

Where Would You Like To Go On Vacation?

There's a saying that, in springtime, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Well, that may be, but it seems just as likely that spring gets people thinking about summer vacations.

If you could go anywhere your heart desired for your vacation, where would you like to go? That's the question posed to Charlotteans and residents of surrounding communities on a recent, definitely springlike, day. Here are their fantasy vacations, as well as some reminiscences about past vacations.

●**CHRIS CROCKETT**, of Route 1, Waxhaw, works at the Harris-Teeter Distribution Center in Matthews. He was in Charlotte on his day off and had stopped at a carwash to rinse the pollen off his car and check the oil. Crockett's fantasy vacation? "Probably Florida." He had no particular part of the Sunshine State in mind, but added, "I just want to see what it's like. The advertising shows it so beautiful, I want to see it for myself." Crockett's best vacation so far has been a trip to Myrtle Beach.

●**JAMES DIXON**, a laborer, resides on West Boulevard. Like Crockett, Dixon chose Florida, but in his case he's been there before. "I like going down there," he remarked. "I've been there once before." He enjoyed Sea World, Disney World, and deep-sea fishing. "I caught four or five," he recalled, adding, "That was the best vacation I ever had."

●**EDDIE HOLLEY** is supervisor for the linen service at Memorial Hospital. Holley's prompt reply to the question was, "Tahiti. I love exotic places. I've never been to one, but I love to see them." His best vacation was a visit to San Antonio, Texas, in 1979. "It was beautiful, almost exotic," he related.



James Dixon
.....Enjoyed Florida



Eddie Holley
.....Loves exotic places



Antoinette Crouch
....."Walt Disney World"



Chris Crockett
....."Probably Florida"



April Ferguson
....."The Bahamas"

●**APRIL FERGUSON**, a student at Kannapolis Middle School, was in Charlotte helping her mother, who is manager of Kentucky Fried Chicken at the corner of South and East Boulevards. The young lady named the Bahamas her choice for a dream vacation. "I haven't ever been to a place like that," she admitted. "I think it would be exciting." Her best vacation so far was a trip to Greece with the youth group from her school.

●**JOHNNY BARNES**, a Wilmore Drive resident, is employed as a janitor. Without hesitation, he named his dream vacation spot. "Acapulco, because it's sunny and nice." Although Barnes has not been to Acapulco, he did go to Florida two years ago. "I liked everything about Florida, especially the beaches."

●**ANTOINETTE CROUCH** lives on W. Kingston and works as a dishwasher. "Walt Disney World" was



Johnny Barnes
....."Acapulco"

her choice because "I want to go for the fun." She enjoyed a basketball trip she went on with her school.

Stop Me If You've Heard This Before!

By Sherrie Farrell
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"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times!"

For most adults, that phrase is as familiar as the net amount on their paychecks. Mothers and fathers across the nation use those catch-all words to reaffirm the principles and values they believe in. The phrase is also used to reaffirm the wrongs that their children have committed. A few of the lucky ones have never heard that phrase spoken in exasperation or desperation or, heaven forbid, utter disgust and anger. Well, the following is not aimed at those few lucky ones. This column is for the benefit of those of us who heard it not once, but a thousand times.

As we get older, the things that our parents drummed through our heads begin to seep through our own adult mouths. Yet, for some reason, we continue to carry on as if the platitudes and bits of wisdom our parents imparted to us do not pertain to our own lives. Naturally, most of the wisdom we've received from our parents rings true. It's just that the advice requires a little updating and translating now and then. Things like:

1. The grass is always greener on the other side. (Translation: Mother forgot to tell me it's because my neighbor always walks on my grass.)
2. Behind every cloud is a silver lining. (A lining which seems to hide another cloud, and another cloud and another cloud.)
3. Never put all your eggs into one basket. (What basket?)
4. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. (But I can't pay my bank charge today.)
5. Money doesn't grow on trees. (Or in my wallet, savings, account, piggy bank or credit union account.)
6. Neither a borrower nor lender be. (Try telling that to MasterCard, Visa or

American Express. It seems to work for them.

7. A fool and his money are soon parted. (Why is it that I am always in the former category and not the latter?)
8. Always call me if you're going to be late. (So you can promptly tell me to bring my behind home right now?)
9. Two wrongs don't make a right. (Unless, of course, both your mother and father are wrong. That's different.)
10. Honesty is the best policy. (But if Mrs. Smith calls, tell her I'm not home. I don't feel like talking to her today.)
11. No matter what you do, be the best. (The best doctor, lawyer, minister. Never the best bum.)
12. If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all. (And you wonder why I never talk about my ex-husband.)
13. If you think you can, you can. (But I still can't pay my bank charge today.)
14. Every dog has his day. (Everyone except my ex-husband.)
15. It's better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it. (And explain to me exactly why I can't have both.)
16. You haven't lived long enough to tell me anything. (And at this rate I never will.)
17. A smart person will learn by other people's mistakes. (But they elected the current administration anyway.)
18. A hard head makes a soft behind. (Just to prove it, get me my belt.)
19. If it's not in you to have something - you won't have anything. (Oh no, it's in me, it's just not in the Porsche dealer.)
20. There but for the grace of God, go I. (There goes Jayne Kennedy, as well, Malcolm Forbes, Billy Dee Williams, Lena Horne, John H. Johnson, Lou Whittaker, Isiah Thomas, etc., etc...)
21. One day you'll thank me for this. (I could settle for one day, but you want me to thank you every day.)



The audience listens intently during the Ushers' Workshop sponsored by the Charlotte District Board of Ushers of the Western North Carolina Conference AME Zion Church. Guest speaker was J.C. Champion, Facilitator. The workshop was attended by ushers from several churches and was held at Clinton

Chapel AME Zion Church, Rev. Retoy Gaston, host pastor, Rev. Smith Turner III, Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, was also present to give remarks. Margaret Carothers is president of The Charlotte District Board of Ushers. (Photo By Bernard Reeves)

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