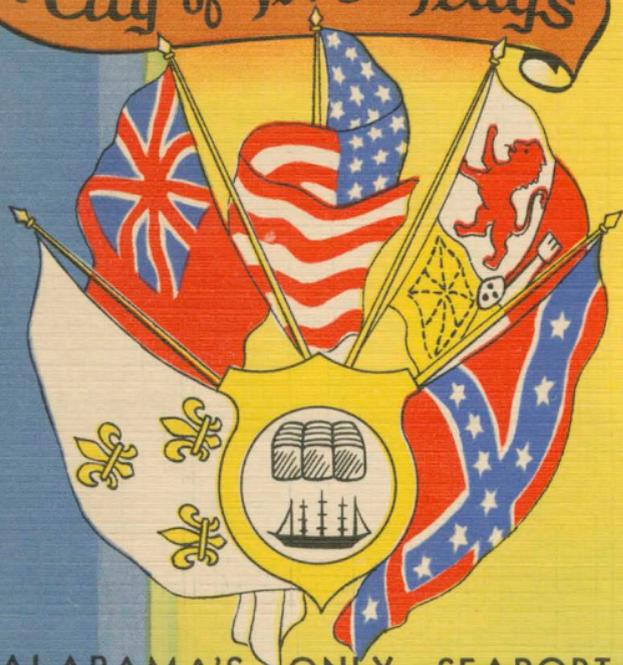


Greetings from
MOBILE

The City of Five Flags

ALABAMA

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ALABAMA'S ONLY SEAPORT

Historic MOBILE of the Five Flags

MOBILE, the Queen City of the Gulf of Mexico, and the only seaport of the State of Alabama, is one of the most picturesque cities of the South. Rich in history, Mobile has been under five flags. Iberville's colony from Rochelle, France, in 1699 touched at Pensacola, then at Dauphin Island which they called Massacre Island, because of a quantity of human bones found there. Three years later Bienville built a warehouse there, and it was from this point that Iberville sailed sixteen leagues up Mobile Bay and River to select a permanent site for his colony. This was at Twenty-Seven Mile Bluff, and Bienville, then only 22 years of age, was left in charge by his older brother to superintend the building of Fort Louis de la Mobile, in January, 1702. However, in 1709, a flood came that inundated not only the fields but the town as well. In 1711 Bienville moved the settlement to the present site of Mobile, which became Fort Condé de la Mobile. It was here the Capital of the Province of Louisiana remained until 1723, when New Orleans became the seat of Government. In 1763 lands under French domination east of the Mississippi River, including Mobile, were ceded to England by the treaty of Paris. Fort Condé de la Mobile was re-named by the British, Fort Charlotte. In February, 1780, British possessions on the Gulf of Mexico were yielded to Spain, after the fall of Fort Charlotte, and Mobile remained in possession of Spain until 1813, when it came under American domination. In 1861 Mobile became Confederate until the Spring of 1865, when it again became American.

Mobile is one of the most picturesque of Southern cities, with her quaint buildings, beautiful flower gardens, huge Live Oak trees, and Historic Bay, and especially so, when the Azaleas are in full bloom, like flames of pink, magenta and white, from February 20th to April 20th, which beautiful sight mingles with the blooming of the Camellia Japonica, January 1st to March 15th.

Mobile's famous 17 mile Azalea Trail, winds throughout the residential section of the city and passes through the charming Spring Hill suburb and college. With Bellingrath's and Blacksher Gardens, and many other nationally known beauty spots, Mobile rightly deserves to be known as the Azalea City of America.

During the colorful winter and spring, Mobile's (Mother of Mystics) Mardi Gras Celebration takes place, followed by the Alabama deep sea fishing Rodeo, during the month of August which, after its ninth annual tournament, is recognized internationally, as the greatest three day fishing tournament held anywhere.

Handsome prizes are given for 22 varieties of fish, and with many hundreds of contestants from a score or more of states, and adds to Mobile in the heart of the American Riviera, as the year-round mecca for travel-minded people.

A RARE SPECIMEN OF THE GORGEOUS AZALEA IN FULL BLOOM



SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL



AZALEAS AND SPANISH MOSS, BELLINGRATH GARDENS



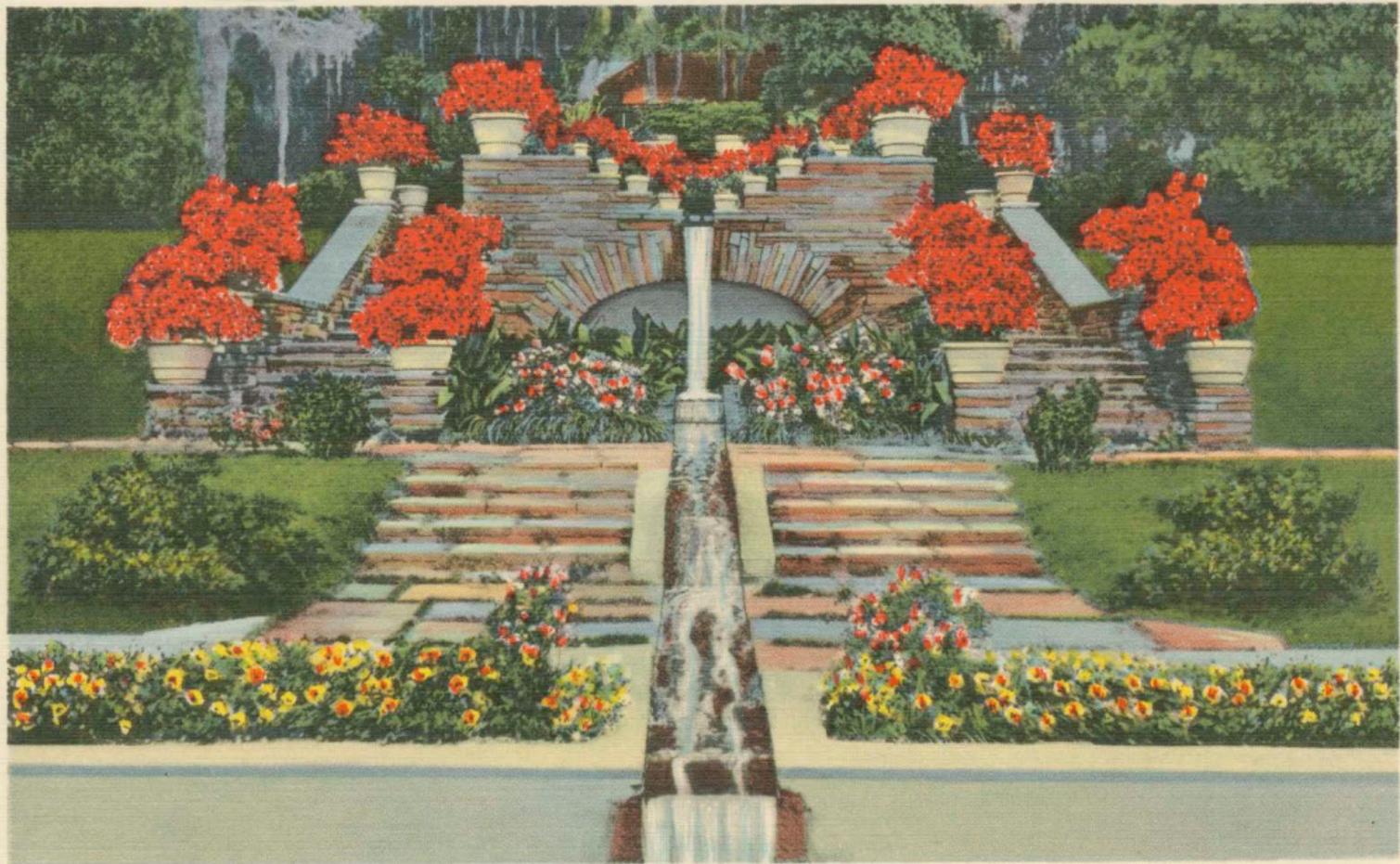
AZALEA IN FULL BLOOM IN FEBRUARY



BEAUTIFUL AZALEAS IN A SOUTHERN GARDEN



Scene in Bellingrath Gardens



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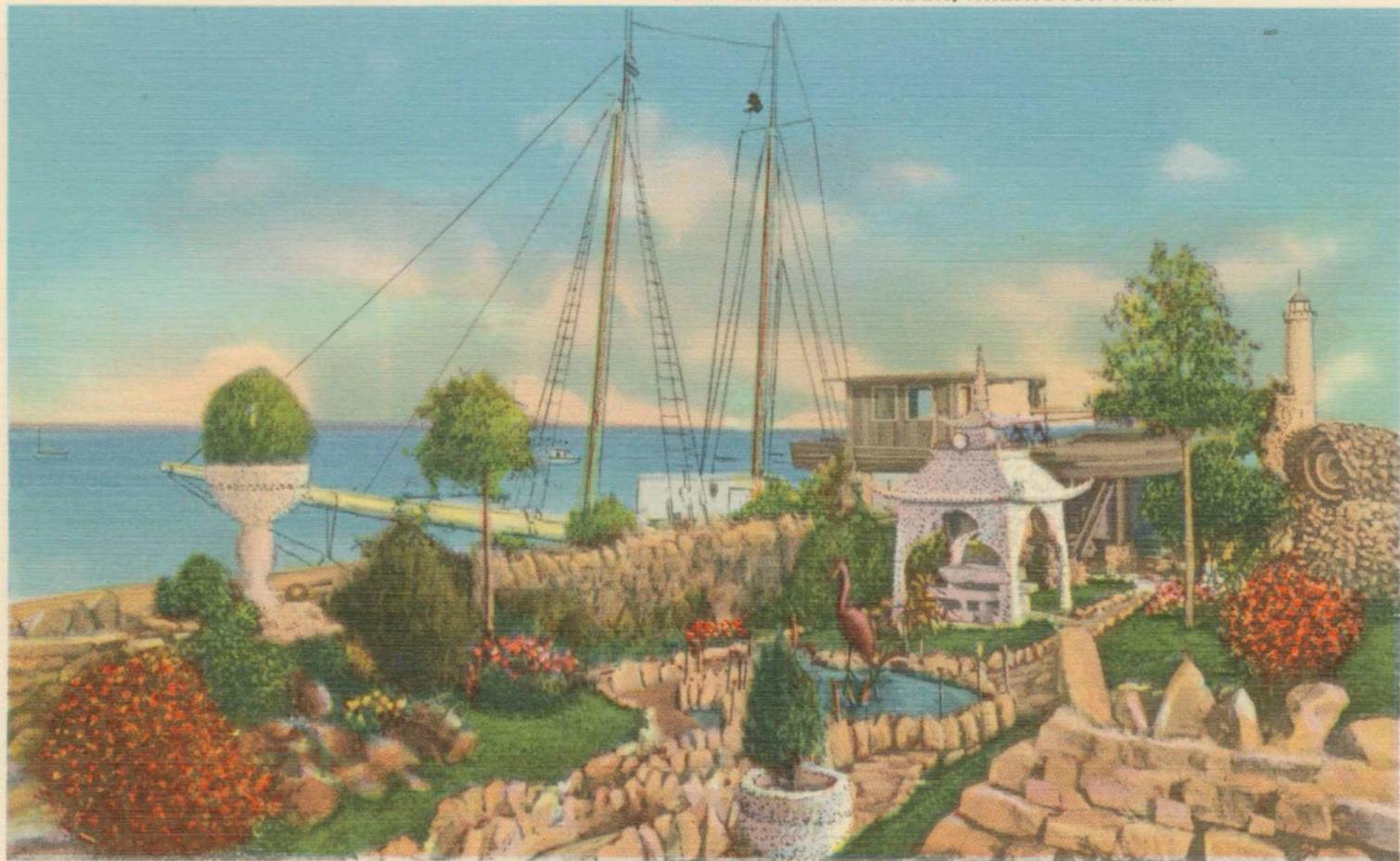


LOOKING NORTH ON ST. JOSEPH STREET,



SHOWING MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

JESTERS ROCK GARDEN, ARLINGTON PARK



THE BIENVILLE CROSS, BIENVILLE SQUARE



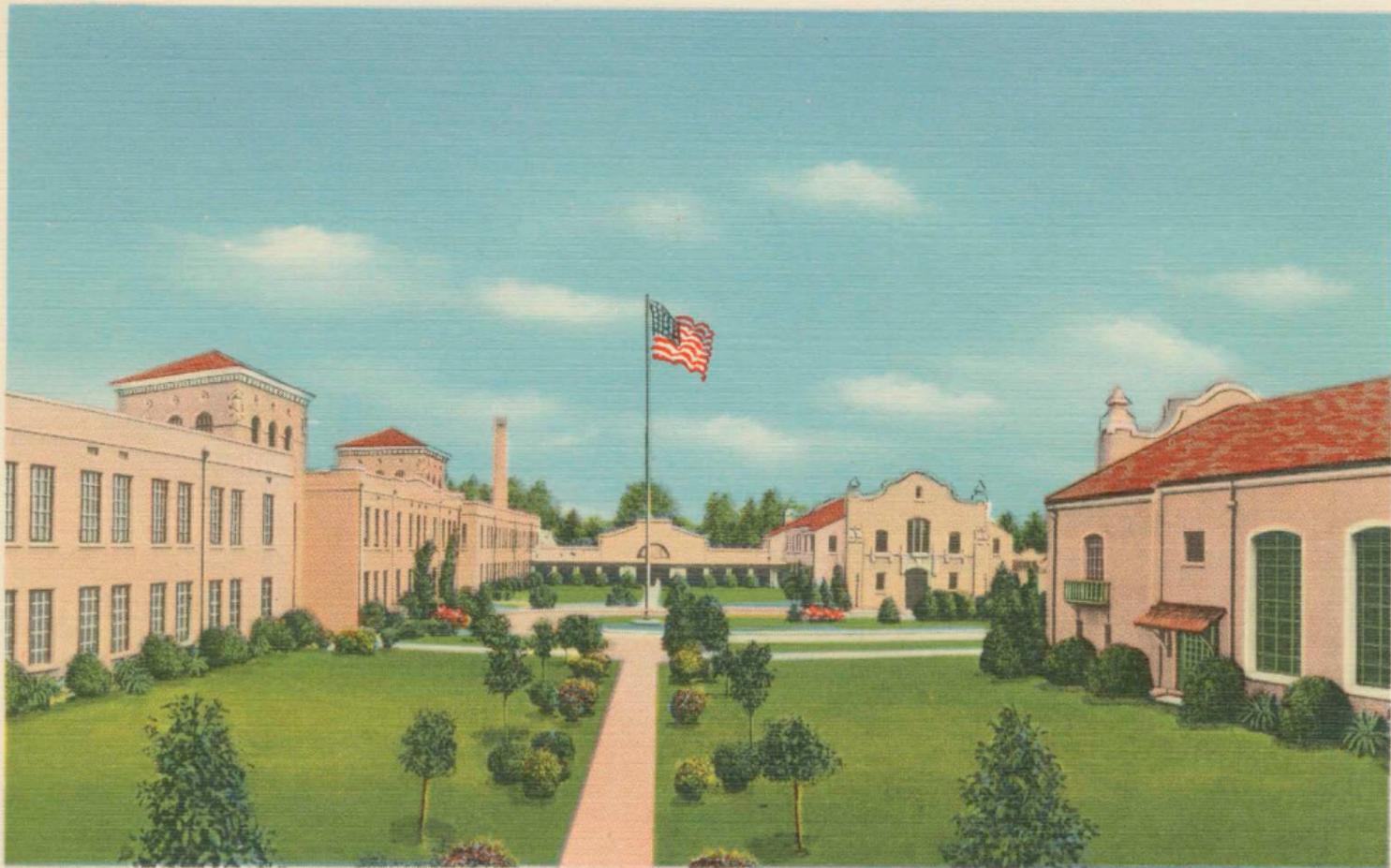
SHIPS OF MANY NATIONS AT ALABAMA STATE DOCKS



THE CHAPEL, SPRING HILL COLLEGE



MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL



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A TYPICAL SOUTHERN SUNSET OVER THE BAY



Azaleas in Lyons Park



Mirror Lake in Bellingrath Gardens, Mobile, Ala.



*Moonlight on Mobile Bay,
Arlington Park*

