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**Helping city**  
SYEF employee Orlando Tillman lends a hand as Raeford City workers lay pipe.

## Summer program provides job training for Hoke youth

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Again this summer the Hoke County Board of Education received funds to provide summer public service jobs to local students.

Funds were made available through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Allocation of funds to Hoke County came through the Office of Rural Private Industry Council (ORPIC) and the Lumber River Council of Governments (LRCOG).

The Hoke Board of Education received approximately \$81,000 in initial funds and a late addition of about \$7,000.

These funds provided summer jobs for an initial 75 students and a late addition of about 15 more students.

Nearly 8% of these funds are in administrative costs while slightly over 92% of these funds are in student wages or student support.

In May, about 600 application forms for summer jobs were given out on the Hoke High campus, the Upchurch Junior High campus, and at other locations within the county.

Of the approximate 600 applications given out, 275 were returned with about 150 of those passing the eligibility requirements for a summer job.

Economic status of the student's family is the main criteria for eligibility.

Student employees are hired for a seven-week period for a 35-hour work week and paid \$3.35 per hour.

Student employees must pay state, federal, and social security taxes.

So far as it is reasonable, eligible students are matched with job requests from local agencies to fill the roll for the summer program.

Although most students will be returning to school this fall, those

few who have finished school and do not yet have a full-time job may continue to work through the summer employment program until September 28, or until program funds are exhausted.

Most student jobs are classified through the DOT (Dictionary of Occupational Titles) into one of several broad job descriptions - Groundskeeper, Janitor, Recreational Aide, Office Helper, or Administrative Clerk.

This summer, students have been engaged in productive work with the school system, with county government, city government, and the Parks and Recreation

Commission. Students have had job duties ranging from ditch-digging to computer operations. Floor stripping and waxing was popular as was grass cutting.

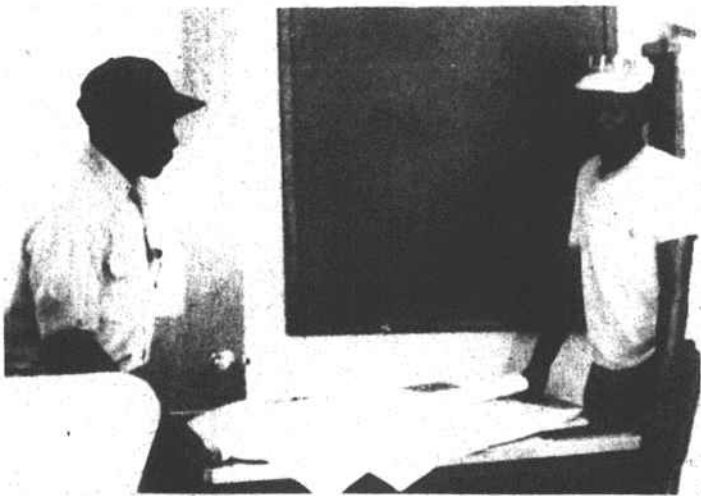
Among those students who are participating in this program who have finished school, one has entered military service, one has a job promised with the city government, two have gained employment in private industry and one, who is returning to school, has secured a part-time job for the fall with their summer employer.

In addition to the working students, a small group of 15 students are placed in an on-campus class designed to teach job entry skills as well as job seeking and keeping techniques.

In addition to student wages, program funding provides a staff director, secretary and three student counselors.

This personnel is obligated to keep paper work as required by the funding agencies as well as provide support to students.

It is one purpose of the program to provide student participants with the support, advice, and discipline needed to eventually secure and keep a job of their own.



**Getting ready for school**  
Lewis Liles helps Mr. Page at West Hoke School to get ready for the fall opening during the summer program.



**Warehousing**  
Student employee Therman Cherry places this box of supplies into warehouse storage while working on his summer job which is part of the SYEP program.



**Getting it started**  
John, Todd and Ronald were able to get this mower started, although at this point there is some question whether they will get it back together.



**Cleaning up**  
Avis Flowers cleans the carpet in the school's audiovisual department. Student employees garnered over \$70,000 in wages during this summer's program.



**Signing off**  
Student employees Pandora, Travis, Toni, Kenya and Karen show off signs painted during a practice session.