

Rents From \$7.65 to \$16.75 Set for Gonzales Gardens

Only Families in Low Income Groups Eligible for Admittance—Law Gov- erns Maximum Income Allowable. Portion of Property Occupied Soon

Rents for Gonzales Gardens, Columbia's new housing project for white families, located across from the Providence hospital, were announced last night by the Columbia Housing Authority. Applications for dwelling units at Gonzales Gardens are now being taken at University Terrace, 627 Bull street and several hundred have filed so far.

The rents as announced by the Columbia Housing Authority and as approved late yesterday by Washington are as follows:

Three-room units, \$7.65, \$11.10, \$14.88.65, \$11.60, \$14.50.
Three and one-half room units, \$9.90, \$12.85, \$15.75.
Four and one-half room units, \$10.90, \$13.85, \$16.75.

The above rents include electricity and gas, an electric refrigerator, a gas stove, water, an utility kitchen cabinet, shades and an oil space heater. While electricity and gas for lighting, cooking and refrigeration will be furnished in the rent, the tenant will have to purchase fuel oil for the oil space heater. However this will amount to only a few dollars a year. Every unit will have yard space.

The Columbia Housing Authority expects to open about 80 of the units within six weeks and the remaining units will be opened as soon as completed by the contractor. Applications being accepted now by the tenant selection staff are not binding on the applicant but are necessary so that the authority can determine whether or not the family applying is eligible. Under the law, a tenant cannot make beyond a maximum income, which ranges from \$360 to \$900 annually according to rent paid, the

only minimum set is that the tenant be able to pay the rent. Most tenants will make about four times the rent.

Gonzales Gardens will be featured by ample recreational facilities for both adults and children. There will be large playgrounds, fully equipped, as well as wading pools and sitting areas. An administration building is being constructed on the site and this structure will house the authority offices, a maintenance workshop, warehouse space and a large social room. Adjacent to the social room will be a community kitchen for use by groups of tenants when such a group might desire to hold a supper meeting.

Trees and grass, part of the landscape program, will make of Gonzales Gardens a beautiful place where bad housing existed before the erection of the project. Gonzales Gardens was named after the three distinguished Gonzales brothers which founded The State and will contain a total of 236 units with a population of approximately 1,000 persons.

Especial attention has been given to making the units attractive. The three and three and one-half units are located on one floor, either the first or second, while the four and one-half and five and one-half units are located on both first and second floors, with the bedrooms upstairs.

Tenants living at Gonzales Gardens will be required only to observe the rules of a private dwelling, mainly that the units be taken care of and that neighbors are not disturbed.

Information concerning the new project can be secured at the tenant selection office at University Terrace, 627 Bull street.