

## **PTA-Parent Teacher Association**

**By Kathryn Dodd**

A **parent-teacher association/organization (PTA/PTO)** or **parent-teacher-student association (PTSA)** is a formal organization composed of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation in a school. An article from the Denton Record Chronicle from 1954 says that the first meeting of the PTA in Krum was held on Oct 6, 1944 –first president elected was Mrs. Henry Ross. There must have been some sort of P.T.A organization in 1921 as found mention of this in the first newspaper article.

### **Denton Record Chronicle**

**January 29, 1940**

Nineteen Years Ago- Jan 29, 1921

Mrs. Edna Trigg spoke to the P.T.A in Krum.

### **County P.T.A to Fight Diphtheria**

**Oct 11, 1933**

#### **Denton Record Chronicle**

The Denton County Council of P.T.A. voted to sponsor the immunization of all Denton County school children against diphtheria at its first meeting of the school year Saturday afternoon in Lewisville. Mrs. Edna Trigg, county home demonstration agent, offered her assistance to the association in putting over the health program... Reports were heard from P.T. A's of Justin, Krum, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Little Elm, Sanger and Stonewall Jackson of Denton.

### **Attendance of Krum P-TA Increases from 20 to 200**

#### **Denton Record Chronicle**

**Oct 10, 1954**

By Omalie Phillips

Record Chronicle Correspondent

The Krum Parents Teachers Association, although comparatively young in years, has come a long way in growth and accomplishments. At the initial meeting in 1944 there were 20 mothers and teachers present while the first meeting of the present year drew an attendance of approximately 200 parents, teachers, and friends of the school.

This growth in attendance and interest indicates that the organization has been successful in all its phases of work.

The first meeting was held on Friday afternoon Oct. 6, 1944. Mrs. Henry Ross was elected president; Mrs. Ila May Muncy, first vice president; Mrs. W.J. Medlin, second vice president; Mrs. Olin Shifflett, third vice president and Mrs. J.A. Stone, secretary and treasurer.

One of the first projects of the new organization was an effort to help pay for a badly needed new school bus. A Halloween supper and carnival was sponsored as the main money-raising plan for the year. It was so successful that it has been continued as an annual event each school year. A total of \$550 was paid on the bus by the Association that year.

In 1945, with Mrs. Medlin as president and Mrs. Stone again secretary and treasurer, the association set out to pay more toward the bus. The scope of sponsored activities was broadened from the Halloween Carnival to include musical entertainments, "Fat and Lean" show, and basketball games. At the end of the second year, the organization had raised a total of \$1,703. 59 in the two years and had paid \$1,413.66 of this on the buses for the school.

The Gilmer-Aikin school legislation came to the aid of the school after this time buying the buses without calling so heavily on outside contributions. With the coming of the present superintendent, W.W. Davis the organization began planning on doing other things besides paying for school buses. Mrs. Medlin was elected to serve her second term as chairman in 1946, and she was succeeded in 1947-48 by Mrs. August Schluter.

The executive board began meeting on a Friday afternoon before the regular Parent-Teachers meeting on the third Monday night of each month and worked out plans whereby the most could be accomplished for the good of the organization, the school, and the community. A different room began giving a program each P-TA night. Then the organization began having a social hour after each meeting, with refreshments being served by different room mothers. This gave everyone a chance to meet and visit with both teachers and parents.

The P-TA then began the task of putting on the Halloween Carnival, relieving the teachers of all that work. Days before Halloween they meet, plan, and work. Then early on Halloween morning women with saws, hammers, nails, boards, and what men they can get to help gather at the gymnasium to build their booths, bring in food, and so all the other thousand and one things that it takes to make a Carnival. In the meantime, classes proceed as usual. By 6 p.m. all is in readiness for the fun which gets under way shortly thereafter.

In 1949-1950, Mrs. Jack Parkey served as president, and in 1952 and 1953 Mrs. A.J. McClure took the chair. It was during the terms of these two presidents that the organization put 40 new modern tables and chairs in the first and second grade room in the 1950. Then in 1951-52, they put modern desks in the third and fourth grade class-rooms.

### **Krum P-TA Hears Of Nuclear Weapon**

#### **Denton Record Chronicle**

**Nov 19, 1964**

**Krum** (Special) Mrs. John Cox presented Krum High School senior boys in a debate for the Parent-Teacher Association's November meeting. They debated "Resolved: Nuclear Weapons Should be Controlled by a World Government."

Bill Hall was moderator. Jim Chism and Charles Monschke discussed the affirmative side of the question and Marshall McKinney and Ray Corbin took the negative side. Judges were the Rev. Raymond Womack, John L. Cox and Mrs. Jim Rodgers. The negative side was declared the winner.

The Krum Boy Scout Troop presented the colors and Clay Womack led the group in the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Joe McGee gave the meditation.

It was reported that the Halloween carnival proceeds totaled almost \$300. Mrs. Jack Parkey reported on the state convention she attended in Dallas.



### **P.T.A. OFFICERS**

Mrs. James Reed  
Mrs. Waymon Miller  
Mrs. Ralph Miller  
Mrs. Jack Parkey

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