

COLORED PEOPLE ORGANIZE "BLUE CIRCLE 30 CLUB"

An ambitious program of activities among the colored residents of Harrisonburg has been formulated by the "Blue Circle 30 Club," an organization of 30 of the leading colored youth of the city.

Objects of the club, as outlined by Percy Wells, the president, is to promote social and athletic activities and to rally behind all worthy movements for the betterment of the colored race.

The club has leased quarters in the Pythian Building on East Wolfe street. As soon as these rooms are remodelled, musical instruments, billiard tables, and other recreational facilities will be installed.

Other officers of the club are Joe Yokley, vice president; H. W. Sellers, secretary; John P. Harper, treasurer, and Page Mitchell, advisory counsellor.

The next meeting of the club will be held February 1.

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Blue Circle Club celebrates Armistice Day

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benefit and the military ball at Fridell's Grill Room. At the same time, the colored population will be observing Armistice Day in their section with open house at the Blue Circle 30 Club and an Armistice Day dance at the Colonnade.

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OLD-TIME CAKE WALK TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY

An old-time cakewalk, said to be the first staged in Harrisonburg in 25 years, will be presented in Assembly Hall on next Monday night, April 2, by the Blue Circle 30 Club, local colored organization. This contest is expected to attract many of the old-time cakewalkers who have been limbering up their joints in preparation for the event.

Other attractions will be selections by Harry Lee Solomon's quartet and a Charleston contest.

A good portion of the hall will be reserved for white people, the club announces.

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ERECT FLAG POLE AT EFFINGER SCHOOL

Blue Circle Club Announces New Objective in Civic Life of People.

A 60-foot steel flag shaft mounted with the Stars and Stripes is to be erected on the Effinger Street School Grounds by the Blue Circle, 30 Club, Harrisonburg's colored civic and social club of young men.

Work will begin immediately and it is planned to dedicate the shaft with impressive ceremonies some time in October, Percy Wells, president of the Blue Circle Club, announced last night. A number of speakers of wide reputation will appear on this program while the Effinger Street School children will present a flag drill, according to the tentative plans.

Since its organization last January, the Blue Circle Club has been very active in the colored life of the community, fostering a number of civic affairs. Among these was the beautification of the Newtown cemetery.

Erection of the flag pole and raising of the Stars and Stripes will mark the high point in the club's next objective of instilling in the colored youth of the city love and respect for their country, flag and ideals, according to President Wells.

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COLORED CLUBS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER HERE

Following the usual custom, the Colored Hospital Aid, and the Blue Circle Club, will distribute its Christmas cheer to the sick, aged, and to the inmates of the city almshouse and the colored patients in the hospital. This work will be under the supervision of Mrs. Jessie Turner for the Hospital Aid and Percy Wells for the Blue Circle Club.

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BLUE CIRCLE CLUB HOLDS ITS XMAS TREE TOMORROW

The Blue Circle Club will hold their first Community Christmas Tree, at 10 o'clock Christmas morning in the Club Room, on East Wolfe Street. Santa Claus will be there and there will be a present for each child. An interesting program is being arranged and music will be furnished by the Blue Circle Quartet. All parents are urged to send or bring their children and the public is cordially invited to be present.

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FIRE DAMAGE IN BLUE CIRCLE BUILDING IS ESTIMATED AT \$500

Less than \$500 damage resulted from the fire in the basement of the Blue Circle 30 Club building, on East Wolfe street, early last Saturday morning. President Percy Wells of the colored organization, said last night. The damage is covered by insurance.

The origin of the flames is undetermined. The fire apparently started in a pile of store counters stored in the basement and may have resulted from a lighted match or cigarette tossed in a ventilator from the street. The flames destroyed a porch set owned by the club.

Due to the dense smoke, firemen had some difficulty in getting at the flames. Provided with masks, however, the firemen soon conquered the blaze with chemicals.

Damage to the club property resulted largely from smoke and chemicals. The building is owned by the colored Knights of Pythias Lodge.

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BLUE CIRCLE CLUB MAKES 400 HAPPY

Entertains Colored Children at Xmas Tree—Each Kid Gets a Toy

More than 400 children were made happy yesterday when the Blue Circle Club, a colored civic and charitable organization of this city, gave the colored children of the city an entertainment at a large Christmas tree erected in their honor. It was the first occasion of this kind for colored children ever to be held in the Valley.

The program was opened at the club rooms on east Wolf street with the singing of Christmas carols and with prayer by the chaplin, Rev. G. A. Newman. Each child was presented with a toy, an orange and a box of candy. After the program at the club rooms a canvass was made of the city to see that no children had been overlooked. Councilman Zigler was present and expressed his approval of the way in which the exercises were conducted.

Rev. T. N. Austin delivered a short talk after which the distribution of toys and candies was made.

The Blue Circle Club is one of Harrisonburg's foremost colored organizations, devoting its time to the betterment of the colored race. Percy R. Wells, president of the club, announced that the donation made by Mayor John W. Morrison would be used in the Christmas Charity fund.

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