

Incorporation Steps Taken
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The green light for further steps toward incorporating the community has been given by citizens of Krum, following a called meeting Friday night. Those present approximately 35 persons—voted for the special committee to employ a surveyor.

The surveyor will make a plat of the area proposed for incorporation and then the petition of citizens requesting an election on the issue will be presented to the Denton County judge.

The petition was circulated Friday night and already has more than the required 20 signatures, Mrs. Walter McClister reported. Mrs. McClister is chairman of the committee on incorporation.

The area under consideration will be about one mile square. The township originally was surveyed by the Santa Fe Railroad, but a new survey is necessary since more territory will be added under the incorporation plan.

A general discussion of the advantages and possible disadvantages of incorporating was conducted Friday night. It was the second public meeting to talk over the possibilities to the move. Two weeks ago an estimated 40 citizens of the community heard Bruce Davis, Denton attorney, answer questions and explain the advantages of incorporating a community the size of Krum.

After the survey is made and the petition bearing the name of 20 or more citizens of the proposed area is presented to the county judge, an election will be set. All qualified voters residing in the proposed area will be eligible to vote in the election.

Krum's position is similar to that of Lake Dallas, another Denton County community which is ready for a vote on incorporation. The Lake Dallas election has been set for Nov. 2, to coincide with the general election.

Lake Dallas residents only last week petitioned the county judge to set the election, after 30 citizens of the proposed incorporated area signed the request.

Krum residents will be watching closely the outcome of the Lake Dallas vote. However, in contrast to the harmonious pro and con discussions of the issue in Krum, the Lake Dallas community is divided on the subject. In fact, such bitter opposition has developed in the community that the vote in the Nov. 2 special election is expected to be extremely close.

Interest Low In Election
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Interest is only lukewarm in Krum's first city election in history. The election will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 4. Mrs. A. H. Knox Jr. will serve as election judge.

A mayor, five city aldermen and a city marshal will be selected. All persons who have poll tax receipts dated prior to Feb. 1, 1954 will be allowed to vote.

Deadline for candidates to enter the three races was Dec. 3, 30 full days before the election, as required by law.

Candidates for mayor include Mrs. Walter W. McClister and F. W. Fowler.
John Gray is the lone candidate for city marshal.

Ten citizens are seeking aldermen posts. They include two women, Mrs. R. L. Cole and Mrs. John Morris. Other candidates are C.C. Wilkins, R. C. Cole, D. P. Jackson, R. C. Erickson, T. C. Barry, Loran Park, E. E. (Ned) McKinney and Weldon Cole.

Krum became an incorporated town after an election on Nov. 16 when citizens voted 75 to 13 in favor of the move.

Krum's election result was the exact reverse of the outcome of an overwhelming margin decided Denton County community several weeks earlier. Lake Dallas, by an overwhelming margin, decided against incorporation. However, leaders of the incorporation movement said the issue would be brought to a vote again next year.



ORIGINAL **POLL TAX RECEIPT**

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DENTON N^o 4195

PRECINCT NO. 27 1954
WARD

Date 195
Received of *My Blanch Dood*
Address *Krum* R.F.D. Box

Age <i>27</i> Years	Native Born	Born in (State or Foreign Country)
Length of Residence <i>27</i> Years	Naturalized Citizen	Occupation <i>None</i>
State <i>27</i> Years	Sex: Male-Female	Paid by
County <i>27</i> Years	Race: White-Colored	Agent
City <i>27</i> Years		

THE SUM OF ONE AND 75/100 DOLLARS IN PAYMENT OF POLL TAX FOR THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE. THE SAID TAXPAYER BEING DULY SWORN BY ME SAYS THAT THE ABOVE IS CORRECT, ALL OF WHICH I CERTIFY.

By *[Signature]* Deputy
C. C. ORR
Tax Assessor and Collector

Example of poll tax receipt referred to in "Interest Is Low In Election" story

