

THE KRUM LION'S CLUB

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The Krum Lion's Club was organized in August 1953. Charter night was held October 2, 1953 with 33 charter members. The following officers were elected for the first year: R. C. Cole, President, John Morris, 1st Vice President, M. E. Holley, 2nd. Vice President, Jack Parkey, 3rd Vice President, Paul Muncy, Secretary Treasurer, A. F. Lindley, Lion Tamer, Jack Buckley, Tail Twister, W. W. Cole, F. W. Fowler, W. R. Ginnings and George Piott, directors.

In November 1953 the Lion's Club purchased and installed a new water valve at the Krum Water Work's, whereby two fire trucks could be filled with water at the same time, and in less time than it originally took to fill one truck. This greatly increased the effectiveness of our fire Department.

In March 1954 the Lion's Club arranged for 24 streetlights to be installed in the business district and residential area, especially around the school and the three churches of Krum.

In November 1954 the Club held a broom and mop sale. These products are being made by the blind. The club turned out in full strength and netted for the club about \$120.00.

Also in November 1954, the Club changes its meeting place and time to noon at the Krum school house, where arrangements had been made to have the Home-Economics girls to prepare and serve lunch.

In January 1955 the Club installed an outdoor basketball court in the school yard in order that more practice could be had by those who wished on days when the gym was not open.

In February 1955 the Club voted to work with the Krum School in sight conservation, and to furnish aid to any child who was unable to purchase glasses. In March, 1955 the Club voted to sponsor a local Boy Scout Troop. In October 1955 the Club voted to sponsor a 5-year crop improvement plan for the FFA Club. In May 1956, the club appointed a committee of five to look into the forming of a little league baseball players. In October, 1956, the Club acted as co-sponsor with Mrs. August Schluter in the United Fund Drive.

In December 1956, the Club acted to assist three deserving families in the Krum area with food and clothing as a Christmas present.

In February 1957, the Club sponsored a basketball game between the ARKANSAS TRAVELERS, a team of girl players, and the Denton County Boys League. This netted the club around \$200.00, which will be used in various activities, which will benefit the people who live in and around Krum.

Besides the activities mentioned, the Krum Lion's Club is a member of the "Texas Lion's League for Crippled Children" at Kerrville, Texas. Last year they sent two children from the Krum area to this camp at Kerrville for two weeks, and they expect to do the same each year.

Editor's Note – The above story on the Krum Lions Club was submitted by Mr. B. T. Brown.

