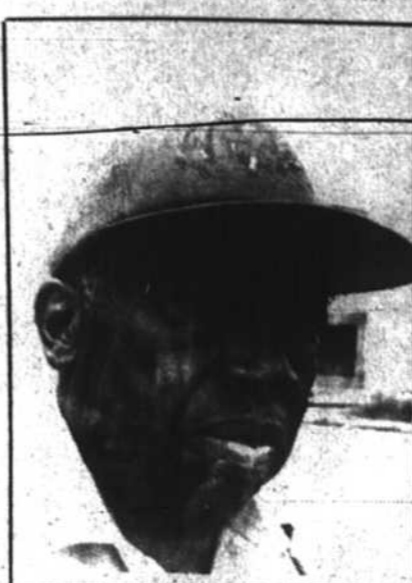




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Opinions On The Street

Post Readers Say Summer Is Their Favorite Time Of The Year

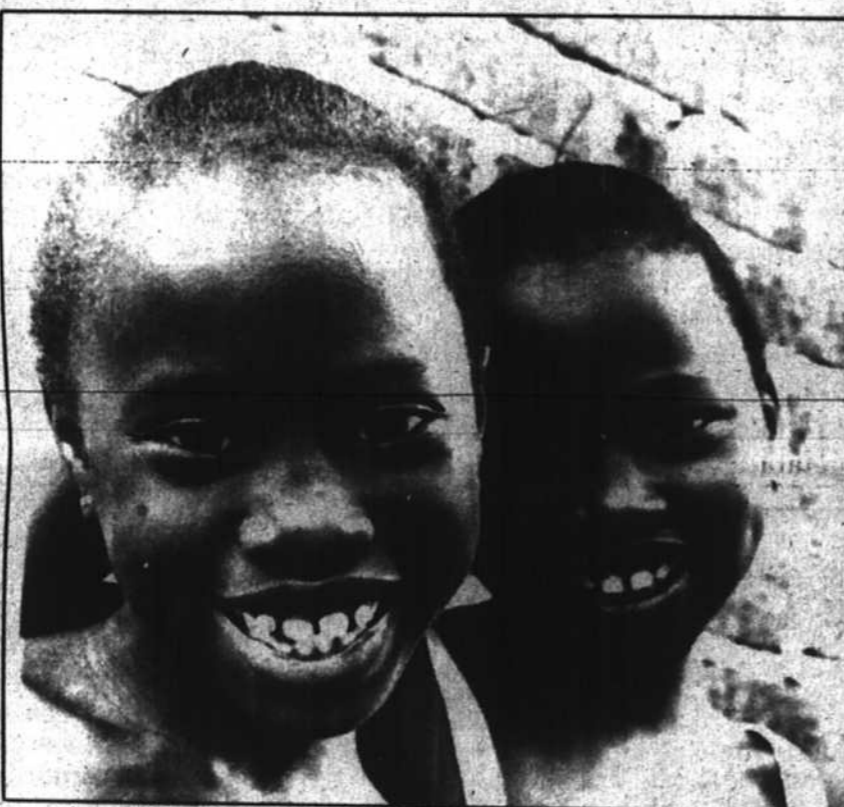
Although summer doesn't officially end until September 21 or thereabouts, for most people, the start of school marks the beginning of the autumn season. Now that "those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" are over for another year, Post reporter Audrey Lodato got to wondering why summer always seems like the shortest season of the year. Out and about town, she asked Charlotteans what their favorite season is and why. Among those polled, spring and summer had just a slight edge over fall and winter.

Billy Hoover of Cheshire Rd. in the Derita community prefers summer. "I raise produce and that's when I make my money," he explained.

Hoover's two daughters, 9 year old Shanta and 8 year old Tamika were keeping their father company as he sold produce out of his truck at the side of the road. The girls, who attend Hidden Valley Elementary School, both favor spring "because it's sunny."

Walter Bellamy, who lives on Longdale in Charlotte, said winter is his favorite time of year. His reason? "I was born in October," he replied, adding that he's not at all sad to see summer go.

Retired chef Henry Brooks of West Boulevard likes winter. "I like it best in this part of the country," he commented, "because you can always add another layer of clothing to help you keep warm, but if you're too hot, there's not much you can do."



Shanta & Tamika Hoover

Ruth Mitchell a Garvis Drive resident who works for an auto insurance company, prefers fall. "It's more comfortable," she explained. "Your clothes are easier to work with. It's not too hot or too cool."

A&P deli worker Natalie Brown hates to see summer go. She likes summer best because "it's so nice." She said she's depressed that the season is almost over. "My tan's already gone," she moaned.

Michael Wallace of Murrow Road agreed about summer. "I just like the weather," he declared. "You can do a lot more things in summer-time. I hate that it has to end."

Retiree George W. Allison likes spring best. "It's just a sweet part of the year," he said. "Everything is so beautiful."

Joyce Reed, bank teller and Cliffwood Place resident, thinks fall is the best season. "I love fall," she exclaimed. "I like the cool weather."



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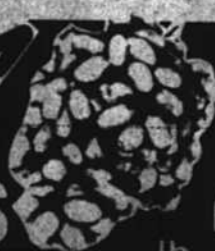
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