

Women in Politics

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In this important presidential election year, women in all parts of the nation are turning their attention to politics. Jackson county not only has many women active in politics, but this year the county central committees of the two major parties are headed by women.

Mrs. Curtis L. Hopkins (below) is chairman of the Republican Central committee and is also a candidate for delegate to the national Republican convention from the fourth congressional district. Mrs. Hopkins spends almost every day on party work and consequently finds the family automobile indispensable.

Mrs. Edward C. Kelly (lower left) is equally busy as chairman of the Democratic Central committee. Mrs. Kelly says she spends at least half of every day at the telephone, and finds the corner telephone stand a comfortable spot to sit while carrying on her conversations.

Four of Mrs. Kelly's co-workers are shown

(center left) during a recent conference. Pictured are (left to right) Miss Judith MacInnis, Ashland, a vice-president of the Oregon Young Democratic club; Mrs. W. G. Werner, head of the Medford Women's Democratic club; Mrs. Albert Straus, Sams Valley, a precinct captain and Mrs. L. Peers Willmeth, head of the women's division for the party in Ashland.

Four additional women active in the Republican party are shown (lower right) at a recent luncheon meeting. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, vice-president of Jackson County Republican Women, Mrs. Ben Stafford, (seated) president of the group, Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly Jr., a precinct worker and Mrs. Mary Note, treasurer of the club.

Representing non-partisan political activity in the city is Medford League of Women Voters, headed by Mrs. Frank Fairweather (upper left). Mrs. Fairweather, who likes to garden, was working in the yard when the photographer arrived. (Brainard photos.)

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