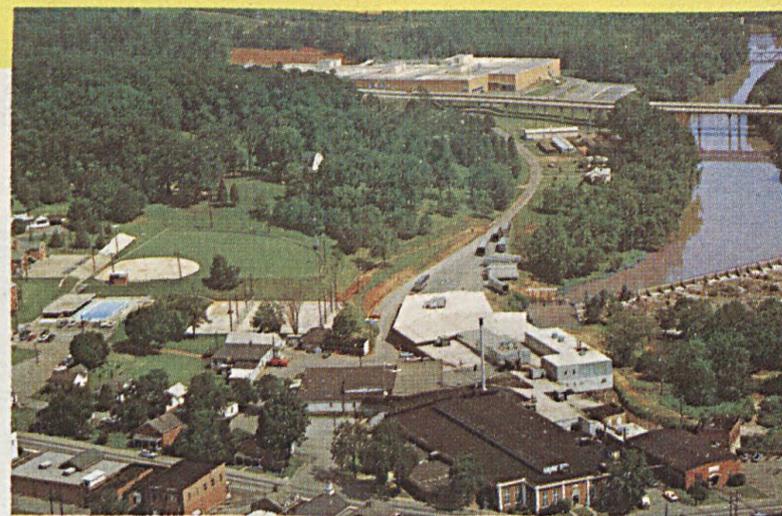


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"Pacemaker of the Piedmont"

Gastonia and Gaston County are young — but make up in spirit and vigor what they lack in years. Barely a dot on the map 80 years ago, they began early to feel the industrial growing pains that would eventually push them to the very top in manufacturing importance.

Our first settlers came bringing all their worldly belongings in wagons. They were for the most part Scotch-Irish, Scotch Highlanders, and Germans — all thrifty, hard working people of tough moral fiber and with a tenacity to conquer pioneering hardships. The country they farmed had once been the hunting grounds of the Catawba and Cherokee Indians.



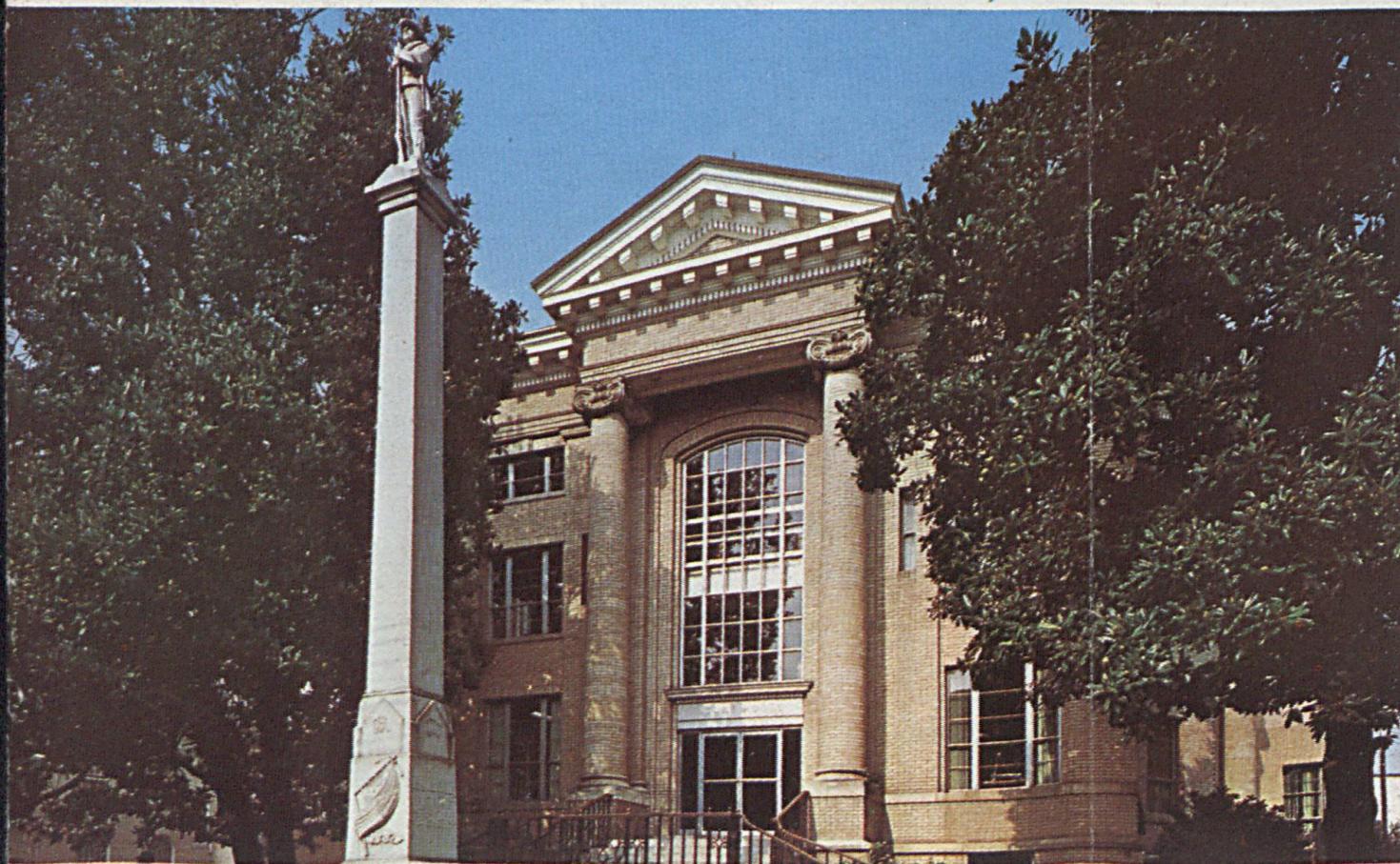
McAdenville, North Carolina, known as "Christmas Town, U.S.A."



Gastonia Municipal Airport — a commercial and private all-weather facility.

Today Gastonia is a flourishing, modern city with attractive homes, handsome churches, schools, and all metropolitan facilities. It's a friendly place with a warm, welcoming atmosphere. It has absorbed into its population many people from other states and made them its own. Many new industrial plants have been established here primarily because of the hospitality of the area and its rich resources.

Gaston sends many products into the international market, resulting in the County's being known all over the world for its industrial supremacy.



Gaston County Courthouse.



Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.



Main branch of Gaston County Library.

What We Make — Makes Us!

Diversified



Employees of Northwest Plastics, Inc.

Gaston County workers are quick and eager to learn and conservative in their thinking.



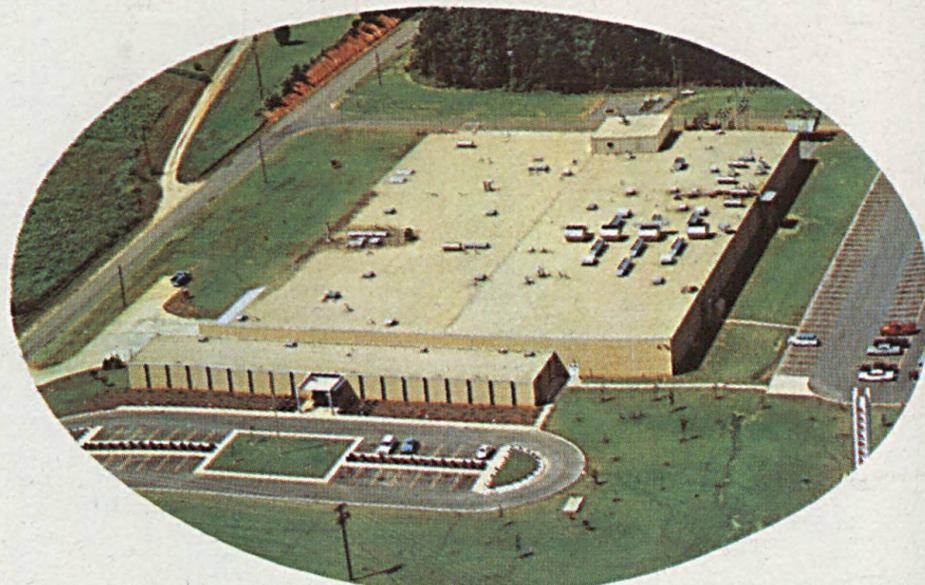
Textiles-Incorporated and Threads-Incorporated offices.



Firestone Textiles.



West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, H & D Division.



Garlock, Incorporated, MPM Division.

Industry

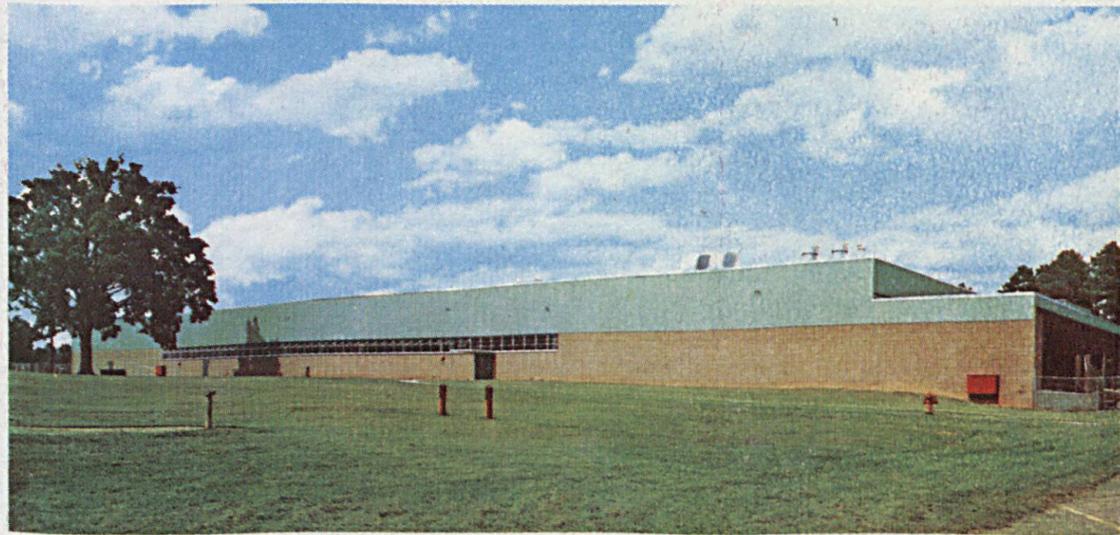
Textile manufacturing and its related machinery industries have always contributed greatly to the economy of the area. Within the past twenty years many diversified industries have located in Gaston County where the following products are manufactured: carded and combed cotton, synthetic and worsted yarns, hosiery, shoe laces, knit goods, woven labels, tire fabric, sewing thread, woven cotton and synthetic goods, gears, drives, castings, brushes, card clothing, rolls, ring travelers, weaver's knotters, belting, textile aprons, dyeing machinery forgings, and many other textile machine products; also business forms, chemicals, motor oil filters, corrugated boxes, chain saws, plastics, electrical components, riding lawn mowers, gaskets, and a host of other items incident to a well balanced community.



Wix Corporation — at Interstate 85.



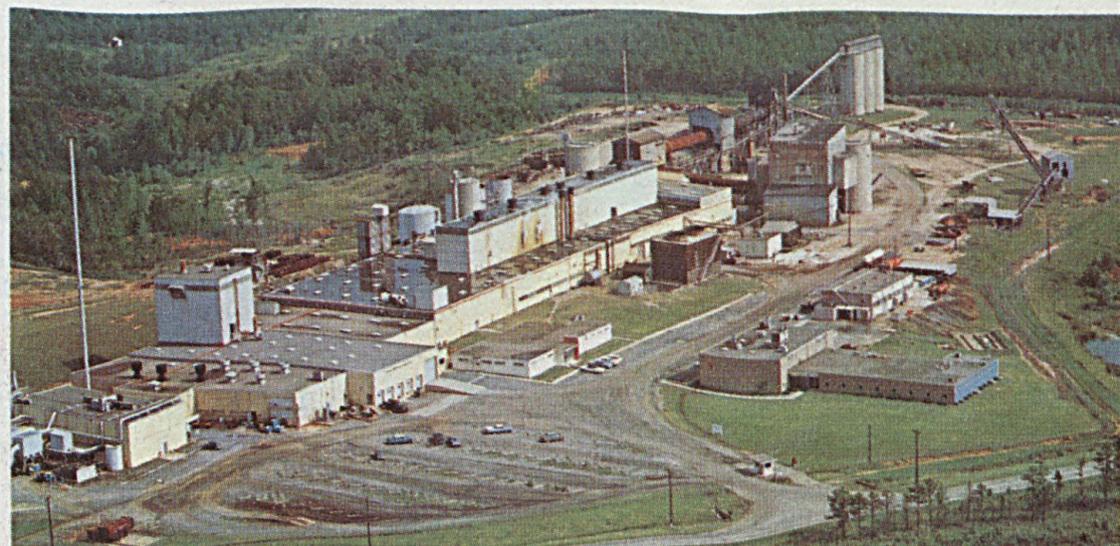
Homelite, A Division of Textron, Inc.



Gaston County Dyeing Machine Company, Mount Holly, N. C.



Burlington Industries, Inc., a part of Cramerton Division.



Lithium Corporation of America, Incorporated, Bessemer City, N. C.

Utilities — Communications

Transportation — Education



Duke Power Company's Plant Allen.

Gaston citizens and industries have the finest water supply furnished by the City of Gastonia, contains minerals for industrial purposes. In the field of tele-communications, Gaston serves the county. Cablevision serves the county. Akers Motor Lines brings natural gas within a mile of Gaston. The Public Service Company of N. C. at attractive rates provides electric energy in abundant quantity for the county at well below the national average.

The Gastonia Gazette, a daily, is the county's only newspaper.

All modes of transportation are available to the county. The highway linkage. Gaston County is home base for several transport carriers — Akers Motor Lines and Gaston County Transit.

Gastonia's downtown, pictured on the cover of this yearbook, is the county's trade center. Trade advantages are complementary to the county's resources.

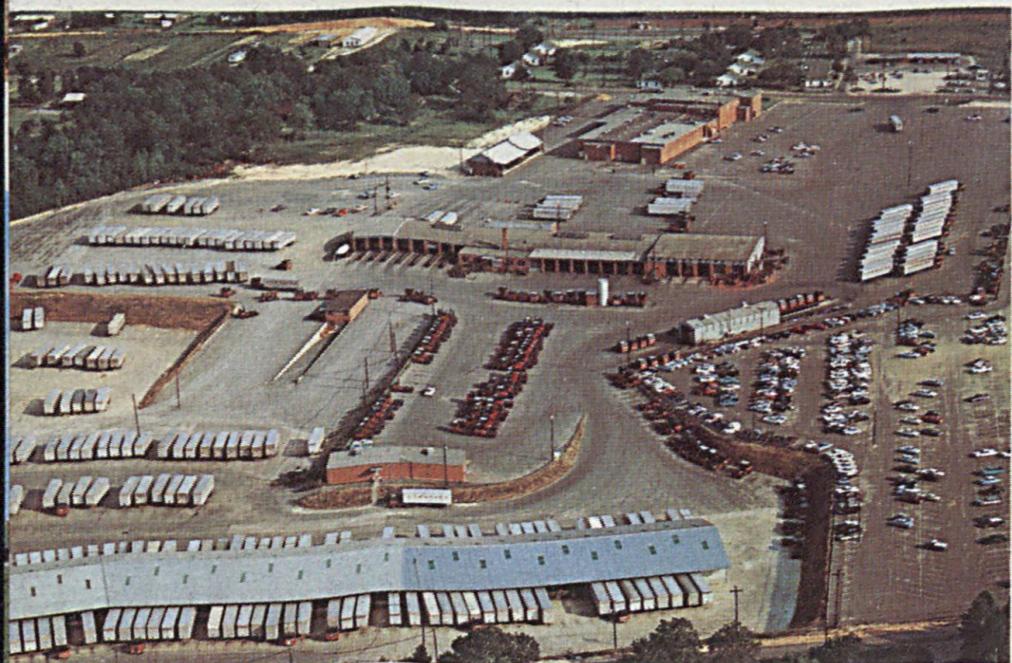
The public school system is one of the finest in the state. Teachers are staffed with qualified personnel and are provided with professional opportunities are afforded through Gaston County's vocational, arts, and technical training. Evansville Memorial School of Nursing, North Carolina Technical College, and Sacred Heart College offer an unlimited array of educational opportunities.



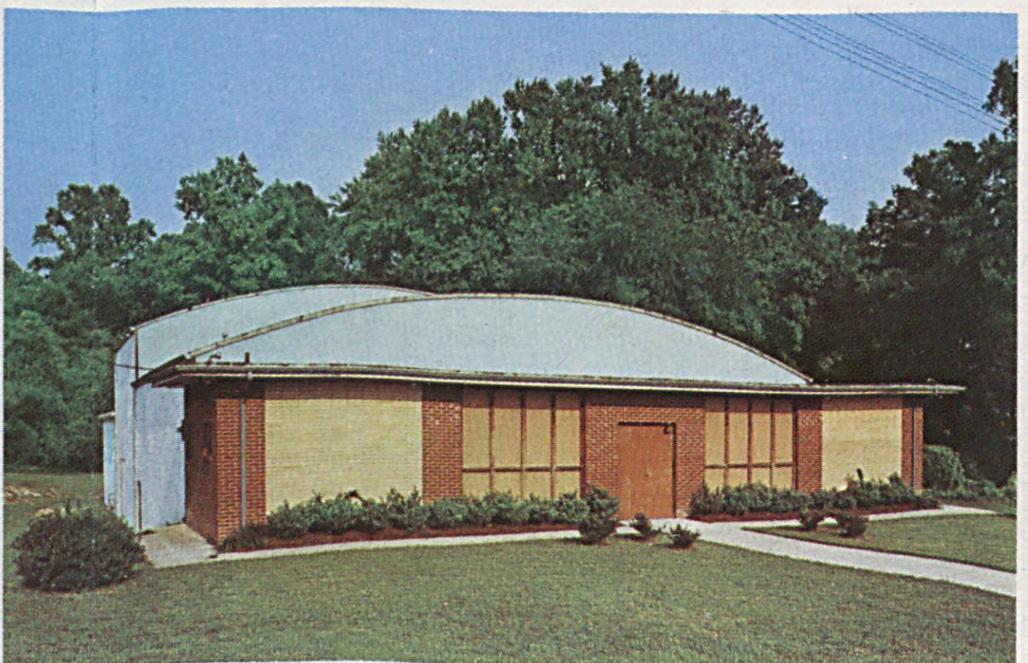
Public Service Company of North Carolina's home office in Gastonia.



Television Station WBTV's tower on Spencer Mountain, overlooking Ranlo, North Carolina.



Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation.



Gastonia Little Theater.

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hard minerals which would be unfit
communications, Southern Bell efficiently
entire county. Transcontinental Pipe
Gastonia, where it is distributed by
rates. Duke Power Company gener-
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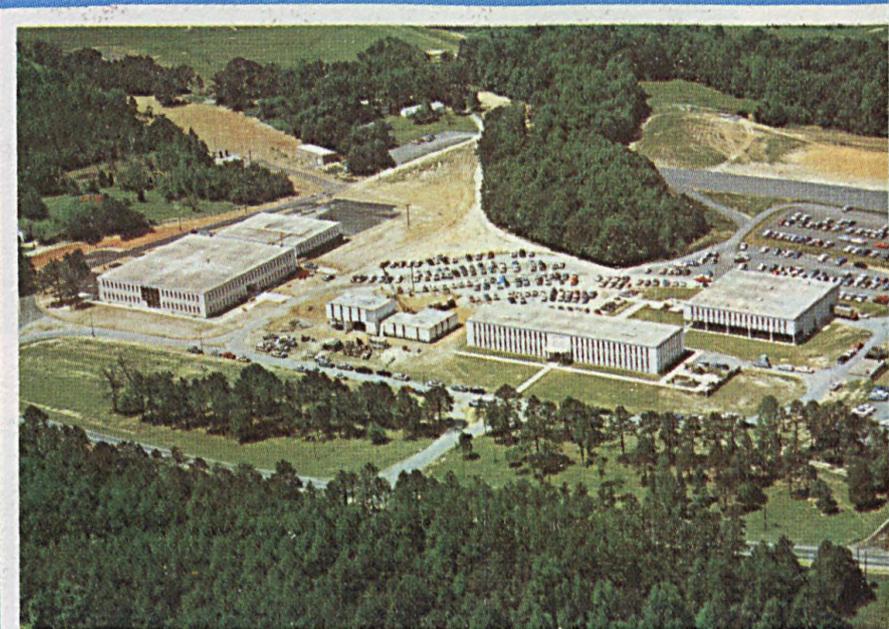
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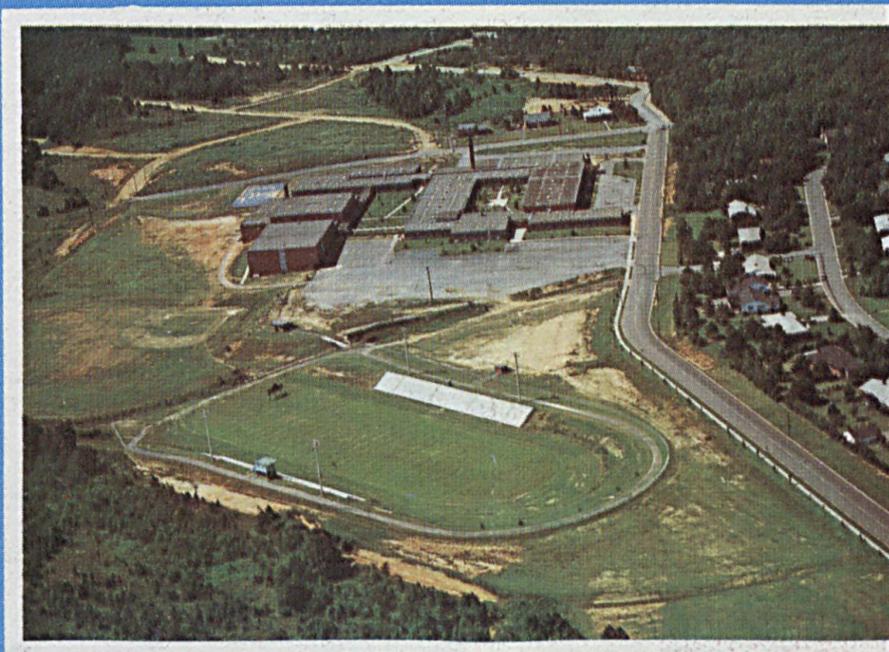
Gastonia Woman's Club.



Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium.



Gaston College.



Hunter Huss High School.



Belmont Abbey College.



Gaston County Y.M.C.A.



Aquatic Sports on Lake Wylie.

Recreation —
Homes —
Churches —
Medical
Facilities



One of many motel pools surrounded by luxurious lodging. 

 Restaurants cater to gourmet tastes.



Gaston Country Club
golf course,
swimming pool,
and tennis courts.

More than a dozen parks, consisting of over 250 acres, with swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, and picnic grounds are located in Gastonia. There are seven golf courses within the county. The broad waters of the Catawba River, only eight miles distant, offer fishing, boating, and other aquatic sports on the artificial lakes formed by Duke Power Company's hydro-electric dams.

Many new subdivisions afford the prospective homeowner a wide variety of price and architectural design to suit individual taste and need.

The firm religious convictions of the pioneer settlers still persist in the county today, as is fully attested by the countless thousands who regularly worship in the many beautifully constructed sanctuaries. These churches represent all the denominations generally found in the Southeast.

The North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, located in Gastonia, was the first of its kind in the United States. Complete medical facilities are available to all.



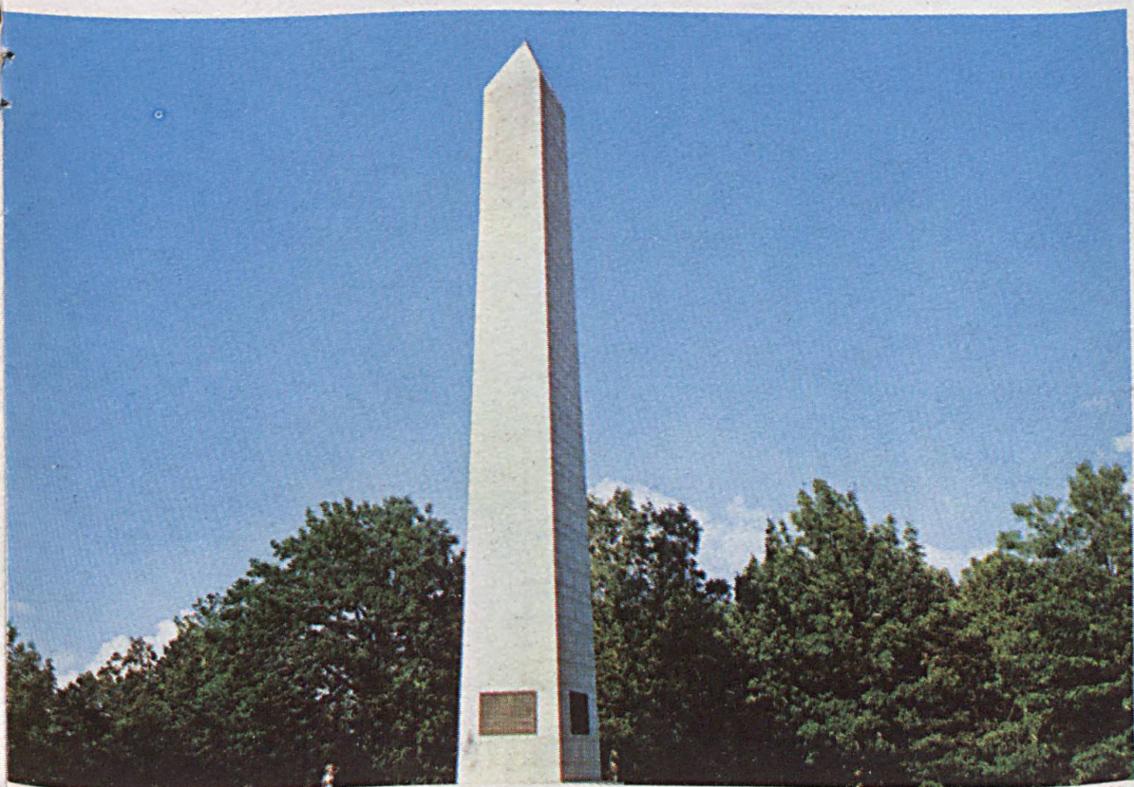
Traditional Southern architecture.



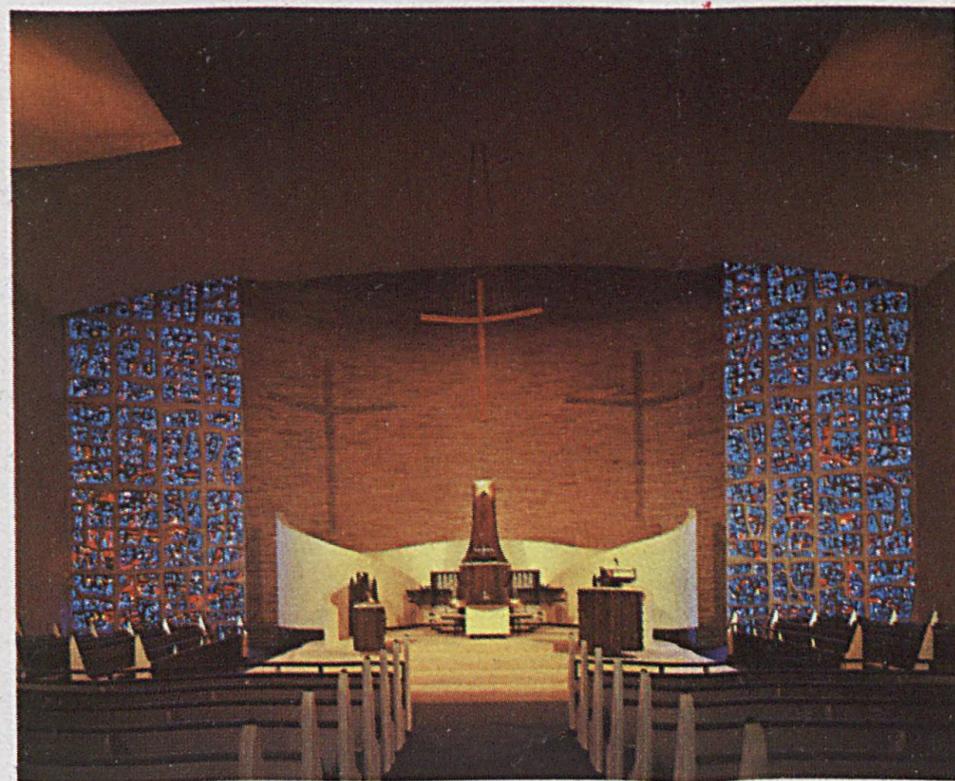
First Methodist Church.



A typical Gaston home.



Kings Mountain Battleground, tourist attraction.



First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.

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