

Backbone of industry in the Piedmont Carolinas is textiles. Of the nation's 27,000,000 cotton spindles in place, almost half are in North and South Carolina. Again, of the 240,000 persons employed in manufacturing in these two states, some 164,000, by far the larger part, are in cotton textile mills.

Woolen mills, mills weaving rayon, and especially full-fashioned silk hosiery mills make up the rest of this industry, which is composed of many large and small units, generally under individual ownership. Interiors of a few of the larger plants, showing processes in manufacture, are displayed here.



Textile Mill, and plenty of it: Weave room of the Lancaster, S. C., plant of the Springs Cotton Mills. One of the largest print cloth weave rooms in the world. Seven thousand looms in this one building turn out more than a thousand miles of cloth a week.



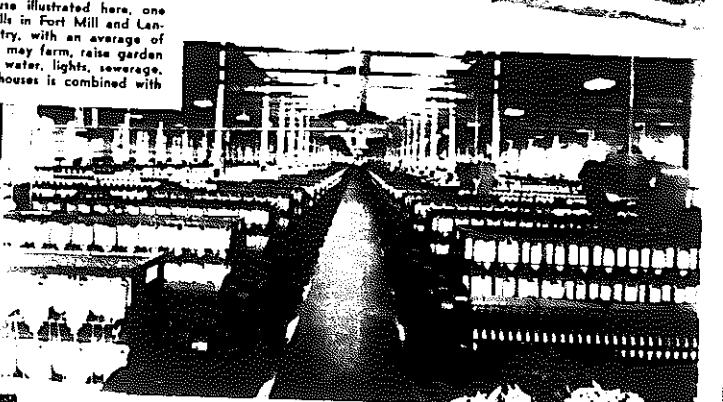
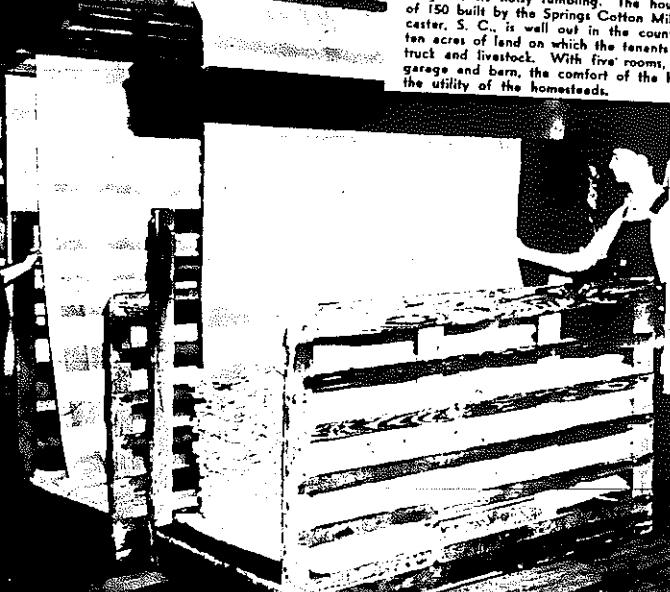
Interior of a Hosiery Mill: Full-fashioned silk stockings are one of the Piedmont Carolinas' largest and fastest-growing manufactures.



Blankets for Winter Nights: Blanket loom, where yarn is woven into patterned blanket cloth, at Leesville Woolen Mills near Charlotte.



New Experiment in Mill Houses: Old style [see other photo] used to be to crowd up at the mill's back door within the range of its noisy rumbling. The house illustrated here, one of 150 built by the Springs Cotton Mills in Fort Mill and Lancaster, S. C., is well out in the country, with an average of ten acres of land on which the tenants may farm, raise garden truck and livestock. With five rooms, water, lights, sewerage, garage and barn, the comfort of the houses is combined with the utility of the homesteads.



230,000 Spindles Under One Roof: Spinning room at the Lancaster, S. C., plant of the Springs Cotton Mills—one stage in the conversion of cotton fibres into cloth.

Process in Blanket Manufacture: Here the cloth as it comes off the looms emerges from the napper, a series of rolls covered with wire which gives the material a nap finish.



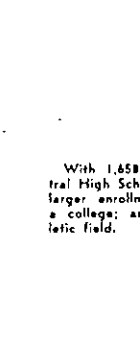
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