

Womble Mountain Area Agency Director Riggs expressed his appreciation for the program through Thomas Jackson, State Director of the O. E. O. and Mr. Watson and Earl Pate of the Illinois Farmers Union. "They have done a wonderful service for the needy high school pupils in our four counties," Director Riggs stated.

He expressed hopes the students will be enabled to receive benefits for the oncoming high school year. Each pupil will be allowed to work three hours per day at \$1.25 per hour, and carry their high school subjects.

He also expressed thanks to Perry Moore, manager of the State Employment Office in Harrisburg and to Mrs. Stephanie McGill of the Employment Office, who have cooperated in every way possible in helping to promote these students for summer work.

Mr. Riggs has received letters of praise for the fine work these young people are doing in their on-the-job training, including the office of State's Attorney Robert V. Wilson in Harrisburg, and John Segraves City Commissioner in Eldorado.

Segraves pointed out that at the present time a total of 32 boys and girls, 16-17 years of age, are working 28 hours a week at \$1.25 per hour with several of the girls working in the Head Start program as teachers' aides and lunchroom helpers. Others with typing and secretarial abilities have been placed in the City Clerk's office, in the Public Library and boys have been working for the Street Department.

The same type of work is being done in Harrisburg in the city and county offices, in Carrier Mills and the other villages and towns throughout the area.

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YOUTH CORPS TO GIVE JOBS TO 1,000 IN STATE

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

WASHINGTON, April 6.—More than 1,100 Illinois youngsters in the neighborhood youth corps program will have jobs this summer as a result of an agreement signed today between the labor department and the Illinois Farmers union.

W. Willard Wirtz, secretary of labor, said the youngsters will be put to work for 12 weeks, beginning in early June, nursing the sick, planting trees, improving lake shorelines, repairing sidewalks and bridges, and helping out in libraries.

The agreement also provides for a nine-week part-time job program for 592 students in the fall.

TELL COST BREAKDOWN

Total cost of the two-part project is \$754,925. The labor department will pay for \$622,025 thru its manpower administration's bureau of work programs, which administers the neighborhood youth corps. The remainder will come from the Illinois Farmers union.

Raymond J. Watson of Springfield, president of the I.F.U., said the summer and fall program will involve 80 Illinois counties, with 33 community action committees taking an active role.

The summer and fall jobs will be evenly divided between boys and girls, 16 thru 21 years old. The jobs will be in 224 job sites, including school systems, highway departments, libraries, park departments, and other public and private agencies.

The I. F. U. has sponsored five neighborhood youth corps programs, making jobs available to 4,522 young people.

200 ENTER NURSING

"We have placed many of our enrollees in private industry," Watson said. "As a result of our program two years ago, about 200 girls reported they intended to enter the nursing profession, which is so desperately short of skilled help."

Watson said the I.F.U. will work with the Illinois state employment service, which will screen potential participants to assure that the most needy youngsters are accepted in the program and that labor department standards are met.

The summer employment program is designed to allow the youngsters to remain in or return to school and to acquire skills to hold a job, Watson said.