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HONORED FOR SERVICE — Mary Boheler, spinner in the Spinning and Winding Department at Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, receives her five year service award from Darrell King, department head of Spinning and Winding, at a plant birthday party recently.

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**First Presbyterian Church
Foundation Dug By Mules, Drag Pan**

R. Grier Plonk used his mules and drag pan from his farm to dig the foundation of First Presbyterian Church 40 years ago this month and J. B. Thomasson and C. E. Neisler, Jr. personally supervised the construction of the building, the latter laying the stones in the arch over the steps leading to the altar, a labor of love carried on in an exceedingly hot area.

This history is gleaned from "Reminiscences, 1937" compiled by Mrs. W. T. Weir and Rev. Gary Bryant, with assistance from Mrs. P. D. Patrick of Summerfield, S. C., wife of the pastor at the time of the construction.

Believing a bricklayer's statement that a penny placed behind the first brick laid in a church gives good luck, young Paul and Lawrence Patrick each placed a penny behind the first brick. The brick is at the rear of the building under the rest rooms area.

An accident with a happy ending occurred when Wright Falls, a bricklayer, fell from the tower he was building to the floor, landing on top of his assistant and knocking him flat. Mr. Falls got up exclaiming, "If this hand't been a church, I'd a been killed." The assistant missed work for two days.

Beverly Patterson brought from the gold mine a one inch by two and one half-inch rock, containing gold particles to be placed in the mantel in the Ladies Bible Classroom. Snowguards on the roof were the first ones used in this section of North Carolina.

Rosehued, sanded bricks were made in Tennessee and shipped by rail.

Completion of the structure was delayed briefly by the late delivery of the stained glass windows. The glass cutter, the aged last member of Smith Brothers in Philadelphia, had

entered it in a stained glass show in Paris, where it was awarded first place. Reshipment of the masterpiece across the Atlantic required more time than the artist had anticipated.

The beautiful stained glass chancel window in three sections was designed for the church by a young artist from Hungary. He and Mrs. C. E. Neisler planned the story depicted in the window. The same designer planned the memorial side windows.

While the architects were in Kings Mountain they saw the church seal in Rev. P. D. Patrick's study and asked to borrow it. When the stained glass windows for the sanctuary were delivered, there was included a gift to the church from the designers' little seals in the front door. Mrs. Patrick recalled that "so far as we could determine, they are the first made of stained glass."

When the cornerstone was finally laid and the building dedicated on Dec. 5, 1937, the contents of the old church cornerstone were moved to the new location on E. King St.

Only three pastors have served the church since construction of the present building — the late Dr. P. D. Patrick, Dr. Paul K. Ausley and Rev. Gary L. Bryant, who

is presently serving.

The glass in the chancel window varies in thickness from one-fourth inch to one and three-eighths inch to give the brilliance desired in the various colors. The thickest pieces are those used in the sheep.

The brightest colors are different as the sun moves. In the morning, the reds and greens predominate; in the afternoon, the blues and yellows are outstanding.

The side windows complement the altar decorations in color and general design.

The scenes and persons in the chancel window are: Moses, Jesus with little children; John; the Birth of Jesus; The Transfiguration; Jesus before Pilate; James Three Wise Men; Isaiah; Elijah; Jesus the Good Shepherd; Peter and Jesus In The Carpentry Shop.

On the church's 40th anniversary, Rev. Bryant said, "By God's Grace we have been provided a place. May He, through us, make it His church."



CHRISTMAS STOCKING FULL OF JOY — Little-Little, one month old daughter of Pvt. and Mrs. James Gregory Little, smiles a Christmas smile from the top of a huge red and white Christmas stocking. "Little Little" arrived on Nov. 21st to Angela and James Little and weighs eight pounds. Little Miss Texanna Little is granddaughter of William C. and Helen Hovis of Kings Mountain.



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