

Home Counselors Suggested By First Lady as FERA Field

Advisers of Housewives in Living Standards Proposed.

The training of "home counselors" by the FERA was suggested yesterday by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at her press conference. These women, the First Lady said, would assist housewives in setting up standards of service in their homes.

Mrs. Roosevelt's guest at the press conference was Mrs. Ellen Woodward, director of women's activities of the FERA. She said that, under the plans of FERA, women would be given an equal chance with men to fill jobs suitable to their ability and training.

Already, Mrs. Woodward said, 300,000 women are employed on work relief projects. Most of these projects, she said, would be continued. However, she did not know what the rates of pay would be.

Among the work relief projects in motion or under consideration, Mrs. Woodward told the press, were scientific and economic surveys, a national guide book for travelers, compilation of historical records, revision of tax assessment records, supplementary service in public offices, physical education, recreation, art, handicrafts, emergency home makers, sewing rooms for the making of garments, camps for undernourished children, dramatics and the making of road signs and historical markers.

There is under consideration, Mrs. Woodward said, a proposal to train women on relief as household workers in the hope that they might be able to command larger wages than before.

At this point Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I have a new project for you--

the teaching of people who can be called by the housewife to come in and set up standards for her in her household."

Mrs. Roosevelt said she would like to see it proved that these "counselors" could insure standards that would be "decent and equitable" to maids and other houseworkers, and also profitable to the housewife.

Today Mrs. Roosevelt will visit the coal mining town of Bellaire, Ohio. In appropriate attire, she will go hundreds of feet beneath the hills to see the cutters, drillers and other workmen wrest fuel from the Willow Grove Mine. In so doing, she will realize a long-cherished ambition.

In the evening Mrs. Roosevelt will deliver an address at the "People's University," a school founded six months ago to provide courses of study for adults anxious to advance their education.