

## WORKS DIVISION

## C. H. MERRILL

This tall, affable man with the Barrymore profile has good nature and magnanimity written all over his countenance.

"He doesn't act like a big shot" is the comment which the Works Division workers make of their leader, Clinton H. Merrill.

His "I'm just one of the boys" attitude is evidently the right one judging from the smooth way in which the 13 separate branches of his division have functioned.

In his perpetual smile and his twinkling light gray eyes there is a hint of boyish mischievousness.

A graduate of the "University of Hard Knocks," his undertaking and acceptance of people as they really are and not how they should be, probably make him as popular with all who have worked with him.

Like a true native son of California, Merrill is a lover of the outdoors, his favorite pastimes being hunting and fishing.



## FARMING IN ARKANSAS -- SHIMASAKI

With the announcement by the evacuation officials of our relocation to the Chicot County Center in Southeastern Arkansas, we are hastily trying to adjust ourselves so that we may face the challenges of the raw "bottomlands" which will embattle our determination to conquer. Before this announcement, our destination was unknown. Such being the situation, those of us with concern regarding our future farming location delved into a study, from which we were able to learn of the conditions neighboring the probable areas where we would be relocated.

From our studies of Arkansas, we have been able to learn of the seemingly severe climatic conditions. The very thought of the fifty inches annual rainfall and the extreme humidity frightens us. We feel that our adjustment to the climate will be by no means easy, but our confidence must lie in the record that Japanese have established in adjusting themselves to new conditions.

At Arkansas, or for that matter at any of the relocation centers, farming is going to be a matter of primary concern. We must assume that the officials of the War Relocation Authority selected these vast expanses of desert, reclaimed lake bottoms, and top-over lands because of the record that the Japanese have established in agriculture in this country. Wide acclaim has been won by us in transforming waste areas into productive acres as has been the case of many agricultural sections of the Pacific Coast. When we learned that

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