which are occupied by Fakes.

The main reception room of the store presents the appearance of a flower garden or elegant conservatory. The promenade is lined on either side with graceful baskets of roses, chrysanthemums and carnations. Throughout the other departments are to be found additional floral decorations, gifts of friends of the firm. On the main floor are to be found pieces of furniture of unusual decorative quality and beauty, while the third floor exhibit is a general display of high-class furniture. To the left, as the callers leave the elevator is to be found the typical Spanish home decorated in furniture, draperies and carpets of harmonizing design. This is one of the outstanding show places of the store.

The Hall of Mirrors and Lamps in the South wing of the third floor also is a display of much interest. On the console in the reception room of the third floor is to be found a decorative lamp fashioned of chiffon and net in the shape of a flower basket.

On the second floor is the budget cottage and a display of furniture for the home operated on a moderate income. The little cottage is simple in detail, but artistic and attractive.

Hours for public reception Tuesday are 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Employees of the store will conduct callers through the store.

notwithstanding the opposition from the executive mansion where the idea seemed to prevail that it was proper to spend the public's money as such expenditures were disclosed by the evidence submitted in the recent trial.

"I feel quite sure that if for any reason any conduct of mine should be insufficient as a guide or example to the students of the Texas Technological College, that the past record of 'Governor Jim' would quite supply the deficiency.

"While the charges contained in Governor Ferguson's letter were slanderous in the extreme and libelous per se, they were printed in full in the newspapers with which I am associated, as a matter of fairness, and my rights under the libel law I gladly waived as far as other newspapers were concerned, in order that the Governor's statement might have the widest publicity.

"In conclusion, I beg to say that do not hold my commission as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College from 'Governor Jim' or the Highway Commission, but since it is a public trust and one for which an accounting should be made to persons in authority, who themselves are free from the breath of public suspicion, I shall await another conjuncture of time and circumstances before I will even presume to consider the subject. However, it behooves me to say that I shall continue to perform my duties as such director, 'Governor Jim' and the Highway Commission to the contrary notwithstanding."

(Signed) "AMON G. CARTER."

Chamber Election Called. BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 1.—The election of directors for the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce will be held at the next luncheon to be held Wednesday noon, it was announced today by Secretary O. G. Goodwin.

In Chinese writings 10 centuries before Christ, pearls were listed as products of the seacoast provinces.

In April, 1925, there were six men listed on Government records as survivors of the Mexican War of 1846.

It is said that the Congo River has as much potential water power as there is to be found in the United States.

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