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NEW CLUB HOUSE OPENED AT CLIFTON – The Young Republican Organization in New Quarters – Good Program Presented

The Young Republican Club, of Springfield Township, was in its glory on Saturday evening. The occasion was the opening of the new club house. The club was organized about ten months ago, and has forty-five members on the roster. Nearly all are employees of the Victoria Plush Mill.

The building is a new one-story frame and is situated on the north side of Baltimore Pike above Crum Creek Bridge. Squire Fred Smith, the president of the club had been indefatigable in the work of procuring a charter from the Court, and the ways and means for putting the club in its present prosperous condition.

By 8:30 o'clock the room, which is 20 by 20, was well filled by members and invited guests. President Smith called the meeting to order and in a short speech gave a history of the club from its inception to the present time. The secretary offered a resolution approving the action of Governor Stone in the appointment of Captain Isaac Johnson, as President Judge of Delaware County, and pledging the united support of the club to the Judge in the future. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Prothonotary W.L. Mathues was then called on and made one of his characteristic speeches, full of congratulations and advice as to the manner of conducting the organization. Then followed in their turn, Newton P. West, Richard K. Baldwin, R. M. Newhard, John Reyburn, John Standing, William Taylor and others.

A collation was then served and was enjoyed. After this was partaken of the meeting took the form of a social entertainment, the musical part being conducted by Frank Koletize, violin; John Lumb, autoharp, Hugh Gornley, cornet. Songs were sung by George Philips, Jas. Cullen, T. Winterbottom, Mr. Cummings, William Taylor, F. Worrell, recitation, "Barbara Frietchie" Edward Blackburn. The entertainment closed with the "White Squall," sung by the club quartette.