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President Gideonse writes that he will arrive in Morrisville about noon, on Sept. 6. He suggests as a possible title, "Your summer and mine." Presumably we shall all want to hear about his month in England.

Committee

Word comes that Prof. Cohen, Chairman of the College Curriculum, probably with another member of that Committee, is planning to visit us before our close. A special invitation was extended to him to make such a visit as a basis for understanding our problems, and as a basis for the physical activities part of our program, represented by farm work. Student workers who really want this project to succeed and to be recognized as worth while educationally as well in food production will be loyal and conscientious in their support of production, academic work, and group living throughout the remaining two weeks.

Miss Barnes has come through her hospital ordeal so well that she will be able to leave this Friday for a six months' or longer stay in the West for recuperation. She writes, "My congratulations to the students; I'm sure they are seeing a grand piece of work through to a finish which is a credit to them and their College. I kept after the girls for a good many little things but I've really been awfully proud of them all summer. The set-up was not perfect but we don't owe any apologies to anyone - that goes for students and staff."

Mr. Virgo, U. S. E. S., representative for Madison County, accepted our invitation the other day to be our guest this Friday evening. He will not make a set talk but will be prepared to answer for the whole groups like those asked him on Monday. Below are a series of questions which it is believed cover the field. For this "Information, Please" program, it is hoped that Dr. Galbreath, Mr. Howlett, and others of the Institute staff may be present to act as an answer panel.

1. How many pickers have been employed approximately in this 3-county pea and bean area this summer? How does this compare with last year, and before?
2. How have weather conditions this compared with other years: during planting season; growing season; harvest season for peas; for beans? Figures for the whole State are that acreage of beans planted is 20% greater than in 1942, but that yield is 10% lower. How does Madison County compare with the State as a whole?
3. Have our periods of poor picking, for peas early in July, and for beans more recently been general for the county?
4. Is it a fact that Refugee beans are hard and slow to pick, even when the yield is good per acre? That pickers insist on higher pay per bushel for picking them? That many farmers have stopped growing this variety?
5. Have you been able to place all the pickers registered through your office recently? Throughout the summer?
6. "Could our group have had better opportunities for harvest work if we had been placed through your office than with our present arrangement?"
7. Has our contribution toward food production been more valuable this year than it would have been in a peace year?
8. Is it important for us to stay as long as possible this summer, even if the yield may be lower?
9. How valuable toward war food production has the work of the Brooklyn College group been?

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