

Rev. Charles Helton Opens Helton Manor Care

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Rev. Charles L. Helton and family saw a dream come true on Sunday, February 28th. The Helton family recently celebrated the formal opening of Helton Manor Care.

Helton Manor Care is a 52-bed residential care facility located at 2140 Milton Road, in north-east Charlotte.

Rev. Helton, owner of Helton Manor Care, is the pastor of Phillips Temple, a large Christian Methodist Episcopal church in Dayton, Ohio.

Charles Helton is a native of Charlotte. He was reared on a farm in the J. H. Gunn community. He attended Logan Chapel CME Church where he later became pastor.

While growing up he saw the need for loving care of the elderly.

Helton Manor Care is a 17,000-square-foot facility. Rev. Helton says the home will serve mostly older persons "who are in need of supervisory, loving care. They may have difficulty walking, bathing or dressing, but not the kind of person who needs skilled medical care." Helton Manor is not a nursing home.

Some of the features include: private and semi-private rooms, individual thermostat in each room, spacious dining room, large living room furnished for comfort, functional hobby room and lounge, convenient lavatory in each room and handicapped bath facilities, fire safety equipment with direct line to local fire

department, a network of smoke detectors throughout the facility, beautiful colonial decor, inner court with beautiful garden and sitting area, spacious lawn and safe, serene walking area.

A comprehensive program of total care is the objective of Helton Manor Care. The home provides a full range of personal and health care services like 24-hour supervised care, free transportation to doctors and community functions and three meals per day.

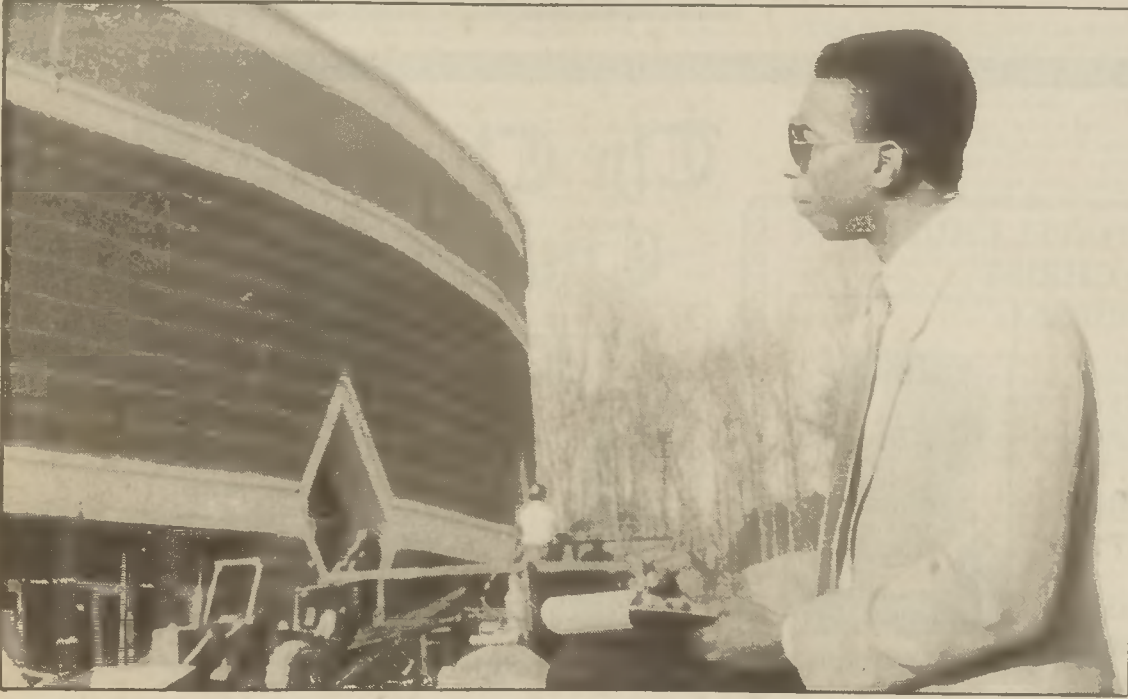
A staff of about 18 persons directed by the Heltons will care for residents. The building also includes housing for two live in staff persons.

Helton Manor Care has available space. If you would like more information call 563-7650.



Photo By Calvin Ferguson

Rev. Charles Helton is the proud owner of Helton Manor Care. Helton Manor Care is a residential home for the aged.



Sam Foster, II surveys construction progress at the new Charlotte Coliseum where his firm, is building concrete walkways and seating inside the edifice.

Photo By Russell Clark

Foster Destined For Success

By Russell Clark
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As a kid growing up in Rock Hill, S.C., Sam R. Foster, II had a vision of being his own boss at an early age. Now at age 30, he is owner of S.R. Foster Company, Ltd. and paving his way to a bright career.

"From the time I was six, I had dreamed about being a doctor or lawyer because I wanted to be a sole practitioner," he says. "It was not until my second year in college that I began to realize I wanted to become a businessman."

Seated in the Rubin Center Office Building on Carrowinds Boulevard, his general contracting firm is currently involved in major construction in Charlotte, Charleston and Salisbury. Opened in 1985, the S.R. Foster Co. employs nine full-time employees and 20 permanent part-time laborers.

Perhaps one asset to the minority owned business worth mentioning is its endorsement by a prominent local family.

"Sam is definitely a good person and a good businessman," points out James Jordan, father of Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan. "My financial involvement with his company has

been very little and he's gotten to where he is today own his own. He makes sound business decisions and he doesn't try to over step his limitations."

In 1987, Foster was featured in *Ebony Magazine* for being one of 30 leaders of the future. He was also recently awarded with the 1987 New Carolinian Award as a distinguished University of South Carolina graduate.

Later, he founded F & E Investment Brokerage Inc., in Columbia, S. C. He eventually joined North Carolina National Bank.

The self-motivated businessman is also the first black the South Carolina General Assembly has elected to the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees. Foster earned his B.S. degree in finance from USC in 1980 where he also a sprinter on the track team.

Afterwards, he gained a real estate license and sold property during the summer while in college. He also worked as a South Carolina National Bank management trainee for nine months.

As a hard-driving entrepreneur, Foster is making his dream happen with determination and

persistence. "His actions speak for themselves," says Jordan from his auto parts store recently. "I meet with him from time to time and I don't doubt his decisions because he always does his homework."

Born in Chester, South Carolina, to Sam and Jestine Foster, he has one brother, Alyn, 27 who works with the company. His parents now live in Rock Hill and he attributes his success to his upbringing.

"Our parents taught us to be leaders, not followers. They instilled that kind of attitude in us at an early age and it has helped me in business."

Married to Chandra Foster, and expecting a new baby soon, the Fosters are members of the Northview Church of Christ in Charlotte.

Describing himself as a deeply religious man, enjoys all types of sports, the arts and reading when not busy.

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Darrin remembers when he won the most valuable player award quarterbacking the North Moore High School football team. It was one of the proudest moments of his life.

Today, Darrin Poole is still leading. Still making his mark. This time, as a senior economics major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Darrin presides over the Order of the Bell Tower, a group acting as liaison between the UNC Alumni Association and the University.

He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Order of the Old Well, an honor society for outstanding campus leaders.

After graduation, Darrin plans to return for his Master of Business Administration degree. An MBA will bring him one step closer to a career in investment banking.

Darrin Poole. A young man who strives to be the most valuable player at whatever he does.

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Community Bulletin Board

• The West Charlotte High School class of 1965 will hold monthly meetings every fourth Saturday at the Belmont Center. The meetings will be from 4:00-5:30. For more information contact Louise Stroud at 332-1003.

• The struggles and triumphs of "Harriet Tubman and Her Associates in the Underground Railroad" will be presented at the monthly Herstory and Pot Luck Supper, Tuesday March 8, 6-8:30 p.m., by Vivian Nivens, Executive Director of the Afro-American Cultural Center. For more information call Woman Reach, Inc. at 334-3614.

• The Spring Membership Campaign of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Business Women's Assn. will be held on March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, North Tryon St. For more information call 372-7150.

• An educational seminar on wills and the probate process in N.C. will be held on March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 400 East Morehead St. For more information call 552-8211.

• American Heart Assn., Ivey's and Vouge invites you to attend the event of the season, "Heart of Fashion," on Tuesday, March 15th at the Marriott City Center. There will be a luncheon and fashion show at 12 noon and a wine and cheese and fashion show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased at the American Heart Assn. or Ivey's. Call 374-0632 for more information.

• The West Charlotte High School graduating class of 1968 will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 6, at 4 p.m. at the Greenville Center, 1330 Spring St.

• The Senior Class of Olympic High School announces their production of the 1988 Senior Follies on March 4&5 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$3.00.

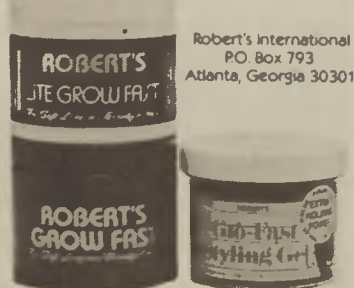
• The American Cancer Society will observe Daffodil Days on March 10&11. Daffodils may be purchased from various locations throughout uptown Charlotte. Volunteers will be accepting donations for \$3.00 for a bouquet of 10 or \$150.00 for a box of 500. Proceeds will go toward education and research.

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