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# Brooks Hays Visits Jerome

## Finds Conditions There "Satisfactory"

Brooks Hays, Democrat, nominee for Congress from the Fifth Congressional District, said he found operations at the Japanese center of "the War Relocation Authority at Jerome" "entirely satisfactory," during two visits there last week.

Mr. Hays, in company with E. B. Whitaker, regional director of WRA, visited the center Thursday and returned there Sunday upon an invitation of Japanese young people to attend a Young People's Christian church service. The service was conducted by a young Protestant minister, interned there.

"I found the inmates were eating what would compare favorably to an Army Class B diet," he said. "They eat a large amount of rice and I was pleasantly surprised to find that Arkansas rice is their favorite. There are familiar with at least one Arkansas brand before they came here."

The co-operation of local residents with colony officials has been "splendid," he said, explaining that they looked upon the

project as a war necessity. The local residents have been very interested and helpful to authorities, he said.

"We found everybody working except the very old," he said. "They were cutting wood, unloading box cars, repairing trucks and fixing the camp generally."

Mr. Hays was the guest of Gus and Fola Pugh at their home on Lake Crest, near Lake Village, along with E. B. Whitaker, A. D. Stewart of Little Rock, regional director of the Farm Security Administration; Charles Measles, John McNeely, H. H. Hankins, all of the FSA staff, John McCormick and Bryan Starnes of the Jerome staff of the WRA and D. T. Henderson, Lake Village planter and former superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

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