

MEMORY MONDAY A PHOTO SERIES

100 years ago, women's suffrage made news in Palm Beach County

Women's right to vote was the subject of many Post stories.



This is a portion of The Palm Beach Post's "Daily Page for Women" from Sept 8, 1916, roughly four years before the 19th Amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote. The Post's "Daily Page" focused largely on the women's suffrage movement.

This year, Hillary Clinton is running for president. One hundred years ago, women didn't even have the right to vote. (That would come with the 19th Amendment in 1920.)

In 1916, The Palm Beach Post printed many stories about women's fight to vote.

This "Post Daily Page for Women" from Sept. 8, 1916, reported stories from the "Dixie session" on women's suffrage, including one with the headline, "Southern Girls are Versued Only in the Business of Hearts."

This story quoted Mrs. Guilford Dudley, president of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association: "The only business a southern girl is ever taught, or is born with a knowledge of, is the business of hearts — the way to win them, the way to hold them, and sometimes, the way to destroy them, but more often the way to cherish them through life. So, what had woman's suffrage to do with us? Our laws were bad, particularly those affecting women and children, but then our men were so much better than our laws, so why worry? ... When the southern woman slowly awoke to social consciousness ... she said to the southern man: 'I don't wish to usurp your place in government, but it is time I had my own.'"

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