

Krum, Aug 18

Center of a thriving agriculture area in the upper western portion of Denton County, Krum long has been an active community.

Its population is estimated at 525, a healthy Increase over the total of a decade ago.

The area around Krum Is devoted to dairying beef cattle raising, wheat, oats, clover and some cotton.

During the last two or three years some of the finest dairies in Denton County have sprung up near Krum. Owners of such large dairy cattle herds as Dr. W. G. Langley and Jack Parkey, west of here, help to boost this area's center.

Krum citizens point with pride to their school and their volunteer fire department.

The Krum Independent School District is headed by W. W. Davis superintendent. Krum has one building for its high school students and another for the elementary school pupils. Total enrollment is around 250 students.

The school building and rest room facilities were improved during the summer.

Chief of the Krum volunteer fire department is H. C. "Cotton" Cole. The equipment includes a school bus chassis combined with a large tank, along with axes, fog nozzle, ladders *and* a power take-off.

Citizens say this truck was worth its weight in gold in fighting grass fires in the Krum-Ponder-Bolivar area during the drought of 1950-51.

Krum has several civic and social clubs all with the same idea in mind—working for (lie progress of the town and the surrounding 'community.

Business Progress Marked By Krum

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KRUM, Dec. 23 (Sp)—Life didn't deviate from the ordinary too many times in the year 1951 in this small community but Krum made proportionate progress with the other towns of Denton County.

That progress was made in almost every form of civic, social and business life here.

One of the new businesses in the city is a lumber yard owned and operated by W. H. Jennings, who moved here from Frisco. Associated with Jennings is his brother, J.L. Jennings, of Pilot Point.

Another of Krum's new business establishments is a new auto supply store operated by Cotton Cole, who also is associated with the Cole Service Station,

The Krum Telephone Company extended its service to four miles north of Krum. This extension made telephone service available to eight additional families.

The Santa Fe Railroad transferred the Krum Railway agent to Fort Worth and replaced him with B.T. Brown.

About 250 of the 350 residents of Krum are school children, and the town has continued to maintain and support both an elementary and high school. During 1951 the Parent-Teacher Association began efforts to modernize the buildings. They equipped the first and second grade rooms with up-to-date furniture, lounges and a library. To raise money for these undertakings, the PTA gave box supper in the spring and a turkey dinner in the fall.

The Girl Scouts extended their influence to Krum this year with the organization of the first troop here. Mrs. Jack Parkey leads the organization of this girl's group.

Along the social lines of the community, a new women's club was begun. The Krum Progressive Club was formed in the fall and adopted the purpose of civic development.

The Home Demonstration clubs of the county honored a Krum woman during 1951 by selecting Mrs. Henry Koiner as the most outstanding homemaker in Denton County.

Churches too had a successful year. Krum's three churches all got new pastors during 1951. Rev. Horace B. Marks came to the Baptist Church; Rev. Norris Steele moved to the Methodist Church from Alvord, and the new minister of the Church of Christ Is Royce Flowers.

As have other towns, Krum has had its share of new homes and one of the most beautiful of these is the home of John Morris.

Crime doesn't reach to this small community often, but Krum residents were shocked this fall by the robbery of Mrs. Laura Castleberry, 80-year-old widow, by two unidentified women. The women entered her home and robbed her of \$100, which the woman had saved for her winter fuel.

Measured by its size and civic activity, Krum has probably had one of its best years, but this agricultural community has suffered with the rest of Denton County by the drought. However, Krum looks to an even more successful 1952.



W.W. Davis



Mrs. Jack "Fredda" Parkey