Stoner Elected Head of Texas Hotel Keepers's Association

L. B. Stoner, of the Crockett Hotel, San Antonio, was elected president of the Texas Hotel Keepers' Association at the annual convention held at Fort Worth in December. B. B. Morton, manager of the Rice Hotel, Houston, was elected first vice president, and R. E. Pellow, chairman of the executive committee. L. W. Huckins, proprietor of the Westbrook Hotel, Fort Worth, retiring president of the association, submitted his annual report and showed the association to be in a flourishing condition.

An appeal for the strict enforcement of the Volstead act and the prevention of "orgies and intoxication" at New Year's parties in hotels, was made by Frank Cole, of Austin, Federal prohibition director for Texas.

In the closing hours of the convention resolutions were adopted commending the work of the American Hotel Association and praising Frank A. Dudley, president of that organization, for his constructive policy in behalf of hotel keepers, pledging the strict observance of the national prohibition laws, endorsing a system of State parks for recreation purposes, thanking the Fort Worth hotel keepers, the press, and those who contributed in making the meeting a successful one.

A tax of 50 cents per room was recommended to the membership in support of the Old Spanish Trail highway on hotels along the line of the highway, and 10 cents per room on those along roads leading into the highway. Half of the money thus obtained will be used in hotel publicity.

The delegates, after the election of officers, made an automobile trip to the packing house district and inspected the plants of Armour & Co. and Swift & Co. Luncheon was served at the plant of Armour & Co., Adolph Boldt, Southern district secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters in St. Louis, was principal speaker at the luncheon. Boldt suggested that the hotel men "should put Texas above any State in the Union."

"Texas under Six Flags" was advocated by him as a slogan for advertising the historical background of the State.

R. E. Pellow, Raleigh Hotel, Waco, chairman of the board of directors, in his report declared that every effort should be made to co-operate in the enforcement of the prohibition laws, and that hotel managers should force their guests to stop such violations.

Two resolutions were submitted with the approval of the board by Mr. Pellow. the first dealing with the prohibition enforcement act, the second calling on the State to provide a State system of parks to attract tourists to Texas.

The annual banquet was held on the first night of the meeting in the assembly banquet hall of the Texas. Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Star-Telgram. was toastmaster.

Sam F. Dutton, Albany Hotel, Denver, was the principal speaker. Dutton, who is nationally known in hotel circles, recalled the first meeting and organization of the Texas association in Galveston 17 years ago. "I am proud to say that I was the first speaker on the program of that convention," he said.

Current problems of hotel men were discussed by Mr. Dutton.

Other speakers included R. E. Pellow, Raleigh, Waco; Charles A.



Wheeler, president Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; L. B. Stoner, Crockett Hotel, San Antonio.

The menu combined the best products of the land and sea and was faultlessly served throughout.

A feature of the evening was the dance by little Miss Huckins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Huckins, Fort Worth.

ENJOY FINE HUNT.

L. Paul Mathews, of Casa De Palmas Hotel, McAllen, Texas, was recently host to a week's hunting party given on a famous old ranch in the interior of Mexico in honor of Charles C. Nelson and Judge Theo. Remley, of Kansas City, Mo. The party camped on historic hills overlooking thousands of acres, which abounded in game that for several years had multiplied unmolested by hunters. The camping quarters were in what was once a Casa Grande, but now a rumbling old dobe house whose battered walls bear mute evidence of bandit raids and destruction, which had driven the inhabitants miles away. The party encountered a drove of Mexican Eagles; killed countless wild duck and quail and in addition to happy "Camp Memories" brought back to Casa De Palmas fourteen wild turkeys which Manager Ma-thews served the Rotary Club of which he is a member. Charles C. Nelson is president of the Nelson Loan Co., of Kansas City, Mo., and owner of the Carlton Hotel of that city and was up to the time the Plant-ers Hotel of St. Louis, was sold a little over a year ago; the President and Managing Director of that widely known hostelry.

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