

## *School Will Soon Be Out*

School vacation is but eight weeks away, so it is heartening to learn that this year Atlanta isn't likely to be caught flat-footed in providing recreation for children in poverty neighborhoods.

We remember that last summer a crash program was needed after schools were out and that it wasn't until well into the summer before even minimum recreation programs were under way in many of these areas. But this year we've got a head start. City Parks Director Jack Delius plans to operate 21 "playlots," three times as many as last summer.

However, he is going to have a hard time staffing these small playgrounds and operat-

ing other programs because federal anti-poverty funds that helped support them last year have run out. If these funds aren't restored, the problem addresses itself to local government, churches, private businesses and civic groups.

Already there are encouraging signs that our community will answer this challenge. More churches are giving money and time to impoverished neighborhoods. The Rich Foundation made a generous contribution for portable swimming pools. The Atlanta Variety Club has opened an area at Lake Allatoona for use by slum children.

Other groups are helping and more help will be needed.

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