

group than two smaller ones. With that recommendation in mind, plans continued to be made to form a chapter in Stephenville in March, 1941. A date of March 15 was selected but in a letter from Miss Sloan to Miss Carter dated February 16, 1941, she stated that all teachers in Comanche would be in a TSTA meeting and that March 29 would be a better date.

The Long Hotel in Stephenville was selected as the site for the formation of Gamma Zeta Chapter. Miss Carter corresponded with the Long Hotel concerning the details and a letter from Mr. Charles Long to her dated March 25 confirmed the luncheon time as being at 12:15 and the menu would be fruit cocktail, salad, grilled steak, vegetables, dessert and coffee for a price of 75 cents. The meeting would follow.

Many outstanding teachers in the surrounding counties were invited to become charter members of Gamma Zeta Chapter; however, the majority of these ladies had to decline. Their letters on file indicate that the prevailing reason was an economic one. The five members persevered and succeeded in obtaining consent from seven outstanding teachers to join them March 29 to organize the new chapter. Those new initiates who joined the five were Mrs. D.E. Howard (Oma Latrece) from Stephenville, Mrs. Grace Nichols and Miss Emily O'Brian of Dublin, Miss Ruth Odom, Miss Jewel Simpkins and Miss Jewel Werner all from Comanche and Miss Mary Winn from Huckabay.

A recently discovered letter from Mrs. J. Thomas Davis, wife of the Dean of John Tarleton Agricultural College, stated that Dr. Blanton had approached her earlier about membership in the Society and she accepted the invitation for honorary membership; she was planning to attend the March 29th meeting. In 1941 Tarleton was a branch of Texas A&M and Dr. Davis was presiding dean of the entire college.

State and National representatives attending and assisting with the formation of the new chapter and initiation of the new members were Miss Eula Lee Carter, Alpha State Executive Secretary, Miss Bernita Minkwitz, National Treasurer and Miss Phyllis Ellis of Ft. Worth.