

Election Year

Citizens of the United States are in the midst of one of the most important and exciting presidential election campaigns in its history, and women in unprecedented numbers are working in the campaign. Some are running for office, some are volunteers to carry on party activities, and others are working on a non-partisan basis to see that an informed electorate goes to the polls in November.

Oregon women are known for their effective interest in politics, and this year several hundred Jackson county women are hard at work for the party of their choice or in non-partisan groups.



Mrs. Dee Newton, Ashland, is vice-chairman of the Jackson county Democratic party. Mrs. Newton, who has been a party worker since 1931, says she enjoys political activity, has been interested to watch the growing number of women participating in politics and believes that an informed electorate should be the goal of both parties.



Serving as vice-chairman of the Republican party in Jackson county is Mrs. James M. Ragland, Medford. Mrs. Ragland believes strongly enough in her party and its program to add the burden of the vice-chairmanship to her busy life as a wife, mother of small children and a homemaker. She further believes that an informed interest in government is the duty of every citizen of voting age.



Women Democrats are helping with every phase of the party's program in Jackson county this fall, it was reported at party headquarters last week. Three of these are (left to right) Mrs. Marvin Madden, Mrs. Harper Edwards, who has taken on the responsibility of seeing that party headquarters is open, and Mrs. Ralph Paston. The party is especially proud this year of the work carried on by young Democrats who used a mobile unit to tour the county and urge citizens to register.



Three of the hundreds of Republican women working for that party in Jackson county this year are (left to right) Mrs. Mark Boyden, Mrs. John B. Lynch, a precinct committeewoman and Mrs. Richard Kyle, congressional committeewoman. Pictured at party headquarters, the women are studying a precinct worker map. Women party workers on both sides do the office work, plan meetings, promote registration, carry on correspondence and are also active in the campaigns of individuals.



Active in politics but on a non-partisan basis are members of the Medford League of Women Voters. These four women, and others of the Medford league, have scheduled over 30 appearances before organizations of various types in Jackson county to speak concerning the 15 measures which will be on the ballot in November. Pictured here are (left to right) Mrs. Margaret Phillips, Medford; Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Central Point; Mrs. Thomas Ruter, Medford, voters' service chairman, and Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, league president. Also working with the speakers' bureau are Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill; Mrs. John Ousterhout, Eagle Point, and Mrs. Thomas Goff, Medford, who is in charge of scheduling. The league plans a candidate's fair at Hedrick Junior High school October 20.