Hopkins appoints Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward as Assistant WPA and FERA Administrator.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator and Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, today announced the appointment of Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward of Jackson, Miss., as Assistant Works Progress Administrator and Assistant Federal Emergency Relief Administrator. Mrs. Woodward will be in charge of women's work under the two programs. At the time of her new appointment she was Director of Women's Work in the Works Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

Under Mrs. Woodward's direction, the relief problems of needy women throughout the country have been given special attention. She has guided the work of State directors of women's work under the Civil Works program and the work-relief program of the FERA through which equal consideration for women on relief has been made eminently effective in terms of work projects.

Confronted in the early days of the FERA with the problem of providing suitable projects on which women could earn their relief allowances, Mrs. Woodward has developed a wide variety of public projects benefiting not only the women working on them but the thousands of communities where they have been carried on.

Experienced in many fields of public endeavor, Mrs. Woodward was prominent in Mississippi prior to coming to Washington at Mr. Hopkins' request in September 1933.

From 1925 to 1928 she was a member of the Mississippi Legislature. Mrs. Woodward was a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Public Welfare from its establishment in 1932 until she came to Washington. She served two terms as executive secretary of the Mississippi Conference of Social Work from 1930 to 1932.

She was executive secretary of the Mississippi State Board of Development from 1927 until she came to Washington, and was also executive secretary of the Research Commission of Mississippi. In addition to holding other public offices she was a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Charity Hospital from 1924 to 1928.

She has held offices and been active in the work of many professional and civic organizations, including the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Altrusa Club, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Southeastern Conference of Social Work, and other organizations.