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Attendance Of Krum PTA Increases From 20 To 200

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The Krum Parents Teacher 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. 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. Olin Shiflett, 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.

Krum Studies Plan For Incorporation

Further study of plans for incorporation of Krum were made at a called meeting of citizens of the community Friday night at the high school. A meeting will be called later for further studies Mrs. Dorothy McClister said. The meeting was "very harmonious," those attending reported. Mrs. McClister was appointed as general chairman. Other members of the committee which will conduct a further study of the subject are John Morris, Francis Fowler, Hal Knox, C.C. Wilkins and Tom Barry.

Winter Grains Outlook Slightly Improves In Area

The winter grain situation is "looking up" in the Krum area following the recent showers. Many acres of oats already have been planted, but most wheat farmers are waiting for more moisture and the volunteer crop. Oats probably are the biggest single crop in this area and furnish good winter grazing, as well as a spring harvest.

Weldon Cole, manager of R.L. Cole and Co. said the sale of seed oats has been good and hundreds of acres of the grain were being planted following the moisture. Krum is near the center of Denton County's vast small grain area. Among the largest small grain farmers in the Krum Community are August Schluter, R.L. Boydston, Donald Shiflett, Jim Yeary, Henry Koiner, T.P. Tindle, Harry Miller and Gus Eagan who grows certified seed.

Street Lights Draw Praise

Krum has a big light bill every month-but most residents believe it is worth every penny. Downtown merchants, who helped foot the bill, certainly say that "getting Krum out of the dark" was a good plan. The light poles and other equipment were erected by Texas Power and Light Co about six months ago. Twenty-four street lights were placed at strategic locations about the town and now provide plenty of light where there once was darkness. The light bill runs approximately \$30 to \$40 per month. The "electric eye" which switches on the lights when the sun goes down and turns them off when the sun comes up has never failed. Donations were received from businessmen and other citizens to pay the electric bill for about one year. In six months "the hat will be passed" again, unless other ways are found to pay for the electricity.

Firemen Fight Six Rural Fires

The Krum Volunteer Fire Department made six calls to rural areas in September, Fire Chief R. C (Cotton) Cole said. The alarms included two homes, one barn and three grass fires. The homes of E.G. Hovenkamp and Melvin Johnson were destroyed, and a barn housing a car owned by A.W. Burnside was damaged. However, the fires were kept from spreading to other structures through efforts of the firemen.

Member Of Exclusive Club

A.H. (Hal) Knox Jr., president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Krum, probably is the only golfer in the Krum area who has ever made a hole in one. Knox, an enthusiastic golfer, scored the ace on Denton's TSCW course several years ago. An engraved plaque and the ball with which he scored the hole in one were presented to him by officials of the TSCW course.

Krum Woman To Be Guest Speaker

Justin, Oct 9- Mrs. Jack Parkey of Krum, president of the Denton County Parent Teachers Association, will be the guest speaker at the 3 p.m. Monday meeting of the Justin P.T.A. in the school. Following Mrs. Parkey's talk, the club will take up planning for its annual Halloween Carnival.

Krum Citizens Open Hearts, Pocketbooks

Krum residents opened up their hearts and their pocketbooks to help the Melvin Johnson family when the Johnson home and all its contents were destroyed by fire Sept. 24. Nearly \$1500 was reported presented to the family through voluntary contributions. This was in addition to gifts of clothing and other articles. A household shower was given for the family, and girls and boys of Krum High School helped. In fact, the entire community "pitched in" and proved what real friendship can mean in time of a disaster.

Pioneer Business In Krum

One of the oldest business houses in Krum, is the R.L. Cole Grain Co, established in 1905. The company is still in operation, and under the management of Weldon Cole, a son of the original owner.

New Bernard Creek Bridge Big Improvement Over Old Crossing

The bridge over Bernard Creek has been completed-and residents of the Krum Community who use Farm-Market Road 1173 now can drive over that highway "in style." The new bridge, a concrete structure located about two miles west of Krum, was built by Austin Bridge Co, the contractor for the project. The new crossing will allow traffic to flow both ways, and it is a big improvement over the old one-way structure, which was responsible for several serious accidents in past years. There is little danger that the new concrete bridge will be washed away, for it was built to stay. Construction gives Krum residents an excellent farm-market road all the way from Krum westward and then north to FM 455, near Slidell.

The series on early Krum families will resume in January 2013.

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