Project Operation Head Start
Approved In Vermilion Parish

Operation Head Start, a federally subsidized kindergarten program, has been approved for Vermilion parish.

Louisiana solons in Washington, D. C., has advised that a $426,305 grant from the office of Economic Opportunity to launch the project of Acadiana Neuf, Inc., and Southern Consumers' Education Foundation has been approved in Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Landry, Iberia and Vermilion parishes.

Senators Allen J. Ellender and Russell B. Long, and Congressmen Edwin E. Willis and T. A. Thompson said that with $61,543 in non-federal funds, a total of $487,848 will be used to give eight weeks of training to 2,878 underprivileged children of pre-school age. Training will employ a staff of 596 persons in 83 child development centers.

In the parish, this planned program for pre-school aged children will offer group experiences of varied sociological and educational significance to participating children, particularly to those children whose family situations would necessitate specific background supplementation.

The program in Vermilion parish will commence on June 21 and will be operated for a period of eight weeks. Proposed centers are to be established at Abbeville, Delcambre, Gueydan, Erath, Kaplan and Maurice.

In compliance with federal regulations, the program will be administered on a non-discriminatory basis in regard to student and personnel participation. Job applications will be accepted in the following categories:

Teachers, clerical help, classroom aids, recreation aids, maintenance personnel, transportation, food preparation, and patrol workers.

Interested persons may secure necessary application forms from Southern Consumers Education Foundation office at 425 General Mouton Ave., Lafayette, and Our Lady of Lourdes School, 505 N. Bailey St., Abbeville. All applications should be completed and returned to Our Lady of Lourdes School not later than June 4, 1965.

Southern Consumers Education Foundation office will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Acadiana Neuf, Inc., has been applicant agency for the Project Operation Head Start in Vermilion parish which Foundation is sponsoring. Peter Vallot Jr., teacher at Southern Consumers Education Foundation office, James A. Herod high school in Abbeville, will serve as project director.

Additional information concerning any phase of this program may be secured by contacting Southern Consumers Education Foundation office, Our Lady of Lourdes school, or project director Vallot.