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Amon G. Carter Explains Why He Gave Three Cheers For Dan Moody In Hearing of Jim and Ma at A-M

If Texas Lost he Also Promised Varsity They Would Get Two Highway Contracts, Publisher Tells Press

HOUSTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—

Amon G. Carter, prominent Fort Worth Publisher, today related in Houston his own version of the episode at the A. & M. Texas football game Thursday, during which he gave three rousing cheers for Dan Moody and was escorted from the grounds.

Governor Ferguson, James E. Ferguson, T. O. Walton, president of A. & M. College, and others of the executive party, occupied a box at the big Thanksgiving Day "Derby". It was in the presence and within the hearing of this box and its occupants that Mr. Carter gave vent to his hurrahs for the young attorney general who is now so largely in the public eye.

HIS CHEERS SEEMED TO NETTLE FERGUSONS.

No offense was intended, Mr. Carter said. He hurrahed equally as lustily for the conquering Aggies, he explained. However, it was not the Aggie yell by Mr. Carter that appeared to nettle the executive party; it was the vocal panegyric for Mr. Moody.

No sooner had Mr. Carter been escorted out of the grounds than he was ceremoniously escorted back in again.

"I was unaware that I was anywhere near the box occupied by the executive party," said Mr. Carter to the Houston Post-Dispatch. "I had been pacing up and down the grand stand runway, following the position of the players on the gridiron and rooting for the A. & M. Players.

"My enthusiasm kept mounting as the Aggies scored their first and then their second touchdown. I was crying 'Hurrah for A. & M!' 'Hurrah for Dan Moody!'"

NOTHING SAID ABOUT HIGHWAY CONTRACTS.

Mr. Carter asserted that nothing was said about highway contracts in the course of his cheering and added:

"Not then and never within the hearing of the executive party. You see, no discourtesy was intended and no offense meant to the governor or any of her party.

I did say later that if Texas lost we would give them two highway contracts.

"I was just merely enthusiastic over the turn of the football game and I was likewise hurrahing for Dan Moody. I feel that he has done a great service for Texas in his exposure of the highway situation and in my enthusiasm I was cheering for him too. I was directing my cries at the crowd, not at the governor's box."

"BY ACCIDENT" HE PASSED JIM'S BOX.

"By accident it happened that I passed the governor's box when I was hurrahing for A. & M. and for Dan Moody. Mr. Walton tapped me on the shoulder and said he would have to ask me to refrain from my cheering; that I was embarrassing the executive party.

"I told Mr. Walton, whom I know, that I had intended no embarrassment but that I felt, and I feel now, that I had a right to cheer for A. & M. and for Mr. Moody if it was my desire. Mr. Walton replied that if I did it again he would be compelled to have me escorted from the grounds.

"Of course, when he said that I retorted that I would continue to cheer for A. & M. and Mr. Moody and he called a colonel of the governor's staff, I believe, and I was escorted out."

As Mr. Carter was being taken to the exit this dialogue followed between him and his military escort:

"Is it against the law to cheer for A. & M.?" Mr. Carter asked.

"No, Mr. Carter."

"Is it against the law to cheer for Dan Moody?"

"No, Mr. Carter."

"Then what's all the shooting about, anyway?"

Mr. Carter was vouchsafed no reply and was escorted back to the grounds with the comment, "Aw, forget it."

In so far as Mr. Carter's remark about the highway contracts, he said that he was merely making a jest.

"And the highway matter is a common jest now, you know; a by-word in Texas."