

The Women's Division in the north has had a very successful fund-raising program during the past several years. They have now settled on the most successful method . This is the "Silent Auction". It is fun and a good fund producer.

#### "Silent Auction"

A party is planned in a large home in the district -- either a cocktail party or a dinner party. A good working committee gets the food contributed,<sup>gathers</sup> interesting "art objects", sells the tickets (\$5. to \$25.) to people most likely to enjoy buying things to help the Party. These objects are displayed at the party with sign up sheets for bids next to each object. There is usually a minimum bid listed. During the cocktail party the guests wander around bidding (by signing their names next the price bid) and visiting. The more interesting the objects the more bidding and more fun. At a certain time set, bidding is stopped ( after dinner ) and the last signed get to pay for their treasures. The party is planned to raise money from the price of the party as well as from the auction.

In the north the money raised from these parties in the districts goes one-half to the Women's Division office and one half is kept in the district to be used by the Women's Division in the district in accordance with the laws of the official Party. We plan to do the same here in the south.