200 BC Students Leaving For Farms

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Within a few weeks Brooklyn College’s agricultural contingent of 200 young men and women will leave for Morrisville, N. Y., where it will aid in harvesting the large pea and bean crops of that area.

Supervised by members of the B. C. faculty, the students will be quartered in the dormitories of the State Agricultural and Technical Institute, and, in the evenings, will take regular college courses in the classrooms of the school.

Professor Ralph C. Benedict, supervisor of the group, announced this week that living costs “will run to $7 per week per person—several dollars below the most reasonable figure thus far publicized.” Wages received from labor in the fields will always cover the living cost and usually will exceed it.

Applications filed with the Employment Office during the past weeks have revealed a desire for courses in English, Speech, Mathematics, Psychology, Government, History, Geology, Farm Biology, Meteorology, Cryptography and Map Making. The final selection of the courses to be given will be based on these preferences and will be announced shortly.

Before leaving Brooklyn each student will undergo a complete health examination. He will also receive a chest X-ray examination through the cooperation of one of the public health agencies. Transportation to and from Morrisville will be provided by the state while daily transportation to and from the several farms will be provided by the individual farmers engaging the students.

Though somewhat more than 200 hundred have already registered with the Employment Office, applications are still being accepted. From the total registration the 300 best fit for physical labor of this sort will be chosen.