"To Form Society Camellia Lovers",
Daily Advertiser, Friday, January 19, 1945, p. 2, col. 5.

Camellia fanciers will meet for the purpose of organizing a Louisiana Camellia Society on Saturday. The meeting will be held at 1:30 in L1 Mouton Hall on the Southwestern campus, it was announced.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. It is believed that Camellia growers will derive a great deal of benefit and pleasure from the organization which will be formed at this time.

The Louisiana Camellia Society is being sponsored by a committee of citizens comprised of Dr. King Rand, of Alexandria; Camilla Bradley of New Orleans; M. N. Stafford of Jennings; and Mrs. E. G. Feusse, of Lafayette.
LOUISIANA CAMELLIA SOCIETY

La. Camellia Society Formed Here Saturday, "

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p. 5, col. 7.

The Louisiana Camellia Society was
organized on Saturday, by a large group of
Camellia fanciers who gathered from all parts of
the state for the meeting. This organization
was formed for the purpose of stimulating
General interest, promoting research, and
Disseminating horticultural information
concerning Camellias.

Dr. Joel L. Fletcher, president of
Southwestern Louisiana Institute, extended
a welcome to the group and offered them
the facilities of the college. Southwestern
has long been a center of interest for
Camellia fanciers due to the traditional
annual Camellia pageant and flower show,
President Fletcher said.

At its first meeting the Louisiana
Camellia Society listed 107 charter members
From Shreveport, Alexandria, Pineville, Monroe,
Lafayette, Opelousas, Morgan City, New Orleans,
Berwick, Baton Rouge, Jennings, Arcadia,
Broussard, Abbeville, Abita Springs, Rayne and Houston, Texas. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Paul King Rand, Alexandria; first vice president, Mrs. Cahagan Pugh, Shreveport; second vice president, Norman Mansfield, New Orleans; third vice president, M.N. Stafford; Jennings; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Feusse, Lafayette; and manager, Ira S. Nelson, Lafayette.

After the meeting the members of the society were guests of the college of Agriculture of Southwestern at a tea and flower show at Whittington Hall.

The officers of this new organization have extended an invitation to anyone interested in azaleas to join their group.