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# Opening of Columbia Garden Club's Parkway Picnic Area on Camden Highway

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STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON OPENING OF COLUMBIA GARDEN  
CLUB'S PARKWAY PICNIC AREA ON CAMDEN HIGHWAY,  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY 22, 1950.

The state-wide effort of South Carolina garden clubs to erect roadside parkways and picnic areas is one of the most commendable public projects I know of. It is gratifying to learn that the Columbia Garden Club has completed such a project on the Camden highway, on land donated by Miss Janie Dent, and in cooperation with the State Highway Department.

It is doubly gratifying to know that this beautiful new picnic area has been dedicated as a living memorial to the men and women of World War II. The members who have worked on the parkway or contributed to it may feel that their project will live through the years as a testimony to the loyal service of World War II veterans, living and dead.

Travelers visiting South Carolina, and our own citizens motoring in this section, will undoubtedly appreciate the Columbia Garden Club's achievement in providing this pleasant place to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch.