Charleston Gardens Blooming

Charleston, S. C., March 18.— It looks like an early season for Azaleas at Charleston's Famous Gardens.

Owners of Middleton, Magnolia and Cypress Gardens predict that the period of March 10th to 30th will see the flamboyant flowers at their finest. One of the warmest winters on record is responsible for bringing the blooms to maturity at this early stage. Rains of the last two weeks have swelled the buds to the bursting point.

Early Azaleas are already blooming in the three gardens. Mingled with them are spring flowers and late blooming Camellias. The gardens are filled with a myriad of dainty spring colors: the Red Bud in full bloom, the gold of the Carolina Jessamine and Forsythia, the snow-white of the Spirea, the pink of the Crab Apple, and the delicate greenery of new leaves. White and lavender Wisteria are in heavy bud. Spectacular Camellias, the finest and most abundant in memory, still bloom proudly

amnog the later flowers.

Magnolia Garden is for its flowers—individual and en masse; Middleton for its land-scaped terraces; and Cypress for its dark mirror-like lagoon. All three are known for their Camellias and Azaleas and early spring flowers.

For the next few weeks the gardens will be visited by thousands of flower lovers, tourists and school children. Early spring is always a favorite visiting time, for the spectacular colors of the Azaleas from veritable walls of color, enhanced by background of great oaks, reflecting pools and soft spring weather.

Indications point to a sellout crowd for the Fred Waring Show Monday night at the Spartanburg Auditorium.

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