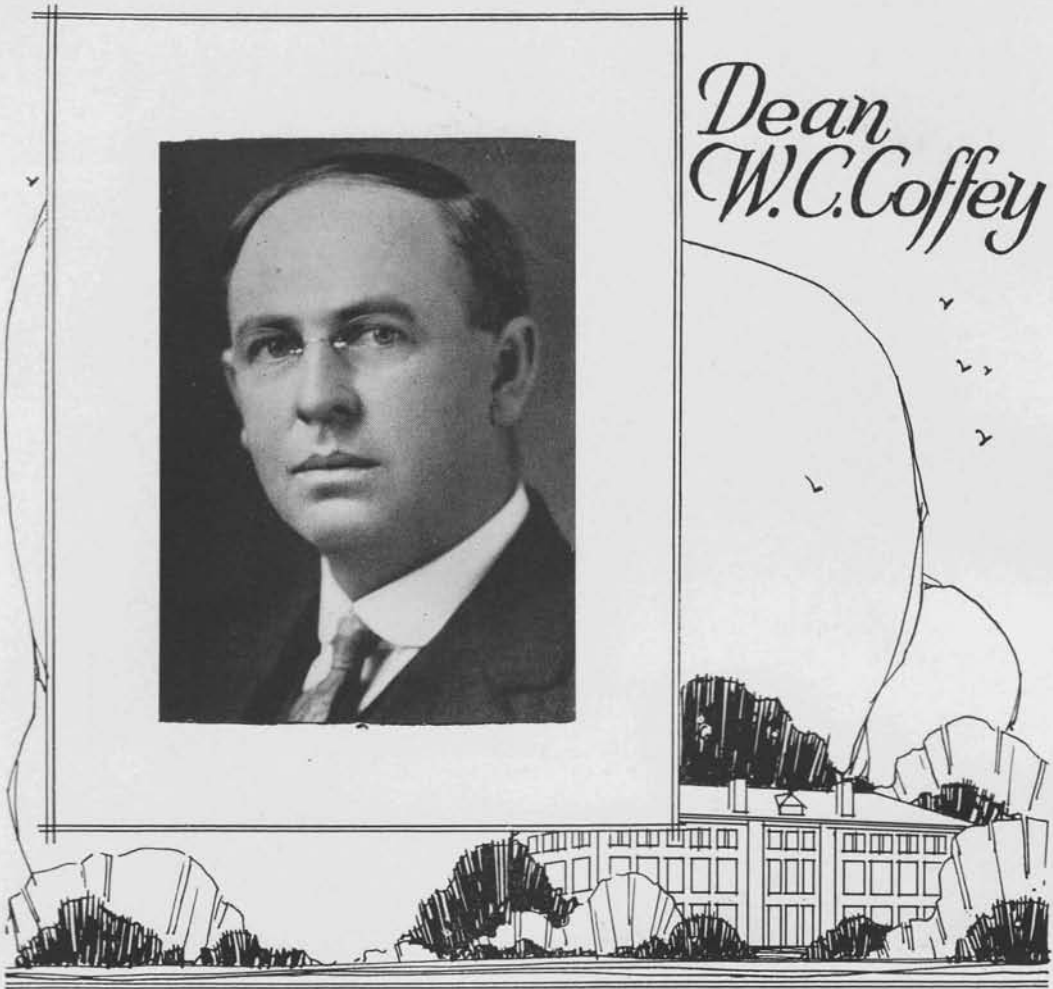




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To the Class of 1922 of the
Northwest School of Agriculture:

The Red River Valley appeals to the student of agricultural development because farming in the Valley is in the process of a great transformation. The wheat raising era is passing; diversified farming with its live stock and variety of crops is coming in. Soil fertility, drainage, farm management, marketing, transportation and still other economic questions are becoming more alive as farm problems than ever before. The student of agricultural development is anxious to see whether the new knowledge in these subjects will help to bring diversified farming into the Valley under more favorable conditions than it came into those regions where it arrived at an earlier date. The existence of the Northwest School of Agriculture should guarantee that it will. And graduates of the School should welcome the change, and I feel sure that they will. Diversified agriculture is the trained farmer's opportunity. It presents new problems and numerous problems which the old time farmer will not attack. But to the young farmer who is well trained, they are a stimulant to the blood, brawn and brain. As a region which challenges the graduate of an agricultural school to deliver his best, no other excels the Valley, where I hope you may succeed as farmers and citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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