College Plans
Farm Course
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Brooklyn's Students
To Study at Night,
Labor During Day

In line with the program of the
New York State Agricultural De-
fense council for recruiting emer-
gency farm labor, "Brooklyn col-
lege is about to start a campaign
for selecting 200 students to set up
summer school facilities in farm
areas where farm students can ren-
der service most effectively," it
was announced last night in a Gen-
eral Electric Farm Forum address
over WGY by Dr. Louis A. Mallory,
Brooklyn college assistant profes-
sor of speech and member of the
college farm labor program com-
mittee.

Although admitting city students
are green in the ways of the farm,
"they can pick berries, beans, fruits
and vegetables on a piecework
basis," Dr. Mallory said.

"We plan to recruit our students
for farm camp service and to send
with them faculty members who
will serve both as supervisors and
as teachers of college courses," he
explained. "The students will work
for the farmer during the day.
Evenings and rainy days will fur-
nish ample time for meeting the
college teaching objectives."

Also speaking on the farm forum,
Dr. W. C. Waterman, Brooklyn
college assistant professor of so-
ciology, who has been engaged in
farming for 40 years in Cayuga
county, said:

"In this emergency one possible
source of relief is to be found in
the students of our city schools and
colleges. These boys and girls are
out of school for three months at
the time of peak demand for farm
labor. x x x

"While it is impossible to take
inexperienced city youths and in a
few weeks transform them into
skilled general farm workers, it is
equally true that for certain spe-
cialized operations these boys
and girls can be made fairly effi-
cient. That fact was demonstrated last
summer by a group of Brooklyn
college faculty and 100 students
who were employed by market-
gardeners and general farmers in
the Red Hook section."

In that section last summer the
students in three camps picked
40,000 quarts of strawberries. "They
saved the strawberry crop," was
the comment of a farmer in Dut-
ches county. "Squads of students
working for individual farmers, car-
ried on through three months in
a variety of farm operations. Older
stronger boys helped with haying
and girls hoed and weeded."

Collegiate dramatic organizations
participating are B.C.'s Masquers, the
Play Shop of Queens, The Make-Up
Box of Hunter, and City's Theatron.

"Fox-hole", a melodrama of
the Marines in Guadalcanal,
will be presented by Theatron.
The Make-Up Box will stage
"Refuge", a drama of a family
made homeless by Hitler, writ-
ten expressly for the occasion
by Lillian Seidel. Edna St.
Vincent Millay's harlequinade
"Aria da Capo", done in the
manner of a United Nations'
allergy, will be the contribu-
tion of Queen's Play Shop.
Masquers will repeat its suc-
cessful dramatization of "Mur-
der of Lidice."

Dr. Jacob Foster, faculty
advisor of Masquers, who is in
charge of our campus group,
announced that some of the of-
ferings may be original plays
by the participants.

Students who have been ac-
tive in drawing up the prelimi-
nary plans are Phoebe Hoenig
and Jerry Silverstein of Brook-
lyn College, Catherine Sullivan
of Hunter and Ruth Chassen
of Queens.