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## SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

From early October, a steady stream of evacuees poured from the West Coast into the two relocation centers in Rohwer and Jerome, Ark.

California's farmers, vineyardists, business men, doctors, lawyers and shopkeepers of Japanese ancestry were the principals in this wartime exodus.

Moving away from the only state that they knew and loved for the last thirty or forty years, we, who are residents of these two WRA communities, came to this southern state feeling confused about the events of the preceding few months and uncertain of the future.

Our fearful apprehension seemed in the early months to bear bitter fruits when several undesirable incidents occurred, but now, after a stay of over a quarter year, we find that over-all conditions here have been favorable.

We have left behind all of our Caucasian friends in the Golden Poppy state, but we have found new ones in and around this Center. With the famed show of the "old southern hospitality," people in McGehee and Monticello have accorded us fair treatment which is sincerely appreciated by us all.

What is to be especially commended is the point that our surrounding neighbors have minimized the prejudice against "outlanders" and though, we were strangers to them, they have come to know and understand our attitude and feelings.

This gesture of friendship and show of cordiality indicate that the South has not lost its greatest of all characteristics, the "southern gentleman."—Editorial from "The Rohwer Outpost," official organ of the Rohwer Relocation Center.