FIVE DOWN AND SIX TO GO!

In another week we shall be past the halfway mark in our work-study program. Many problems have been encountered; we may be sure we shall encounter others as the summer wears on. Mr. W. J. Wessel, State Education Department, in charge of all F. C. V. C. work, rates us "the outstanding project of the 34 work camps in the State." State Comptroller Moore was much impressed, both as to present and as to long-range possibilities.

A sort of informal and impromptu "parent-teacher meeting" was held on the campus this morning, with seven mothers on one side; the Director on the other. All agreed that their children did not want to go home. (Incidentally, there is no compulsion on anyone to stay, and those who have been here four weeks are entitled to a railroad ticket from Oneida to New York City.) Improvement in details was suggested. The mothers were unanimous for no curfew later than 12:00, and that once a week. To help our Saturday evening program, they raised a fund for the purchase of a book of square dance records and calls.

With a great deal of interest I am looking forward to the start of the work of the Student Representative Committee tonight. Its general charter and the membership elected enough well for a cooperative contribution toward the welfare of our Project. The most effective results will flow from a wise selection of problems, a careful exploration of all the facts bearing on the problems, and a wide distribution among students and staff of assignments to implement their solution. Here a few of differing scope I would like to see undertaken.

1. Becoming well informed regarding facts in the various phases of work and group living, the Assembly speaker for this week should make a real contribution toward what has been a confused state of information: Prof. M. C. Bond—"What makes the difference between the farm price and the retail price?" Those who come with open minds should profit greatly.

2. The problem of supplying milk in the field seems, with Mr. Harter's help, in a fair way toward solution. It will need and efficient and faithful student committee, working with Messrs. Booth and Hissell to make it work. (Price $3 per bottle.)

3. Saturday evenings: We seem to have square dancers who do not care to round dance, also vice versa, and also a third group who perhaps would prefer some other kind of organized amusement—say assorted games, etc. How about an occasional short skit? It will take preliminary enquiry and planning, a committee which will keep the interests of the whole group in mind, and also the whole evening. For planning and help in management, the staff will be glad to help, and we may be sure this includes Mr. Harter and others of the Institute staff.

4. Shall we have a new sheet of the gossip variety? A would-be W. W. is ready; also an advisor.

5. Our athletic program has languished, due probably to the irregularity of free days. A rainy midweek is likely to entail a working weekend, but, weather permitting, we should be on a schedule providing a shortened Saturday and a full Sunday, to allow relaxation, athletics, chores, study, and what-have-you. Good production on workdays will help toward this end. Let's get a program set up and ready. For a week like the present, free days will have to be taken in a staggered succession by those who really need them. Consult Mr. Booth and report to your home Dean.

6. Shall we plan for something big in the way of a closing event, a Bean Festival perhaps? When we get home, we should have something ready to present to the whole College, besides motion pictures and skills for a parents' meeting.

R. C. Benedict, Director.