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The Amalia Villa in Ferrara

At one time, where Viale Cavour is now located, a navigable canal flowed, which linked the city to Pontelagoscuro, the Yacht with the name of the family lineage of Pope Innocence X "Giambattista Pamphili". Still today an underground ramification of the old canal exists, which feed the moat of the Estense Castle. The work of closing and covering the canal began after the unity of Italy had taken place, and simultaneously the construction of elegant villas and buildings began.

Therefore Viale Cavour is an interesting example of the architectural versatility of the early 20th-century, verifiable in the Fano Boari Villa, which is at number 157, built in 1912 by the engineers Mazza and Barbantini like a small castle halfway between neo-Gothic and Renaissance.

On the other side of the street, at number 194, there is the Amalia Villa, erected in 1905 by Ciro Contini, decorated by ceramics of Galileo Chini and, at number 184, the small Melchiori Villa, from 1904, also designed by Contini, with plastering modelled by Arrigo Minerbi.

These buildings are considered as the masterpieces of Ferrara Liberty.