

Better Living For Masses

Theme Of Housing Program

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A plaque commemorating a half-century of work by the Gonzales brothers of The State in promoting "better living for the masses" was unveiled yesterday afternoon at the dedication of Gonzales Gardens, low cost housing project here, which was named in memory of the brothers.

State, city and federal officials and members of the South Carolina Press association attended the ceremony honoring the memory of A. E. Gonzales, N. G. Gonzales and William E. Gonzales.

William Elliott, publisher of The State, paid tribute to the vision and foresight of the brothers. He recalled that "fifty years ago they started fighting for better living for the masses, for an enlightened and diversified agriculture, for the abolition of child labor, for educational facilities within the reach of the young, for improved higher institutions of learning, for importation of industries to give employment to our people and to bring payrolls into a poverty stricken state."

D. W. Robinson, Columbia attorney, declared in his talk that "this should be just the beginning. There is much to be done and I am sure the Gonzales brothers would want the job completed."

Mr. Robinson traced the history of low cost housing in Columbia and asserted that the work of the housing authority "was not easy," adding "it had to convince the people that there were slums in Co-

lumbia without conveniences or sanitary facilities considered a necessity today."

Miss H. R. E. Gonzales, sister of the Gonzales brothers, unveiled the plaque which is located on the wall of the administration building. Miss Eva Hampton, grandniece of the brothers, placed a wreath at the foot of the tablet on behalf of The State company.

Other speakers on the program included Mayor L. B. Owens, Lieut. Col. Frank L. Whittaker, post executive at Fort Jackson; W. S. Hendley, chairman of the Columbia housing authority; S. L. Latimer, Jr., vice chairman of the authority; Capt. Gonzales Barron; J. B. Urquhart, architect, and M. B. Satterfield of the United States housing authority.

Music was furnished by the 102nd (Essex Troop) Cavalry band from Fort Jackson and the Allen-Benedict court chorus.