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## THE CARTER INCIDENT

When newspapers exercise their privilege and discuss frankly some of the vital problems concerning Texans, they usually step on somebody's toes. The Star-Telegram frankly discussed the highway situation and demanded the resignations of Frank Lanham, chairman, and Commissioner Joe Burkett of the State Highway Department.

James E. Ferguson, former governor, had attended highway commission meetings. He knew the way that contracts were being let, but he did not make any effort, so far as we are able to learn, to look out for the interests of the governor, his wife, and the State of Texas.

Finally, Lanham and Burkett were forced to step out, and it was only a few days until Governor Ferguson decided to get even with Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram. He was asked to resign as chairman of the board of regents of the Texas Technological College, in a statement issued by Mrs. Ferguson. The statement was as libelous as could be, but Mr. Carter said he would permit its publication in order that it may not appear that he was trying to suppress criticism of himself.

Answering the criticism, he has denied that a banquet given in Fort Worth was a violation of the prohibition laws. As the Fergusons have made a direct charge, it is apparent that it is going to be necessary for somebody to offer still more evidence to satisfy the people of Texas.

When the sarcasm is removed from the Ferguson statements, there isn't much left. The Daily News fought the Fergusons in both primaries a year ago, knowing that it was to the welfare of the people of Texas. However, the people would not see what was ahead by returning Jim Ferguson to power, and now they must bow their head in shame.