

# SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, CLUB OUT TO SET NEW RECORD

## *Kiddies Have Simply Gone Wild Over Cards, Buttons*

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SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 15.—A Chicago Defender Bud Billiken club, 42 members strong, was organized here recently when Ellsworth Blackwell, Chicago Defender field representative, visited this city. This marks the first Billiken club ever to be formed here and from the sentiment expressed by the kiddies it appears that it will be the greatest club in the country.

The kiddies have simply gone wild since they received their cards and buttons. They are determined to swell the membership, so don't be a bit surprised if you should see old Springfield taking the lead in branch club membership.

### Youngsters Jam Meeting

When Mr. Blackwell explained all the finer points of the Bud Billiken club to Mrs. Dunforth she assured him that the idea would go over with a bang, and it did, for when she issued a call to the youngsters in the neighborhood they filled her house at the first meeting.

The election of officers saw Andrew Darton as president; Lee Harold Esslinger, vice president; Christine Denton, secretary; Robert Patterson, treasurer, and the writer as reporter.

### To Observe Rules

It is our hope that every boy and girl will join our Bud Billiken branch club. We like the idea very well and are confident that we can observe the rules as laid down by Bud Billiken.

The following are the new members: Lee Harold Esslinger, Maude Garland, Margaret Barbee, Catherine Armstrong, Billy Decatur, Melvin Stephenson, Thelma Gibson, Elnora Anderson, Andrew Darton, Charles Henry Fouse, Clarence Rice, Dexter McCrimmons, Alfred R. Gibson, Morris E. Pike, Nathan Armstrong Jr., Mildred Herndon, Mary E. Lear, Geneva Rose, Corrine Ward, Hortense Denton, Leetta Adams, Christine Denton, Anna Looney, Alene Nearguard, Nora Hunter, Mary Jane Rice, Wendell Young, Alice Nunnally, Mary Helen Barbee, Charles Williams Jr., Herbert Mitchell, Robert Patterson, Vivian Danforth, Mahalia Gray, H. V. Wallace Jr., Almeda Carter, Gloria Swanson Houston and Paul Brown.