

October:

This is a month when out of doors work is most pleasant, therefore each League should ~~plan~~ by all means plan and put thro a house to house canvass for the distribution of literature and enrollment of new members. If you have already had one house to house canvass, so much the better, you will get many new members as a result of your previous work. Just here let me emphasize the value of giving new members something to do, which will hold their interest, and help them get a grasp on the work, many valuable workers can be developed by a little care on some one's part.

In addition to this each league is requested to take part in the "missionary" work of organizing the country surrounding your own town. To this end you are urged to arrange and put thro four automobile trips for organizing purposes to nearby towns. The usual process is to go, or write ahead of the day you want the meeting called, to some of the men and women of the town you desire to organize, and get them to call the meeting and advertise it by phone and whatever method is usual in that particular locality. Sometimes a notice in the stores and post office. Always, if there is a local paper, see to it that it has a notice of the meeting and Suffrage literature lying enough in advance to insure publication( which means a week or ten days usually).

This may look like a big job, but compared to the results, if every league does it's part it is not so tremendous. Just think of it we have approximately one hundred organizations, if each one organizes its four new leagues (which is one a week for October) at the close of October we will have five hundred organizations, a four hundred per cent increase in one month at phenomally little expense or effort. That same amount of work if planned and financed from state headquarters, with paid workers and paid automobiles will cost your state association, which is you, ten thousand dollars and years hard work. Will you do it? Will you take your part of the burden of the huge task of organizing the state, and by dividing it up make it possible for Texas to produce the Suffrage sensation for the year in achieving a four hundred per cent increase in one month? Such a thing simple as it would be to do has never been done before. Let us put Texas in "first place"/ Will you help?

The difficulties in the way of such a plan are few. In every club there are one or more people with automobiles who will loan them for this work- if you map out the plan so clearly and definitely that they can "see" it. It may not be the first one you ask, nor the second, but keep asking until you find them! You may say that it isn't ~~possible~~ "Pleasant to ask and be refused"- . No it isn't but for the end in view it is worth while! Your second difficulty may be a speaker for your meetings, but in every ~~xxx~~ league there are women capable of speaking, and to those women we say, - for us all there had to be a "first time". Can you give any good reason why not You? If you say that you "will be scared to death" still that isn't final, because you'd only be traveling in the footsteps of practically every speaker who ever spoke. Forget self in the subject -be willing to suffer for Suffrage, (it is worth it) and compile a twenty minute speech from the excellent literature to be had on Suffrage, memorize it, and begin NOW There will never be a time when Texas can afford to hire all the speakers that we will need to cover the field. Nor would it be wise if we could. There is a growing demand for "Made in Texas" goods in every line and Suffrage speeches are no exception! Prepare yourself to hear the old, old cry "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?" So that you may answer "Here am I, send me".

Last but by no means least, be sure and send in a report when following a general plan issued from Headquarters, the report is by no means least- we want that report even if you absolutely refuse to touch this plan- we want to know why you do not think it wise or worth while to cooperate, and we want your suggestion for better plans. If you do your part we want the report, not only to glory in and with you in your success but so that we may do our part in follow up work, and so that the new organization may receive the welcome into the state association that it not only deserves but needs. Organization perfected but not made a coherent part of the state work are apt to be at loose ends, they need us and we need them, and there is no way we can tell by instinct ~~xxxxxx~~ that a new club has been born in a new town- so send in that report!

Faithfully yours

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