

# WE BECOME ARKIES

The temporary feeling of Fresno has been replaced by a vision of Jerome.

As local residents contemplate following the lead of the advance detachment, the thought brings to mind the fame of Hot Springs and Arkansas's famous son, General Douglas MacArthur.

A few miles inland from the sleepy Mississippi made famous by Mark Twain, a new community is taking shape as the last of ten wartime homes for the "problem children". Here in this partly-timbered, virgin land, the some 5000 sojourners of Fresno will join with an equal number of similar people from Santa Anita to work and live for the duration of the war. Straddling the boundary between Chicot and Desha Counties, hard-work awaits the evacuees before the conversion into productivity. Cotton, tomatoes, beets, melons, peas and beans will ultimately be harvested from this rich, delta soil. Opportunities challenging the ingenuity and industry of the residents will come in the form of self-government, cooperative enterprises and operations for subsistence.

At his desk in Washington to direct this and other War Relocation Centers is Dillon S. Myer, director of the WRA. Equipped with long experience in social planning, Myer has held various important posts in government agriculture programs. Under his supervision, the liberal WRA policy will be administered through a subordinate project director. Provisions have been made for essential needs---essentials but no luxuries. Food, shelter, medical care, elementary and high school education, cooperative enterprises, farm production, and other projects have been stipulated in the bill that authorized the appropriation for this undertaking. Cash wage allowances will be paid at the rate of 12, 16, and 19 dollars with the majority of the workers expected to be in the mean classification. Clothing allotments will be provided on a basis of age and the climatic conditions of the area.

Though local Centerites may find the climate different in some respects, they will not find great difference in temperatures. Arkansas has long, humid summers, but mild winters with over 50 inches of rainfall annually. Residents with great expectations of undomesticated neighbors will be disappointed since rumors are unfounded as to the existence of bears, snakes, mosquitoes and other infestations. Though Californians persist in picturing Arkansas's populace as being provincial and the state as backward, they will discover that the people are for the most part, of old anglo-saxon stock and the state contributing greatly to the war effort. Some 125

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# GOODBYE FRESNO - HELLO JEROME

With the announcement of the Jerome Relocation Center in the southeastern Arkansas as our home for the duration, the residents of the Fresno Assembly Center were officially confirmed of the destination. The announcement was made on Monday morning, September 28th, 1942, at 9:05 o'clock, when the Advisory Board met at the Council Room. Center Manager, E. P. Pulliam, made the official announcement to the Board that pursuant to Transfer Order No. 25, released by the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army, the Fresno Assembly Center will relocate to the Jerome War Relocation Center, with the advance detachment departing on October 2nd.

The regular block movements will begin with Section A and part of Section B moving out on Monday afternoon, October 12th, and continued until October 30th in the following order: Sections K, J, I, H, F, E, D, C and B.

The official news, which came suddenly, was released to the GRAPEVINE reporters, and EXTRAS were hot off the press in less than one hour and thirty minutes. Thus the GRAPEVINE released the official confirmation to our relocation destination.

Now that we know where we are heading for, let's review the relocation centers where the 120,000 Japanese and American citizens of Japanese ancestry are relocated for the duration.

## THEN AND NOW

- WALERGA, CALIFORNIA-----TULELAKE (NEWELL) CALIFORNIA
- MARYSVILLE (ARBOGA) CALIFORNIA-----SANTA ANITA, CALIFORNIA
- SALINAS, CALIFORNIA-----POSTON, ARIZONA
- TULARE, CALIFORNIA-----GILA, ARIZONA
- STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA-----ROHWER, ARKANSAS
- POMONA, CALIFORNIA-----HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING
- TANFORAN, CALIFORNIA-----ABRAHAM, UTAH
- SANTA ANITA, CALIFORNIA-----JEROME, ARKANSAS
- ROHWER, ARKANSAS-----HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING
- POSTON, ARIZONA-----GRANADA, COLORADO
- TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA-----GILA, ARIZONA
- NORTH PORTLAND, OREGON-----MINIDOKA, IDAHO
- MERCED, CALIFORNIA-----GRANADA, COLORADO
- PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON-----MINIDOKA, IDAHO
- FRESNO, CALIFORNIA-----JEROME, ARKANSAS
- MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA-----MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

miles to the northwest near Little Rock, the birthplace of General MacArthur, is huge Camp Joseph T. Robinson where many soldiers of Japanese descent are stationed. Soon Jerome will cease to exist only as a distorted idea, for with their junket to the project area, Fresno Center residents will be at their home along with many former Southern Californians already there.