

OKLA. TAKES LEAD IN BILLIKEN BRANCH CLUBS

Muskogee and Boley Kiddies Plan to Sell Defenders

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BOLEY, Okla., April 8.—Although boys and girls of this city have read of the many advantages offered by The Chicago Defender Bud Billiken club it was not until several days ago that a branch club was formed. And now the kiddies have simply gone wild since their cards and buttons arrived. "We are tickled to death to know that we are members of Bud's happy family," remarked Mrs. Mable W. Cavil, general sponsor.

It might interest boys and girls everywhere to know that this little town is controlled by members of our own race. It's a great place and everybody gets along just splendid.

Defender Representative Helps

Ellsworth Blackwell, The Chicago Defender's field representative, was responsible for the forming of the branch club. He visited the city in the interest of the World's Greatest Weekly and after explaining the many advantages offered by the Billiken club, the youngsters "fell" like a "ton of bricks."

With Mrs. Cavil and Mr. Blackwell looking on, the youngsters elected their officers, choosing as president, M. H. Martin; Clifford Wilburn, vice president; Johnnie Mitchell, secretary. The writer was named reporter, while Willard Brooks Jr. was elected treasurer. Mrs. Cavil is general sponsor.

It looks like the girls got a bad break in the election of officers, but somehow the boys stuck together and "shot" in their friends as officers. The girls are out to increase the membership and when they have reached a majority they hope to get full control.

The New Members

The following are the youngsters who have already received cards and buttons and pledge loyalty to The Chicago Defender Bud Billiken club: Clifford Wilburn, Violet McGuire, Georgia Mapp, Edna Vernicia Smith, Arzee Thompson, Lillie Stallworth, Nellye Hill, Ollie Mae Douglass, Charley S. Hicks, Cleo Johnson, Dorothea Washington, Rogers Moore, Fred Chiles Jr., Alma Brown, Thelma Wortham, Johnnie Mitchell, Vernell Scott, Vivian Morris, Annie B. Hill, Prinsilla Tomlin, Lovie Butt, Eddie Moore, Mrs. Mable Cavil, Beatrice Hayes, Edith Dawson, M. H. Martin Jr., Gladys Owens, Louise Chestnutt, Willard Brooks Jr., Mildred Wortham, Earl Dorsey, N. L. Brister, Julius Aldridge, T. A. Lowery, Anna R. Bates, Annie Stallworth, Gay Bertha Haddox, Freddie Mae Harper, Jewel E. Garner, Kinnie McDonald, Sarah Davis, Sarah Brown, S. J. King, William Peters, Dorlean George, Lurlene George, Rufus Tease, Willard Ward and Fred Holmes.

MUSKOGEE HAS CLUB

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MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 8.—With Mrs. Nellie Weaver Greene as general sponsor, The Chicago Defender Bud Billiken club, recently organized here, is sailing along.

The club was organized by Ellsworth Blackwell, Chicago Defender representative, who visited the city in the interest of The Chicago Defender. The new members include Ethel Henderson, Lizzie Fae Wooden, Elenora Buffington, Settle McCauley, Launella Bell, Thera Fae Russell, Henrietta Benson, Vera Mae Russell, Marguerite Hodges, Mattie Phillips, Mary Reece, Cleora Johnson, Evelyn Rutherford, Hazel Brooks, Queen Miller, Genuin Williams, Bernice Mathis, Pran Primmer and Paul Turvill.