

## Mobley's Carpet Cleaning Service

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Cleaning carpet may be one of the least enjoyable tasks when it comes to the upkeep of a home or business but Eddie Mobley and his employees do it with ease.

Mobley, the owner of Mobley Professional Carpet Cleaning Service, has been in the carpet cleaning business for the past 24 years.

"I started when I was in high school. I was driving a school bus and working at a carpet cleaning company after school," said Mobley.

After leaving his hometown of Chester, S.C., he moved to Charlotte in 1970. He worked in the carpet cleaning industry before opening his own company in 1979.

"I worked hard to learn the carpet cleaning business," he said.

In order to get the best equipment, Mobley went to Canada to purchase a truck-mount van, which has the equipment built in.

Today, he has three vans equipped with large hoses that will reach up to 42 stories and smaller hoses that can be comfortably used in a home or more confined areas.

He has gone from being a one man operation to having seven full-time and six part-time employees. Mobley's brother, Phillip works for him and he has 18 years of experience.

"My son, Eddie Jr., has been working with me every since he was 8-years-old. All of my employees are well trained and there is always an experienced person on each crew," said Mobley.

The services he provides includes the cleaning of carpet, upholstery, floors and draperies--- no matter what the size. And he's on call for emergency service 24 hours a day.

"One of the largest jobs we've had was cleaning the carpet at Ivey's at Southpark. We worked seven nights for six hours each night. It took about 42 hours to clean all of their carpet which came to about 100,000 square feet," he added.

Mobley, 38, prides himself on

the quality of service he provides.

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Eddie Mobley

"We move all of the furniture and place it back, most companies won't do this. We also deodorize the carpet at no extra charge."

"Most times when we clean a person's carpet at their home, we usually don't have to come back but once a year or every eight months, depending on the traffic in the home," he explained. "Once we clean it we explain what to do if they spill something. We train our customers."

The Mobley's company, which is located at 1603 South Boulevard, also sells and lays carpet. "We have countless samples to choose from. Two of the more popular colors right now are wine and maroon," he added.

Purofirst, another company owned by Mobley, repairs water and fire damage and they have done work for the new coliseum.

"The sprinkler system at the new coliseum went off when it shouldn't have and it took us about eight hours to clean it up," he recalls.

Mobley said its important for the customer to know if they're getting quality service. He said, "Other companies make mistakes because they do not have the proper equipment or supervision to do a good job."

Mobley offers the following tips for recognizing when the carpet has been improperly cleaned.

-It should not take any more than three and a half hours for the carpet to dry.

-As soon as the work is done you should be able to walk on it. If the water has been properly pulled out...you'll be able to walk on it.



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Eddie Mobley, (above right), has gone from a one man operation to employing seven full-time and six part-time people. He has three truck-mounts which are fully equipped and capable of handling small jobs as well as the larger ones.



Eddie Mobley is shown (left photo) with his son Eddie Jr., (r) checking the equipment before leaving for a job. Eddie Jr., 18, has been working with his father since he was 8-years-old.

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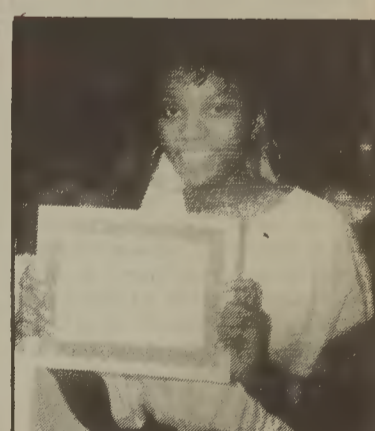
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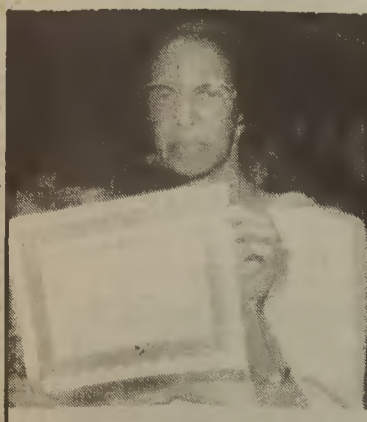
Nine-year-old Jennifer Hayes (in the light skirt) won the hula hoop contest. Her 10-year-old sister, Tiffany (in the black skirt) won second place. Linda McDowell (not pictured) won third place.



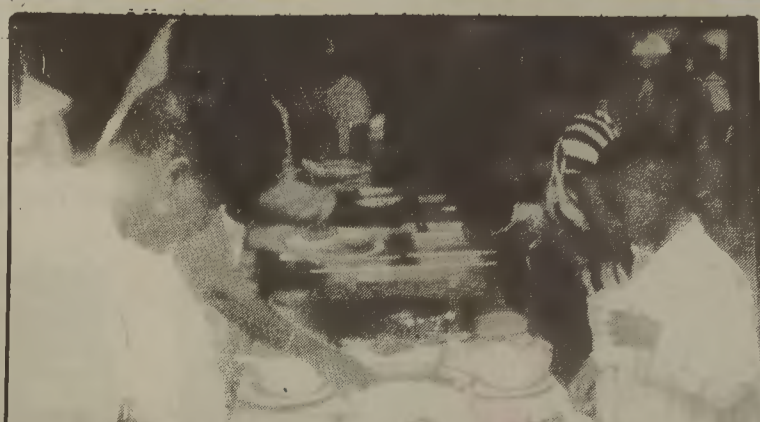
Fran Farrer-Bradley (r) presented Rick Jackson (l), of Channel 36, with a certificate of appreciation for his participation in the Charlotte Post's Fashion Show, which was held last November.



Davina Michelle Hayes was voted Charlotte Post Senior of the Year and she was the recipient of the first Charlotte Post scholarship. Davina is the daughter of David and Joyce Hayes.



Mary Grace Haynes was voted Charlotte Post Mother of the year.



The Sock Hop and Recognition Day was held at FDY Caterers. Hot dogs and hamburgers were enjoyed by all.



Tables were set up by co-sponsors WWMG-Magic 96, WJZY-Channel 46 and the YWCA. Metrolina Mills was also a co-sponsor and they provided complimentary socks to all who attended.