

Krum Home Demonstration Club-established 1919

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Home demonstration work began in Texas in 1912, when Edna Westbrook Trigg accepted the United States Department of Agriculture's request to work with girls' tomato clubs in Milam County. The purpose of this early work was to organize rural girls and teach them homemaking and social skills. The program was modeled on federally initiated agricultural demonstrations that had been helping farmers across the state since 1903. In 1914 the agricultural and home economics demonstration efforts were formalized with congressional passage of the national Smith-Lever Act, which provided a legal base and financial support for demonstration work.

Through the first half of the 20th century home demonstration agents went to homes throughout rural Texas and provided practical demonstrations and advice on vegetable gardening, canning, sewing, cooking, household management, family health, poultry-raising and other aspects of daily life. *Home demonstration agents started clubs across Texas to involve more women in bringing household-related skills and information primarily to rural families.* The home demonstration association was reorganized in 1931 with the mission to promote and provide community instruction on diet and health, food production and preservation, landscaping, fitting garments, poultry production, millinery and sewing. According to Humanities Texas, at their zenith around 1940, these clubs boasted more than 57,000 women in almost 3,000 clubs statewide.

The Krum Home Demonstration Club was originally called the Hawkeye Demonstration Club and was established in 1919. The name in the 1950's was Krum-Hawkeye Demonstration Club and by the 1960's the Hawkeye had been dropped and was Krum Home Demonstration Club.

Officers Elected By Hawkeye Home Club

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The Hawkeye Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Claude Miller Thursday, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Earl Cox, president; Mrs. Marvin Woods, vice president; Mrs. Fred Hopkins. Secretary-treasurer;. Demonstrators named for the year are kitchen, Mrs. Will Pate; orchard Mrs. Hopkins; council delegate, Mrs. Miller. Miss Nena Robertson, county home agent, gave a demonstration of making a feather quilt. Fifteen members were present and Mrs. Meinecke was a guest. .

Hawkeye Organized Club 29 Years Ago

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The Hawkeye Home Demonstration Club was organized in the spring of 1919, by Mrs. Edna Trigg, Denton County's first home demonstration agent. The five charter members were, Mrs. C.M. Pickett, Mrs. N.B. Koiner, Mrs. Philo Luginbyhl, Mrs. Herman Borth, and Mrs. Smith all of Krum. Mrs. C.M. Pickett is still an active member. This club is the oldest still active club in the county.

The first problem of the club was the canning of fresh vegetables. The club owned the first community canner. It was too large for most stoves and often had to be used in the yard on an open fire. A big day in the community was the all-day canning in some home. Each family bought what he had to can and a covered dish for lunch.

This club prides itself in its record since the organization of the Denton County Fair Association. They have entered exhibits in the Agriculture and Educational departments each year. They have placed every year and have won six first places in the Agriculture exhibit in competition with communities that have vocational leaders.

The club now has 18 active members; meets regularly each month. Besides the regular demonstration work the club sponsors a number of parties and picnics each year.

One of the outstanding individual accomplishments in the club this year was the remodeling of an old fashioned farm home into a modern kitchen by Mrs. Earl Cox. Mrs. Cox says it was a family affair, as all daughters and in-laws gave a helping hand and the work was done in record time at minimum cost.

The club is proud of the interest and enthusiasm of each member, as all look forward from one meeting to the next as an afternoon of instruction and pleasure.

Krum Home Dem Slates Course in Upholstery
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June 1, 1952

Miss Francis Smith was hostess to the Krum-Hawkeye Home Demonstration Club at its Tuesday meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. Leo Riney and Mrs. T.B. Farris.

The club voted to contribute \$25 to the North Carolina 4-H trip. Those going from the Krum community include Mrs. August Schluter, Dale Schluter, Neal Schluter, Marilyn Givens, Nancy Boyd, Yvonne McFarlin, Ballard Hopkins, Pat Hood and Doyle Fletcher.

Other plans of the club include an upholstering course beginning June 16, to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday for two weeks.

Guests of the club at their meeting were Mmes. Henry Koiner, Dan Craig, George Pickett and C.E. Lamb of Paris. Mrs. Walter Smith was a new member.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W.R. Ginnings, who will be assisted by T.D. Enis.

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Krum- The 15 members of the Krum Home Demonstration Club presided over by Mrs. George Howard, meet every fourth Tuesday in an effort to help women and friends in homemaking.

“We hope to learn new techniques on sewing and learn more about buying for the family,” says Mrs. Fred Hopkins, the club’s council delegate. “We try to know more about how we can help our community.”

The club also learns more about family menus and new crafts and members help in the annual Cancer Fund drive.

Other officers are Mrs. Bob Simpkins, vice president; Mrs. G.N. Shifflett, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Morris N. Choice, alternate council delegate; Mrs. Jack Parkey, parliamentarian, and Mrs. W.S. Bishop, reporter.