Students to Harvest Crops

Brooklyn College Contingent Expects to Account for 100,000 Bushels of Vegetables.

With "Feed a Fighter in '43" as its slogan, Brooklyn College will open its farm labor project at Morrisville, N.Y., next Tuesday. Between that time and the close of the project on September 15, the college hopes, through the full-time employment of 200 of its students, to harvest 100,000 bushels of peas and snap beans that are now growing on upstate farms, according to Ralph C. Benedict, director of the project.

A feature of the Brooklyn College farm plan is that it will permit students to advance in their college work while they are working. A program of courses, selected from the college curriculum and conducted by accredited instructors, will be offered to the farm workers. These courses will be conducted in full accordance with college regulations and will be offered during the entire harvest.

Correlation courses will include farm biology, geology, rural sociology, for which the rural setting is especially fitted. War service courses will include military topography and navigation, while required courses, intended mainly for freshmen and sophomores, will include English composition, English literature, political science, sociology and mathematics.

To Work Full Time.

The students taking part in the project will work full time picking peas and beans on selected farms. Both students and teachers will live in the dormitories of the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Morrisville, N.Y., or in homes which are regularly used by students of that school.

Educational facilities of the institute, including class rooms, fields and poultry and cattle buildings, will be at the disposal of the Brooklyn College students, together with the institute library and athletic and other recreational buildings.

Workers will be paid on a piecework basis at prevailing rates. The work period will cover from ten to twelve weeks, and if the poor weather of the spring delays the start of the harvest, the class instruction program will be started in Brooklyn.

Experienced Last Year.

According to Director Benedict, the farm labor project is an outgrowth of experience gained during the summer of 1942, when three work groups of a hundred students each were organized and operated in the Hudson River Valley under the auspices of the college placement office and the faculty committee on employment of the college.