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Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt to Serve On Fields Foundation Board

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted an invitation Saturday to serve on the board of advisers of the Fields foundation and to aid in the work of rehabilitating deserving paroled and discharged inmates of penal institutions, according to Allen Whiteside, executive director of the foundation.

"Both Benjamin F. Fields and myself were highly gratified at Mrs. Roosevelt's acceptance of our invitation to serve on the board of the foundation," Whiteside said. "News of her acceptance was telephone me a short time ago by Viola Ilma, executive director of the Young Men's Vocational Foundation, Inc., of New York, who also agreed to serve on our board.

"The scope of the foundation's work is being enlarged at this time with reference in particular to juvenile offenders. We shall inaugurate an intensive program of rehabilitation among worthy paroled and discharged juveniles as well as among adults.

"During a recent visit to Washington, President Fields and myself discussed at some length with Mrs. Roosevelt the matter of rehabilitating individuals deserving of rehabilitation and thus lowering the cost of crime in the nation as well as actually preventing crime. We hoped at that time she would, at a later date, accept an invitation to serve on the board of our foundation."

Whiteside said that Mrs. Roosevelt was particularly interested in working out a feasible method of aiding the youth of the nation and declared that the majority of her efforts as a member of the Fields Foundation board would more than likely have to do with the rehabilitation of juveniles.

"Officers of the foundation," he said, "are likewise equally pleased with Viola Ilma's acceptance of an invitation to serve on the board of advisers, and especially so, because of the fact she is engaged in virtually the same type of work as the executive director of the Young Men's Vocational Foundation, Inc."

Whiteside declared that Miss Ilma, during a recent visit to Tulsa, had expressed herself as being considerably impressed with the work the Fields Foundation had accomplished with reference to rehabilitating deserving discharged and paroled inmates of penal institutions throughout the nation. Mrs. [illegible] said, was also serving [illegible] of the Young Men's [illegible] Foundation; Inc.

Officials of the Fields Foundation Saturday announced that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had accepted an invitation to serve on the board of advisers of the foundation and to aid in rehabilitating worthy former inmates of prisons.

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