Pupils to Assist Farmers
National Education Group Ready to Carry Out Roosevelt’s Suggestion.

President Roosevelt’s appeal in his recent fireside chat that school authorities develop plans whereby high school pupils may assist farmers to raise and harvest their crops or assist to a limited extent in the war industries today received the unequivocal support of the National Education Association.

Willard E. Givens, secretary of N. E. A., has written to the President that the organization, which has branches in virtually every city, will do everything possible to carry out the suggestion. At the same time, Mr. Givens requested State school authorities to give their cooperation and to report back to the N. E. A. on the steps they have taken.

Victory Corps Utilized.
In his fireside chat the President made it clear that he did not expect his student work suggestion to close schools or stop education. He suggested that summer vacations be used for the war effort and that, in addition, the older high school students take “some time from their school year.”

The N. E. A. estimates that millions of students, under this program, will lend a hand in the war effort during the summer vacation and on a part-time basis during the school year. The High School Victory Corps, being organized in every city or county of the nation, is regarded as an ideal vehicle to carry out the proposed program.

Urges Farm Corps.
Prof. Ralph C. Benedict of the Brooklyn College department of biology today recommended to President Harry D. Giddens that a work-study summer school camp be set up next summer by the college in a fruit-growing area not far from the city.

He made the suggestion after studying the results of three units of Brooklyn College students last summer took part in a farm labor project.

Although few of the college students had farm experience, the majority adapted themselves successfully, Dr. Benedict reported.

“While picking fruit is a task in which skill grows with experience and old hands may show the usual margin of superiority which ‘professionals’ in any field manifest over tyro’s,” he added, “the processes are not so intricate that beginners cannot make real contributions. Moreover, most types of fruit picking are paid for on a piecework basis, and it does not cost growers more to employ students than it would to hire men who have the same experience.”

Assembly in Washington.