

Underground Phone Line Set For Krum

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KRUM, Sept. 18 — Work is now underway on Krum's first underground telephone line. David. Rudd, owner of the Krum Telephone Company, began work on laying the underground line Thursday.

The first line is being placed in the ground northwest of Krum, and more underground lines are being planned, Rudd said. Rudd, who is laying the line himself, said he believes his new line is the second line of this type in Denton County. "Argyle is the only other Denton County town I know of that uses underground lines," he said.

"We won't have to worry about ice storms or high trucks of hay damaging these lines," Rudd added. The Krum Telephone Company has been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Rudd since 1944. They bought the Krum exchange from a nation-wide telephone company after operating it for one year for that company.

When they purchased the exchange, there were 21 phones on the lines; they now have more than 100. Rudd handles all the "trouble calls," and Mrs. Rudd operates the switchboard and does the bookkeeping.

Krum Residents Utilizing New City Dumping Grounds

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Krum's new city dumping area is being well utilized since its opening. Mayor F. W. Fowler said this week.

Pick-ups are made twice monthly, on the *second and fourth* Saturdays of each month.

An acre of land northeast of town on the J. P. Gray place was purchased by the city council to be used as the dumping grounds. Gray also does the door-to-door collecting.

'One hole, if properly handled, will take care of Krum for six months." Fowler said. By properly handled he meant for the trash to be placed in one pile and be burned, thus insuring compactness.

The garbage and trash must be in a container that can be easily handled, Fowler said and Krum residents should burn what rubbish they possibly can or make arrangements with Gray to pick up trash like tree limbs.

"If Gray fails to pick up your trash, contact him and he will come back and pick it up," Fowler said, stressing the fact that the pick-up is a free service to Krum citizens and that they should refrain from dumping it themselves.

Fowler added that the dumping area is not open to the public. "It is the property of the citizens of the town only," he said.

City Fathers Move To Halt Speeding On Highway 156

A corporation court—with a primary purpose of stopping excessive speeding on Highway 156—has been set up by the Krum city council and is now in operation.

The city council has been working on the plan for around two months, and facilities now have been set up to handle cases.

The court will hold session only when needed, Mayor F. W. Fowler, who will be judge of the court, said Wednesday.

Although the town occasionally has a parking problem, the main purpose of the court will be to put a halt to the speeding on Highway 156 from Sanger to Fort Worth.

5-Year Expansion Boosts Facilities in Young Krum **Denton Record Chronicle** **January 31, 1965**

Krum — Although Krum is a mere youngster in the county's family of incorporated cities, it boasts all the facilities offered by the larger centers, and much of it has been provided in the last five years.

Krum's existence dates back to the coming of the railroad in the 1880's, but it became incorporated only a few years ago. F.W. Fowler is the town's first mayor—a post he still holds.

Among the most recent additions are increased water service—new well and new storage—street paving, natural gas system for cooling and heating, a feed processing business, a machine shop, service station, grocery, barber shop, upwards of about 20 new homes in and around Krum, a gradual substantial growth.

“I predict the growth to continue, especially during the remaining half of the 1960's,” the mayor said, pointing to the several sub-divisions already being developed and new highway construction, including the highway 35 W ‘from which Krum will receive some of the benefits.’”

He said he expects land values to continue rising, and the next five years should see the completion of still more urban development.

Reflecting the community's economic growth are deposits at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The bank started 1960 with \$606,524.70 in deposits, compared to \$761,897.14 this Jan. 1.

Krum's school enrollment hit a lot of 140 during the 1962-63 term, said Mac Vincent, superintendent, but there has been a noticeable rise in more recent years.

“Denton's growth has contributed to our progress,” Mayor Fowler said, “and as the county seat center continues to rise, we will enjoy some of the benefits.”