COLLEGE OFFERS FARM LABOR PLAN
Brooklyn Professor Would Combine Field Work and Summer School Study
ITS MOTIVE: IS PATRIOTIC
Experience of 86 Who Helped With Crops Up-State Is Basis for Proposal

A plan to combine farm labor with Summer school study for municipal college students was outlined in a report yesterday to Harry D. Gideon, president of Brooklyn College, by Professor Ralph C. Benedetti of the Department of Biology. The program will be submitted to the Board of Higher Education for consideration.

Offered as a broad base for the plan is the idea of offering selected courses, such as agricultural economy, economic botany, marketing, together with work in languages, literature and landscape art, to a group of students engaged in Summer agricultural work in some fruit-growing area not far from New York City.

Professor Benedetti's suggestion comes as the result of a long period of study of agricultural problems and in particular after contact with a group of Brooklyn College students who helped to cultivate and harvest fruit crops this summer.

Summer's Work Recalled
Last summer eighty-six members of the student body were located in three units for farm labor. Most of them worked in the vicinity of Red Hook, New York. One group of forty girls lived in the eighteenth-century and nineteenth-century facilities of the Central High School there, together with the privileges of lockers and cold showers and access to the campus and athletic field. Living expenses were paid partly, and a fund of $250 was raised among the citizens of the community to help ease the burden.

"Although few, if any, of the college students had had previous farm experience, the great majority adapted themselves successfully," Professor Benedetti said. "While picking fruit is a task in which skill grows with experience, the ability of these inexperienced beginners to incapable make a real contribution. Most types of fruit picking are paid for on a piece-rate basis, and the cost growers are more to easier workers.

Forty thousand quarts of strawberries were harvested and the