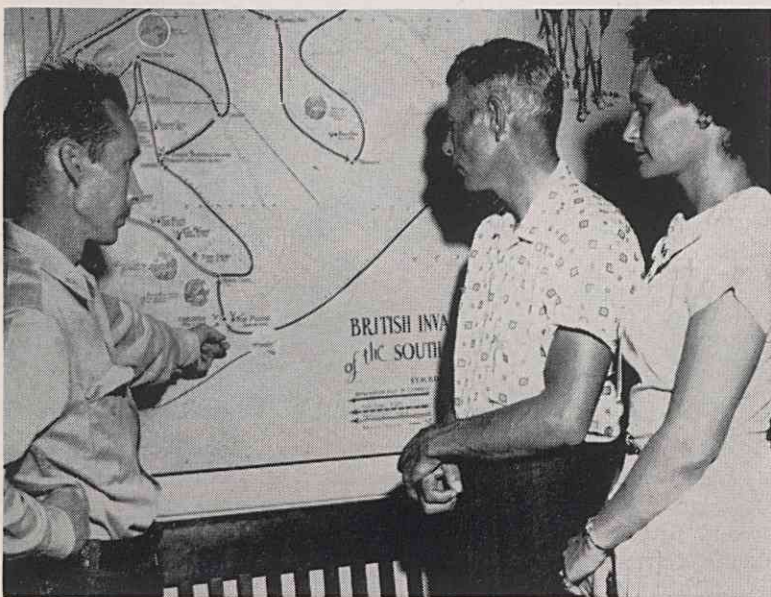




TOWN'S MAIN STREET, Battleground avenue, commemorates decisive encounter between Colonials and Redcoats at Battle of Kings Moun-

tain, October 7, 1780. Right: Looking east on Mountain street in heart of business district.



HISTORY—At Kings Mountain National Battleground Park museum staff member Ed Campbell reviews events leading to "turning point of the Revolution" for Mr. and Mrs. Freelon Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey is a Shop employee at Firestone.



BRAVE MEN—Sons of the Freelon Ramseys—Jerry (left), and Keith—study one of many historical markers in Battleground Park. This one is a short distance from Centennial Monument, the U.S. Marker, and Col. Ferguson's grave.

A well-balanced community keeping pace with progress, but proud of its glorious past. This is Kings Mountain, population almost 10,000, located six miles from Gastonia in the heart of the Carolinas industrial Piedmont.

Kings Mountain is a name familiar to every student of American history. The name is from the nearby peak of the same designation. Because of the town's nearness to the Revolutionary War battle shrine in South Carolina, it stakes claim to being "The Historical City," a slogan that appears on the town's auto license plates.

The Kings Mountain National Military Park of 4,200 acres, created by act of Congress in 1931 and located six miles from town, is a shrine dedicated to the battle which turned the tide of victory toward the struggling

colonies near the end of the Revolutionary War.

Victory For Colonials

Here on the afternoon of October 7, 1780, the British forces of Col. Patrick Ferguson were defeated by a band of mountain men. Ferguson lost his life. His grave is one of the principal landmarks of the battleground. British defeat forced Lord Cornwallis to retreat from Charlotte, and led to his ultimate surrender at Yorktown, Va., ending the struggle for American independence.

The Battleground Park has a museum, open daily the year round; an imposing obelisk erected by the U. S. Government, a smaller monument placed in 1880, and numerous other markers memorializing events of the battle.

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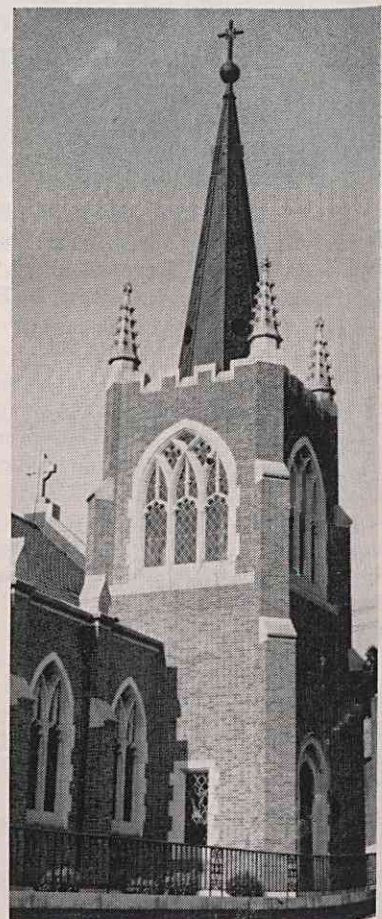
Gastonia is "hometown" to the major number of Firestone Textiles employees. But a few hundred of those who work here commute to their jobs from dozens of outlying communities in North and South Carolina. Several of these employee communities are large enough, and boast a number of Firestone people sufficient to merit feature stories in the plant newspaper. This is the first of a series.

many foreign countries sign the park register every year.

Founded After Civil War

The town of Kings Mountain had its beginning about 1869-71, —More on Page 8

LIBRARY—The Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library (below left) is one of many fine public buildings in town of Kings Mountain. Building is named for its benefactor, whose family continues to operate one of town's largest textile mills. At right below: Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Falls, both employed at Firestone, check references in the Mauney Library.



CHURCHES—A recent census showed 90 per cent of Kings Mountain population to be churched. This is main spire of St. Matthew's Lutheran.