

Museum Musings Article- Krum News

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Social History of Krum-Estimated to have been written around 1946
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The first automobile that came to Krum came with a two day exhibit sent to Krum from Sears & Robuck Co. Chicago Ill in Feb 1893. A heavy snow was on the ground and people came for miles to see this car. *

Dr. J.C. Gose owned the first car in Krum which was bought about 1895. This car was a Ford car and was a small one-seated car painted gray. On the first trip the Gose family took to Decatur a bull mistook the car for another bull-and quite a rage of anger was displayed resulting in quite a race.

The first school that Krum had was moved to Krum from the present site of the Jackson Cemetery. It was then known as the Jackson School. Mr. H.C. Jackson gave the grant of land for the Cemetery and School in 1875. The school was moved to Krum in 1892. Its first teacher was Miss Ona Evans of Denton, Texas.

The first Airoplane that was flown to Krum was flown by Mr. Cal Rodgers about 1910. This early flying was done for exhibition purposes only as he continued to follow the Santa Fe Railroad.

The first Railroad to come to Krum was the Santa Fe Railroad and it came through about 1885.

The first gravel road to come to Krum was a road from Krum to Denton it was built about 1926 it also served as the first highway.

The early amusements of Krum consisted of a Literary Society at which debates, recitations and dialogues were given.

Baseball games were held regularly.

Church dinners usually in the form of a Quarterly Conference for the First Methodist Church were held on Saturdays. The Methodist Church was the first Church in Krum.

Much of social life for the ladies continued with the Woodman Circle Lodge the interest was at its highest from 1908-1916 it supported about twenty members.

Krum also had a very active Needle Work Club which made many lovely things for home use and for sale.

Saturday afternoon Fairs were held in Krum beginning about 1912. Cakes, pies, breads, chickens as well needle work were exhibited and prizes were given. The chief amusement at the Fairs was a Rodeo.

Trades days were held once a month on Saturdays. Tickets were given with the purchase of merchandise and a drawing was held at which time prizes were given to the one holding the lucky number.

Krum has had a Womens Federated Study Club.

The present population of Krum is about 500 people.

Krum has three Churches, The First Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and The Church of Christ.

Krum has an active Womans Society of Christian Service in the Methodist Church and a Womans Missionary Society in the Baptist Church.

There is a Parent Teachers Organization in the School.

A Mens Fellowship which is non-denominational.

Basket Ball is the principal sport with High School and Ex-Service Mens Teams.

*Note from Kathryn Dodd: The first car built in 1893 was built by the Duryea brothers, "Charles and Frank - who created their first gasoline-powered "horseless-carriage" in 1893. Like the Wright brothers, the Duryeas were bicycle mechanics with a passion for innovation." The picture in this article is of this car and came from an article titled "**America's First Automobile Race, 1895**" at this web site:

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/duryea.htm>

Please visit the Krum Heritage Museum online at www.krumheritagemuseum.com
Also please visit the Bob Muncy web site for additional information & photos on Krum & Krum families:
<http://www.webspawner.com/users/krumhistory/index.html>



1893- Charles Duryea in the brothers'
first car



Cal Rodgers-Aviator