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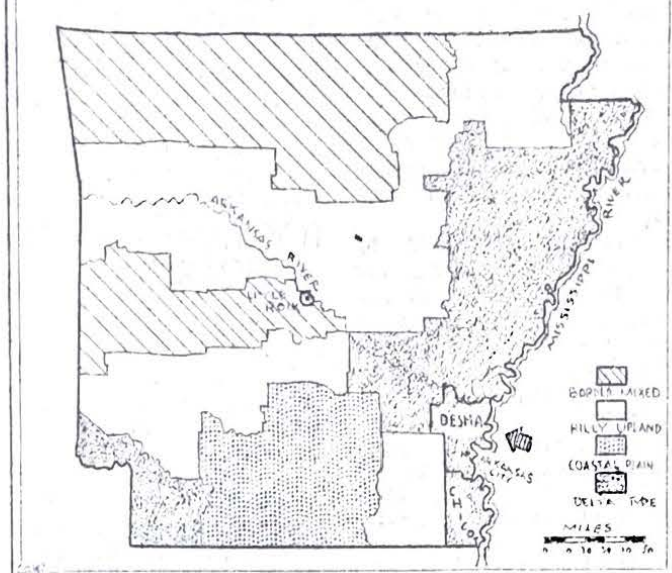
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STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1942

## DESTINATION - ARKANSAS !!

MAJOR AG-SOIL AREAS IN ARKANSAS



## DELTA LAND, RICH

The June, 1941, issue of the "New Settlement in the Mississippi Delta" circulated by the United States Dept. of Agriculture as Miscellaneous Publication No. 442 reveals the following information.

"Present settlers on the undeveloped Delta lands, like the farmers in the more established Delta areas, are almost entirely dependent upon cotton for their cash income.....At present, no other crop or combination of crops is known that can produce as large a net cash income in the Delta as cotton.....The growing of more feed and food crops for home use would aid new settlers very substantially in withstanding years of poor cotton crops or low prices for cotton. Recent studies of the new farms show that more emphasis could well be placed upon this type of production, for a great deal of Delta soil can produce abundant crops of corn, (Continued on Page 2)

## ADVANCE CREW

Approximately 70 selectees will receive notice tomorrow to leave on September 14 with the advance crew for Desha County in southern Arkansas. With the shortage of men on the labor crew, drafting for workers was compulsory. All selectees will be notified by their respective block monitors tomorrow morning.

## W.D.C. ORDERS RELEASED; OCT. 3 1st EXODUS DATE

OFFICIAL TRANSFER NUMBER 22 FROM WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO.....STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER TO MOVE TO ROHWER, DESHA COUNTY, IN SOUTHEASTERN ARKANSAS..... ADVANCE CREW TO LEAVE ON SEPTEMBER 14.....REMAINER TO LEAVE BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 3.

Breaking with unexpected suddenness, the long anticipated relocation order came through today at 10:30 from the W.D.C. and P.A. Headquarters in San Francisco, announcing in an abrupt concise army release that the Stockton Assembly Center was finally to be relocated to the War Relocation Project in Rohwer.

The 200 advance workers composed of hospital workers, cooks and helpers, bakers, store managers, carpenters, electricians, plumber, clerks, recreation workers and laborers will leave on Monday, September 14, by train, taking the southern route, for their new destination.

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## 53 MORE NEEDED FOR VOLUNTEER

A late flash! Fifty-three more persons are needed for the volunteer crew leaving on the 14th. These may either be single men or families (with children over 7 years of age).

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## HEAVY RAINFALL

## SAME TEMPERATURE

The following data concern the approximate weather conditions during the month of our relocation, October.

County	* Rainfall	* Temperature
Desha County	5 4.29	16 64.8
San Joaquin Co.	5 0.68	16 61.7

\*Length of recorded years

The weather, as a whole, will have an extremely heavy rainfall in contrast to the San Joaquin County precipitation. The October rainfall of Desha County will be similar to that of this area in February and March. However, there will be very little difference, if any, in temperature.

## 2 WRA. CENTERS IN ARK.

The latest exodus will soon relocate 20,000 Japanese including SAC-ites from the West Coast defense zone to two government centers in Desha County and Drew and Chicot Counties in Arkansas on Mark Twain's famed lazy Mississippi.

These two counties in

## OCTOBER 3 SET FOR 1st REG. GROUP

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residents of the center will begin exodus on October 3, 500 persons leaving each trip on alternate days until evacuation is completed on around October 17.

"The new site was formerly owned by the Farm Security Administration. The tract is undeveloped and contains approximately 9000 acres of bottom land, covered with small timber and brush and require considerable developing. However, the rich alluvial soil deposited by the Mississippi, coupled with the ability of the Japanese to develop raw lands and bring these into fertile yields is expected to result in a permanent improvement of the tract which will multiply the present value of the lands.

The lands, federal reports declare, will produce a wide variety of crops." (Release No. 6-5)

(Continued from page 1) volunteers will be given first preference to sign up at the Finance Office with Mr. R. Frost. If the required number of persons do not apply, they will be drafted.

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the lowlands of southwestern Arkansas will be in most part covered with hardwood forests. This area is not infested with mosquitoes, malaria or snakes and when well drained the result will be a rich dark farmland, excellent for diversified farming.

The evacuees will be housed in barracks similar to those used in C.C.C. camps. The barracks will be about 25 by 100 feet, divided into four separate family units, and will hold 25 persons.

An estimated 20 mess halls, each capable of holding 500 persons, will be constructed on each project.

The hospital and schools will be erected. The water will be obtained from wells 30 feet deep in sandy gravel soil.

## RICH DELTA LAND, PROMISING

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truck crops and alfalfa.

"The settlers usually have enough land and available time for growing ample supplies of truck crops, hogs, chickens and other products for home use. There is a need for greater production of crops for home consumption.

"The settlement problem as a whole concerns all the people of the lower Mississippi Valley and adjacent areas. It is a big problem and, to be dealt with properly, must be met with cooperative action by everyone concerned. The most effective type of action would undoubtedly flow from a coordinated program of planning and settler guidance and assistance, reaching all the way from the original home of the settler to his new home in the Delta."

## FOOTBALL MEETING TOMORROW

The Center's football players will meet tomorrow night at the Study Hall at 8:00 p.m. to decide whether to launch the gridiron sport upon arrival in Arkansas.

Chairman Koichi "Kobe" Ogasawara announced that everybody interested, whether they play or not, should attend without fail because the question on "football equipment pool" will be definitely settled at the meeting.

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