

## Early Farm Program Payments Depend on Farmers' Early Action

North Carolina farmers who are taking part in the feed grain, wheat, and cotton programs are being reminded that early compliance and early certification will mean early payments this year.

H.O. Carter, State Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said that while farmers should certify compliance as soon as possible, they also must understand that acreage certifications are not to be made until they know they are in compliance with all program regulations.

When a participant in a 1970 farm program certifies compliance, he certifies accurately to acreages in the program crops and to diverted acreage. He also certifies that he has complied

with conserving base provisions, with regulations that apply if he has an interest in more than one farm, that the diverted acres on his farm are devoted to an approved conserving use, and that all other program requirements have been met.

As soon as a program participant certifies, the County ASCS Office begins processing papers for his full payment for 1970 program participation. Payments to producers will begin soon after July 1 and are expected to be completed by the end of August - the earliest date ever set for completion of program payments.

After a farm has been certified to be in compliance with farm programs, it may be checked at any time to determine if any errors were made in certification. If errors are found, the

producer will be determined to have not fully complied and may lose some or all of his farm program payments.

Carter said the County ASCS Office has received instructions to keep up to date on farm control checks.

ROB JOE E. BROWN

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Veteran comedian Joe E. Brown, ailing and under sedation, slept through a robbery by three masked men in which his wife said the loot included jewelry, furs and non-negotiable bonds worth \$100,000.

The robbers bound and gagged Mrs. Kathryn Brown, 77, and two male nurses at the Brown home Tuesday. Brown also is 77.

## Year 'Round Head Start Is Announced

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc., according to W.G. Pierce, Deputy Director, will sponsor a year-round Head Start program beginning June 1, 1970 in the following counties: Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Washington.

This program is to be funded at a level of \$384,047, on a full-day basis. Children of three, four and five years of age will be eligible. Its major objective will be to provide new and exploratory experiences for the children of working mothers.

In each county the Head Start program will be coordinated very closely with the school system.

This is my second year as a Head Start parent and believe me I have learned a lot and my ideas changed as I understood the program better.

If you just send your child to Head Start and don't get involved yourself then you and your child are missing a great deal. It is not a free babysitting service and any child that is being sent as such is getting very little out of the program.

Also Head Start is not a boot camp for next year's kindergarten kids. It's so much more than that it's hard to put into words. You might say it's a whole new and different way of life opened up to these kids. It doesn't just help them get ready for kindergarten; it helps them face life as it really is. They learn right away that they are a special PERSON and not just a four-year-old who should be seen and not heard. Believe me in Head Start they are seen, heard and LISTENED to.

These little people learn fast with their whole mind and body. Their eyes see things they have never seen before. Their ears hear sounds and words and stories that they never heard before. Their hands do things they never dreamed they could do like paint pretty pictures or draw or color or build something nice with blocks. They also learn how nice it is just to have a friend whose hand they can hold onto for a little while. Hands are important to a four-year-old.

I'm sure some of them thought when they first started school that hands were just to hit with or be hit with, but they soon learned that at school there were so many nice and fine things to do with their hands that they don't have much time to use them for hitting.

As you can see, I believe these kids learn a lot about themselves and at the same time they learn about the people and things around them. For this reason they soon learn how to get along with other people. They realize that other people have feelings just as they do. They get their feelings hurt sometimes but they also learn that it's really fun to share things and help other kids and have other kids help them. It's really fun to do things together. Life is really a give and take thing and the sooner a child learns this the better off he will be.

Last year when Viola Ealy came around to recruit my girl, I knew almost nothing about the program. I had heard of it only as a summer program. I think people from the program came to my house three times before I finally decided to send Shelly. I was so unsure about the program I didn't know what to do.

When I finally did decide to send her, I did so on a trial-basis. By this I mean, I sent her to see how she would like it, but at the same time I went over and got to know the staff and learn all I could. I helped out as much as I could last year and really enjoyed myself. I had no idea that I,

a parent, the mother of five children could learn so much! This year when Alice Brown came around to sign my girl up again, we talked about the program. She told me it would be a lot different. She told me they would have freedom of all the rooms and I couldn't believe it. I told her I didn't like that idea because I felt it would be hard on the kids. Again I was thinking about how it would help them for kindergarten next year. I felt it would really be hard for them to have all this freedom one year and the next year to all at once be put in one room. Again I was so wrong.

I have been lucky enough to have been able to go over and spend a day in each of the different rooms with each of the staff and I have learned more these past few weeks than I did all last year.

I only with this program could have started a few years ago and that I could have gotten involved sooner, because I'm sure I could have done a much better job as a mother.

Maybe you are a real shy person and don't think you would be any good working with these kids, well, how do you know until you try? Kids have a way of getting you interested so that you forget that you are shy or scared. Believe me it does your old heart good to have a little boy look up at you with brush in hand and say, "I'm going to paint your happy face." You feel even better after he has finished and you see yourself as he sees you.

Oh, to be a four-year-old in our Head Start program! I guess the next best thing is to be the parent of a four-year-old in our Head Start program. Believe me I'm very proud and happy to be involved.

## Graduation, 1970

The 1970 harvest of high school and college graduates is at hand and it is appropriate to take a look at the world these graduates are entering, what they can seek to accomplish, what opportunities they will find open to them.

This year's graduates enter our free society possibly handicapped by recent experiences. They have listened to students, some of them militants and law breakers, telling the nation what is wrong with it, what changes must be made, etc. They have heard fellow students lambast the establishment, call for revolution and damn the capitalist system.

They have been confused because so many school officials have been hesitant to defend their institutions, the government, or even the country. It has been a time of "appeasement, fear, and negativism on the part of authority and militancy, self-righteousness and cocksureness on the part of students and juveniles and the immature. In short, traditional values have been out of balance, common sense often ignored.

The misled 1970 graduate will gradually adjust his philosophy as he learns the facts and learn to appreciate the wonderful advantages of being an American and of living in America. He will soon learn that his youthful idealism must be tempered with realism, and that the older generation is not, after all, a generation of idiots. The many who were not misled by events of recent years will immediately appreciate their vast opportunities for economic, intellectual and social gain in the land of opportunity - still the United States.

Herman Melville wrote "Moby Dick, or the White Whale."

## Rook Club Meets

Mrs. Walter Dale entertained her Rook Club Friday night at her home in Whiteston. Those playing were Mrs. A. T. Lane, Sr., Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., Mrs. C. T. Skinner, Sr., Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Mrs. R. M. Fowler, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Gladys Felton and the hostess.

Miss Sumner won the high score prize. A sweet course was served.

## EISELE ON GROUND

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Astronaut Donn F. Sela, a member of the Apollo crew which orbited the earth 11 hours in October 1968, has decided to take a ground job. An official announcement Tuesday said Eisele, 39, would leave the spaceman corps in mid-June to become technical assistant in the research division of the space agency at Langley Research Center in Virginia.

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Sincerely,  
L. A. Proctor

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who remembered me with cards, flowers, prayers, visits, and all other acts of kindness shown me while I was a patient in Watts Hospital in Durham and since my return home.

Mrs. George Sutton

The Flying Dutchman was the phantom ship legend said could be seen off the Cape of Good Hope in stormy weather.