The Farm Program; Brooklyn College Should Be Proud Of It

A program in planned, democratic education on a practical and patriotic basis will be undertaken by Brooklyn College this Summer when 200 of our students will be sent to Morrisville, N. Y. to work for farmers in the Madison County Area of New York State.

The project, under the supervision of Professor Ralph C. Benedict of the Biology department, is unique among colleges in the Metropolitan area. Plans are proceeding and have been formulated with the full approval and cooperation of the College Administration.

This college may well feel proud of the fact that it is the first institution of higher learning in New York City to adopt a practical method of immediately aiding the War Effort by alleviating a critical manpower shortage in a vital field—farming. It was suggested to the Board of Higher Education that the plan submitted by Professor Benedict to the Brooklyn College Faculty Council might be used as the basis for a permanent project for the City Colleges. In addition to relieving the farm labor deficit by the use of young people from town and city educational institutions, the program provides for making the labor experiences of the greatest possible educational value.

The plan has been very well received by the Metropolitan Press, by numerous educators interested in the problems involved in correlation of the college credit courses with the work, and by officials of the New York State War Council and the Agricultural Education Bureau of the State Education Department.

It is the beginning of a long-term plan, which presents far-reaching educational possibilities for post-war development of young men and women.

Immediately it offers students an opportunity to do something materially for the college’s and the nation’s war effort, while taking part in a fascinating educational experiment, and, in the process gaining college credit toward a degree.

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