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**SPOTLIGHT**

M. R. T.

THE story of the hollow canes full of corn at the Petroleum Institute convention here last December, was cited by Governor Ferguson in her letter to Amon Carter.

I remember writing something in this column during that great meeting of oil men here, concerning those same hollow walking sticks and their contents.

If I remember rightly, complaint came to me in an off-hand way from someone, who said that Mr. Carter didn't like the way I remarked about the canes—that they were gifts given merely as part of entertainment of a great body of men, and that the convention did much for Fort Worth.

But there was absolutely nothing I could do about it. It struck me as considerably strange that any such gifts could be dispensed without its being at least worthy of comment.

The Governor's office, in the light of recent developments, seems to have come to the same conclusion.

Now, today's discussion will not consider the Governor's letter further, but another phase of the situation in which the publisher of our opposition and its echo, has found himself.

Mr. Carter, at the A&M football game at College Station, stood in the rear of the Governor's box and shouted "Hurrah for Dan Moody and A&M," so the story goes.

In Houston next day, Mr. Carter made a statement which included the following: "I told President Walton I was a taxpayer and had paid my admission to the game and had a right to yell what I wanted to."

The text from here on will be "right to yell what I wanted to."

That right has been claimed by greater even than Amon Carter, and who is there among us that has not seen these claimants eat just a little bit of crow?

A certain Kaiser shouted "Me und Gott" around what looked like a very easily beaten Allied army. That is the classic example of the result of claiming the right to "yell what I wanted to."

Sure, any taxpayer who pays admission can yell what he wants to—but he must stand the consequences. And, strange as it may seem, it most often comes about that the "yell which I want to," sounds extremely discordant to the listeners about us.

Nobody gets so big that his "right to yell what he wants to" includes the privilege of getting away with it anywhere and anytime.

This applies, I think, more truly on a college campus and in a grandstand during a college football game, than in any other place.

It is my opinion that anyone who claims that his right as a taxpayer is to "yell what I want to" doesn't know his history—or has forgotten it suddenly.

## DENTON MAN IS KILLED

### Dies After Crash on Road to Dallas

M. W. Davenport, Denton business man, was killed in an auto collision on the Denton-Dallas highway Monday night, it was reported Tuesday.

A car in which Davenport and Dan Craddock, Dallas, were going to Denton was said to have overturned in a ditch five miles south of Denton.

Davenport was taken to a Denton hospital where he died two hours after the accident.

## CHARGE ASSAULT

A charge of assault to murder was filed against Pilar Castenedo before Justice Dave Shannon Monday afternoon by Assistant District Attorney Tolbert, resulting from an alleged attack upon Charles Jones, negro, "who says that Castenedo shot him thru the arm while he was standing at 16th and Jones Streets Sunday.

A bond of \$750 was posted for the appearance of Castenedo upon action of the grand jury.

**20 MORE SHOPPING DAYS**

HENRY? THIS IS JOSIE— COME OVER AND SEE ME SOMETIME



before **CHRISTMAS**

# CHARGE INSURANCE

## CARTER REFUSES

### Calls Ferguson's Letter Mere 'Smoke Screen'

Refusing the demand of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson that he resign as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College, Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram, today addressed a letter to the Governor in answer to an executive letter made public at Austin Monday.

Carter pointed out in the letter that he would continue to serve in his present official capacity on the college board unless the members of the board and the people of Texas desired his resignation.

Charging that the accusations made in Governor Ferguson's letter relative to the party he staged here for the oil men was a "smoke screen," Carter denied that he had violated the law.

He further denied that he was under the influence of drink at College Station when he shouted "Hurrah for A&M and Dan Moody."

With the letter to the Governor, Carter addressed a communication to the people of Texas:

The letters 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.

"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 thru-out, and, as chairman of its board of directors, I could not countenance any confusion of side line issues interfering with its growth and development.

#### Past Activities.

"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.

"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 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."

#### 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 Governor as tho the classics had the present situation in mind.

"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.

#### No Apology to Offer.

"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.

"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.

#### No Law Violation.

"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 performer 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 then 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?

#### Nothing Concealed.

"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.

#### Had Warning.

"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 that time, without a penny of ex-early part of 1923 and ever since pence 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. I recall in this connection that when the orig-

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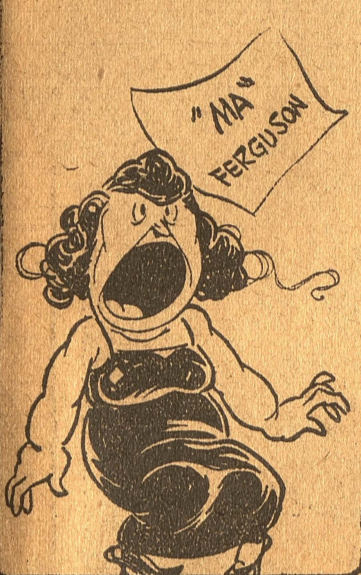
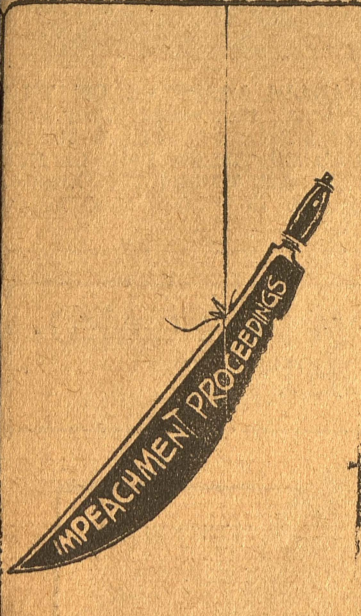
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# INTERESTS BACKING SPECIAL CALL

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Modern Sword Of Damocles



## PLAY BODY TO FIX TOYS

Repaired Playthings to Be Given Poor

Thousands of old toys are wanted by the Recreation Department to be repaired for the happiness of hundreds of poor children Christmas.

Appeal was made Tuesday by R. D. Evans, recreation superintendent, who has arranged to have several hundred children repair the toys, and make others on the playgrounds, to spread cheer among the poor on Christmas Day.

**Children Enthusiastic.** "The children are enthusiastic over the plan," says Evans. "Many of them are experts in repairing little trinkets."

"A doll with a broken arm! A rag doll needing a new dress; broken choo-choo trains, woolly bears, kiddie cars, or little brown bears!"

"All will go to fill some empty stockings and cheer an aching heart," Evans said. "It is hoped that there will not be an empty stocking in Fort Worth Christmas morning."

Are the toys Saint Nick brought children last year forgotten in the attic? Are they stacked about the house, useless? Are they only worn or damaged by a few days interested play last year?

**Workers to Aid.** "Bring them to the Recreation Office at City Hall, or let one of the seven playground directors know about them," Evans said. Members of the Recreation Department and playground directors will assist the children in the work.

"And we want 5000 toys. It is not money that is wanted—but just old toys."

Persons are urged to bring the toys early. The department wants to start the work at once.

**To Give Plans.** Plans for distributing the toys will be announced later. Evans is planning a Christmas tree for the playgrounds. Maybe one big municipal Christmas tree. He hasn't just decided that point.

"But the poor children will get them," Evans said. "We will find some practical method for distributing them."

Toys may be given to the following directors at the respective playgrounds they supervise: Miss Tessie Bell McCall, Riverside; H. J. Dinsmore, Marine Park; Dorothy Lehance, Arnold Park; Mrs. Carl Van Voast, Arlington Heights; Ernest Russell, Capps Park; Miss Annie Maxwell, Hillside Park; and Miss Ruth Lehane, Fifth Ward.

## CLASS MEET

Dorcas Class of the Rosen Heights Baptist Church will have regular business meeting 1:30 p. m. Thursday, December 3, at the church. The meeting is announced by Mrs. O. O. Stevens, class reporter.

## NO CONTRACT ON TAX SURVEY

Council Withholds Action for Present

## NEW LOCAL BIDDER Manager and Mayor Favor Outside Firm

Awarding of contract for revaluation survey of city property was postponed for a week by City Council Tuesday upon protests against employment of an outside firm and the submission of an offer by a local concern.

W. B. Martel, of the Van Horn Martel Construction Company, offered to do the revaluation work for \$28,000 against the bid of \$55,000 of the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, which uses the Somers System.

**Carr Recommends Contract.** City Manager Carr recommended that the city enter into a contract with Ben J. Stoner of the outside company.

"I had rather have some company experienced in the work, so the department won't have to bother with it," Carr said. "If the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company isn't given the work I would rather the city would do the work itself."

W. L. Farris, member of the last Board of Equalization and J. T. Pemberton, president of the F&M National Bank, protested the employment of the foreign company.

**Don't Need Waste.** Farris recommended Martel, saying he is familiar with the present system of valuations in the city tax office.

Farris declared that portion of the charter specifying that local concerns should be employed if possible had been cited again and again, and should be followed in awarding the contract.

"I don't believe it is right to go outside unless people in Fort Worth are incompetent," Pemberton said. "Banks and loan companies don't go out of the city to get experts to make valuations for them."

"People complain that we go outside for good men," Meacham said. "They protested when we went outside of the city to get a water superintendent, and he found \$30,000 worth of pipe that people here had overlooked. They protested the employment of a concern to trace the water leaks and it probably will save several thousand dollars."

**Carr Already Busy.** "My opinion is that we ought to employ the appraisal company, and go ahead with the work," Meacham said. "Carr already has all that he can do without taking the burden of making the survey."

Councilman Thomas said that W. T. Macy, tax collector, should resign if he didn't know enough about books in the tax office to work up records. He later said, however, that he did not mean to cast any reflection on Macy, but was explaining that local men should be competent.

**Bets on Carr.** Councilman Card made a motion to employ the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, saying he was betting on City Manager Carr's judgment in the matter. He later withdrew the motion.

## BOY CONFESSES AXE KILLING

Took Money From Youth and Played Pool

**By United Press.** NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—For no other reason than "he got the notion," Gordon Piret, 19, undersized youth, rained axe blows upon the head of his friend, George Neigh, and took \$5.60 from the dead lad's pocket, which he spent playing pool, going to movies and buying ice cream cones for three girl friends.

This, according to District Attorney McGeehan of the Bronx, was the meat of a confession made by Piret.

Neigh's body was found Sunday night.

## Women and Children!

Turn to Page 10 for announcement of a prize contest that IS a prize contest, for you.

Do a work of pleasure. Make a PETER PAN QUILT The Press is offering \$100 in Prizes Read about it on PAGE 10 TODAY

## Want Ferguson Impeached to Get An Amendment to Robertson Law

SATTERWHITE READY TO CALL SOLONS Governor Preparing Famous Executive Letter to Be Made Public This Week

BY GORDON K. SHEARER  
Press Correspondent

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 1.—A charge that insurance interests anxious to obtain an amendment to the Robertson law are financing the proposed special session of the legislature, is being circulated here by friends of the Ferguson administration.

It is asserted the charge will be made the subject of another of the famous executive letters to be issued in a few days.

According to the report these interests believe that Barry Miller, who would become governor in case of removal of Governor Ferguson, is not hostile to changes in the Robertson law.

That law which required investment of a large part of the capital of insurance companies within the state, led to the withdrawal of the New York Life and other large companies. Frequent efforts to obtain its repeal have failed.

The matter of a special session apparently has been definitely settled with the report from Amarillo that Speaker Lee Satterwhite would call the session to meet Jan. 4.

**Only Lower House** Only the lower house will be included in the call.

Ex-Governor James E. Ferguson told the United Press that no statement regarding a special session had been issued by the Governor or himself. Persistent reports that the Governor had declared she would not call the special session prompted the query.

Speaking on behalf of his wife Ferguson said emphatically "We have made no statement whatever regarding the Legislature."

**To Make Statement** Altho nothing was forthcoming to indicate that the Governor would make her stand known today, it was generally felt that a statement would be issued shortly from the executive office settling the matter as to who would sponsor the convening of the lawmakers, Speaker Satterwhite or the Governor.

Farmer Jim, the Governor's husband, denied that his wife stated in an interview to an eastern newspaper that she would not call the session and "throw herself to the wolves who want to tear me apart."

"Pure bunk," was Ferguson's terse comment.

## U. S. TO PROBE ROAD MUDDLE

District Attorney Will Investigate

Washington Bureau The Fort Worth Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—District Attorney John Hartman of San Antonio, following a conference with Attorney General Sargent late Monday, reiterated a previous announcement in Texas that he would supervise the federal investigation of the Texas highway situation.

Asked if a federal grand jury would be called, Hartman replied that this depended upon what the investigation disclosed.

Hartman accompanied United States Marshal Scott White of El Paso east with a prisoner and they both left for San Antonio last night.

## STROLLING DOWNTOWN

THE newest! Stockyards Charleston! TOM COUGHLIN, handsome Washer Brothers attache, does it. "Just paw first your right foot, then the left—easy as mud," says Tom.

There's "DOC" BROWN, burly Press ad man, doin' it!

MATT JURE at Jackson's now. Been selling men's togs, now he's switched.

E. D. CHAPMAN, smiling manager of Grant's, watching the Christmas crowds surge in.

And LIEUT. F. W. MAXWELL, ROTC director, leavin' Renfro's. Wears his uniform like a Pershing!

Three spotlights . . . nickel hub caps . . . divin' gal . . . gold stripes . . . classy buggy, police emergency car.

There's MRS. R. D. MOORE, auburn-tressed West Texas CofC secretary, leavin' the Neil P. Anderson building.

And inside, man demonstrating a radio that's all in a box, with no aerial and no ground! Carries it like a grip, and it plays!

SAM ARCHIBALD, briskly Odeon manager, opening the morning's mail in the box office. Doesn't shake the envelopes, tho!

And there's HARRY ALTON, who still works the crossword puzzles!

Girls makin' lamp shades—it's the vogue!

## CANVASS VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

Formal Approval Given By City Council

Canvass and formal approval of election returns of the recent \$7,659,000 bond issue was made by City Council Tuesday.

Official count of the seven items was shown as follows: \$3,300,000 for water and sewer extensions, 3401 to 1256; \$2,200,000 general street improvements, 2785 to 1822; \$71,000 for two incinerators, 2824 to 1755; parks, 2416 to 2203; recreation, 2416 to 2193; \$18,000 for City-County Hospital annex, 3112 to 1482, and \$1,400,000 for arterial routes, 2335 to 2255.

The arterial routes passed by the small majority of 80 votes.

## BRYANT NAMED DRY OFFICER

Succeeds Arch Tyler in North Texas

Appointment of George F. Bryant as acting deputy prohibition administrator of North Texas to succeed Arch Tyler, who filed his resignation Friday, was announced Tuesday by Major Herbert H. White, prohibition administrator of Texas and Oklahoma.

Major White made the announcement on his return from an inspection trip thru South Texas. Tyler's resignation became effective Monday.

Entered This Year.

Bryant's appointment will be sanctioned from Washington. He encompromised permanent with officialtered the prohibition service as agent under Tyler Feb. 23 of this year. Prior to that time he was on the ranch of his father, C. W. Bryant, at Whitewright, Grayson County, where he was born and reared. His first service as an officer of the law has been in the prohibition department.

As deputy prohibition administrator of the north judicial district, Bryant will direct dry forces in 114 counties.

Tyler has purchased and taken charge of the Amarillo branch of the West Texas Coach Co.

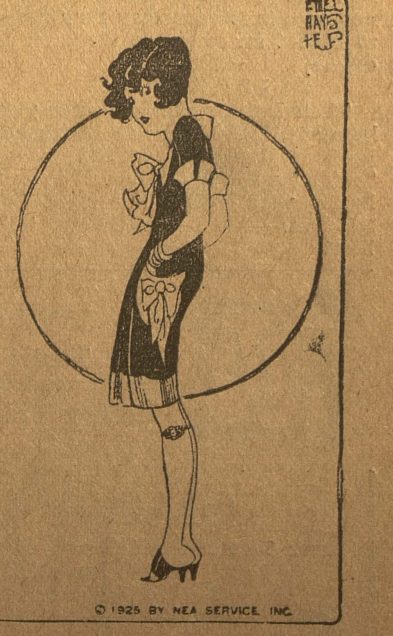
## STAGES RACE WITH DEATH

Woman Speeds Across U. S. to Dying Son

By United Press.

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 1.—Just one hour after Los Angeles physicians notified Mrs. Alexandria H. Kerr that her 10-year-old son, Billie, was near death there, the wealthy widow of an Oklahoma glass manufacturer was on her way to California in a special train. The special train left Tulsa at 5:35 p. m. Monday and made a fast run to Avord, Okla., 200 miles distance, where it made connection with a crack Santa Fe westbound flier.

The boy was injured while playing football and later developed appendicitis.



FLAPPER FANNY SAYS: You can rarely tell about husbands, and if you can, don't.