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Hopkins announces Southern regional director for Women's Division of WPA.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today announced the appointment of Mrs. Robert S. Ralston as regional director, women's activities, in Region #3. He is attached to the Women's Division of the Works Progress Administration which is directed by Assistant Administrator, Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, and is assigned to the field staff of Mr. Malcolm J. Miller, field representative of Works Progress administration.

The States in Region #3 are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Mississippi, and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ralston served for two years as the only woman member of a special state Legislature Committee of twenty-five appointed by Governor Whitfield of Mississippi to study social and economic conditions in the State and to make recommendations to the Legislature for remedial legislation based on the committee's findings. She was the director and secretary of an economic survey of Mississippi 1928-30. She was a director of the Mississippi State Board of Development for six years. She is a charter member and a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Conference of Social Work, which is the first and only organized movement for social welfare in the State.

Mrs. Ralston reorganized the Chamber of Commerce of Coahoma County andarkdale in 1928 and has served as executive secretary and treasurer to the present time. She organized the first Delta Cotton Festival and promoted it for seven years. For six years she was a member of the board of trustees of Mississippi State University and Colleges. She is a past president of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs and member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a charter member of League of American Penwomen, and former editor and business manager of the Mississippi Woman's Magazine.