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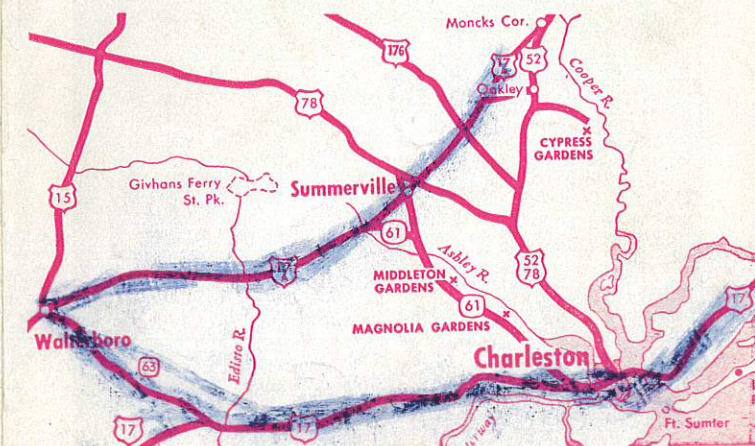
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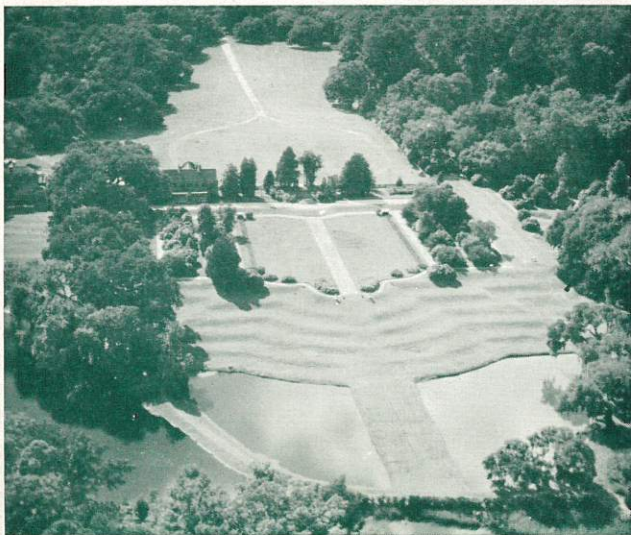
SETTINGS of natural beauty and centuries of skillful care have produced in this historic part of the South a wonderful and unmatched spectacle famous since pre-Revolutionary times.

Garden lovers and educational authorities agree that Charleston's Famous Gardens are a "must" on the list of internationally celebrated sights.





CONTINUOUSLY owned by the Drayton family since 1671, Magnolia Gardens is a fairyland of century old camellias and azaleas in a setting of unrivalled beauty. Moss-draped Live Oaks abound, spreading their protective branches over banks of colorful bloom; gnarled Cypresses border the inky black lakes, supporting masses of Wistaria and Cherokee Rose. Many other flowering shrubs add lustre to the inspiring landscape, making your visit a never-to-be-forgotten one. Sixty years ago, the famous Baedeker Guide listed only three doubled-starred attractions in America: Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, and Magnolia Gardens. In more recent times, British author John Galsworthy writes: "Everyone who goes to Charleston in the Spring visits Magnolia. I specialize in gardens, and freely assert that none other in the world is so beautiful. It is a kind of paradise which has wandered down, a miraculously enchanted wilderness."



CYPRESS GARDENS extends romantic and mysterious through lagoons of black onyx water and centuries old cypress trees. From banks and islands a blaze of color, azaleas, camellias, daffodils, is doubled by fantastically mirrored reflections. Paths wander along banks and islands connected by rose festooned bridges. A reservoir for rice fields on Dean Hall Plantation since 1750, this water forest has been transformed into a magic spectacle. A boat trip, guided by expert paddlers, takes you silently through the heart of this colorful wonderland, a refreshing and inspiring experience. You will find joyful relaxation in this quietude of flowers and water where the majesty of the trees creates the impressive atmosphere of a great cathedral. From February 22 to April 15 an open air restaurant serves lunch and tea. Spirituals sung during this period, Saturdays and Sundays.



AT MIDDLETON GARDENS you *expect* to see magnificent terraced lawns, camellia japonicas that have bloomed for centuries, butterfly lakes and statuary. All these you *do* see, and will be gratified at their beauty. To your surprise you find Middleton Place has much more than formality; it also has Nature's own charming informality. In the forest walk, and on the hillside above Rice Mill pond, color virtually explodes from the masses of azalea bushes, from wisteria vines, Banksia roses, flowering peach, and dogwood. For the present owners of Middleton have modeled these newer portions of the gardens after Nature herself.

The color of the Rice Mill hillside reflects onto the serene butterfly lakes, which you approach across descending terraces of luxurious lawn. And here art and Nature blend. Behind you is the massive Middleton oak, venerable with the moss of centuries. Behind you are shaded walks that lead through veritable tunnels of blossoming camellia japonicas, among them the oldest camellia plants in the Western world. All around is history, serenity and riotous color that will be photographed in your memory forever.