This is a typical scene in Lafayette, La., during the height of the azalea season where some azalea plants are 100 years old.

Cool weather continues to hold back the blooming of azaleas in this area and in southwest Louisiana but a few days of warmth will make this year's azalea trail as colorful and beautiful as ever, it is believed by W. L. Rammel of the Sabine-Neches Auto club here.

He believes, on the basis of reports made to him, that the week of March 16 to 23 probably will offer a greater profusion of different varieties of flowers than any other time this spring.

The complete tour of the azalea country was described last week by Mr. Rammel. Yesterday he spoke particularly of the Lafayette, La., display of flowers.

Lafayette has a floral trail conducted by its chamber of commerce in cooperation with the Garden club of the city. It includes a 15-mile marked route through the city. Many beautiful gardens and homes are opened to visitors and no charges are made.

The azalea grows well in the Gulf coast region because of the warm climate and the heavy annual rainfall. One of the rhododendron family, the azalea is claimed to be a native of east Asia. It was brought to the Gulf coast area more than two centuries ago by missionaries. Some of the largest plants in Lafayette are more than a century old.

There are 50 distinct species of azalea. Lafayette's most predominant variety is the Formosa which the city has adopted as its own and christened it the General Lafayette.