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Active in the Republican party in Texas, and the Republican presidential nomination campaign of 1952.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Early political career as secretary for the Republican party state chairman, 1926-32. Observations on R. T. Creager as Republican national committeeman from Texas. Factional divisions over the state chairmanship in 1947-48: her opposition to George Hopkins, and her retirement as secretary for the state chairman; organizational struggles between the West Texas faction and the faction supported by large oil interests; Creager's attempts to dominate the party factions. Her support of Robert Taft in 1952: comments on her long-time admiration for Taft; importance of Ralph and Allie Mae Currie; Henry Zweifel and the Taft organizations.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn Burg, 1972]