



Housing Administrator To Visit Columbia

Nathan Straus, Administrator of the United States Housing Authority, will be the guest of The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia December 4th. In connection with his visit, a Carolinas Housing Roundtable will be held at the Columbia Hotel in this city.



NATHAN STRAUS

Prominent housing and public officials from North and South Carolina have been invited to meet with the Housing Authority of Columbia in welcoming Administrator Straus and participating in the roundtable discussion.

Mr. Straus will arrive here on Sunday afternoon preceding the roundtable and on that day will be the guest of Governor Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina at the Gubernatorial Mansion. Governor Maybank is one of the pioneers in housing in the United States and while mayor of Charleston secured several million dollars for Charleston housing projects.

On the morning of December 4th, local housing officials will conduct Mr. Straus on a tour of Columbia and will show him the sites of Columbia's two

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Rural Housing Being Studied

The prospect of extending the federal housing program to the rural sections of South Carolina is now being studied, Governor Burnet R. Maybank announced. He disclosed that for some time two officials of the United States Housing Authority had been engaged in a survey in this state.

"I requested that the survey be made in order that an effort be made to give the people in the rural sections who might wish it the opportunity to take advantage of this rural building program," the governor said. "The study is in its early stages. Later the assistance of the county agents will be sought. We want to get all angles and points of view."

The federal men who are making the study are Herbert L. Sullivan and William G. Jones, it was announced. The governor recalled that Mr. Sullivan cooperated with him, while Maybank was mayor of the city of Charleston, in arranging for the large housing projects there.

It was pointed out that the program the governor has in mind should be distinguished from the functions of the Federal Housing Administration which insures loans to individuals to build their own homes. The new program, for which the survey is now being made by Sullivan and Jones is one akin to the great slum-clearance, low-cost housing programs in the cities.

Congress has allotted a large sum to be used for these rural building programs and the governor said he is hopeful that South Carolina will be able to organize so that it can get its full share. The set-up would be the organization of county housing authorities.

Project Honors Three Brothers

Gonzales Gardens, one of Columbia's new housing projects, is named in honor of the three Gonzales brothers who during their life founded and published The State, Columbia newspaper.

Narciso Gener Gonzales, first editor and co-founder of The State, was born in 1858 and died in 1903.

Ambrose Elliott Gonzales, editor and publisher of The State and author of Gullah stories, was born in 1857 and died in 1926.

William Elliott Gonzales, editor and publisher of The State and United States minister to Cuba and this country's first ambassador to Peru, was born in 1866 and died in 1937.

"We felt that the low cost housing project to be built for the families of low incomes typified the fight the Messrs. Gonzales made personally and through their paper," Chairman W. S. Hendley of the local housing authority, said, "for better living for the people of Columbia and South Carolina. The new project will be built simply and will be occupied by persons of ex-

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Maybank Names Housing Board

Governor Burnet R. Maybank has appointed R. L. Sumwalt of Columbia, Mayor T. W. Woodworth of Spartanburg and Matthew A. Condon of Charleston as the state board of housing.

Sumwalt had been serving with the board. The other members were: R. W. Hudgens of Greenville, whose term had expired, and Edmund P. Grice, Jr., who Maybank said was unable to continue on the board and devote his time as Charleston County WPA Administrator.

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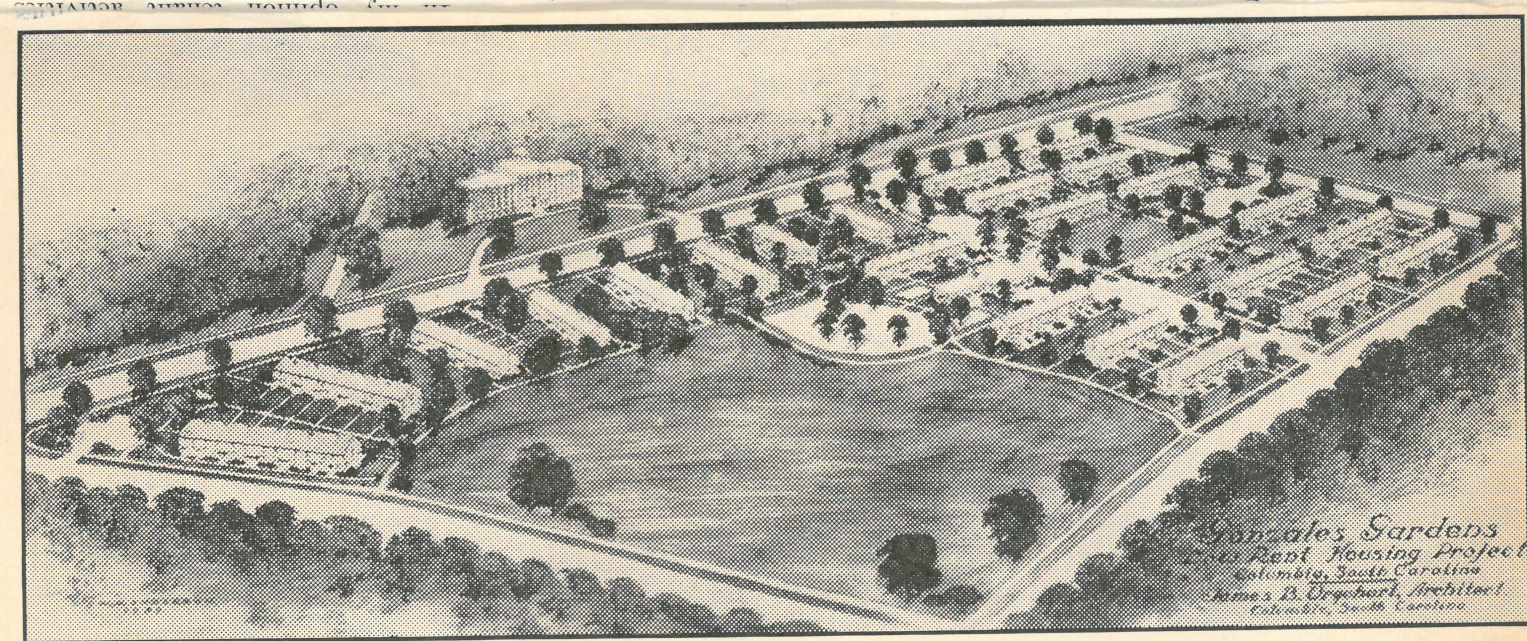
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The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S. C., one of the first housing authorities in the United States, is now engaged in building Columbia's second low-rent housing project, Gonzales Gardens, named after the three Gonzales brothers who founded The State newspaper of this city and played such a prominent part in the history and development of the Capital City of South Carolina. University Terrace, the first Columbia project, has been in operation for more than two years. The Housing Authority of Columbia will also start construction shortly on a \$1,000,000 Negro project to be known as Allen-Benedict. Both Gonzales Gardens and Allen-Benedict Court are being developed under a loan contract with the United States Housing Authority. Gonzales Gardens will house white tenants when completed and will cost \$1,000,000. On the north side of Gonzales Gardens is the new Catholic Providence hospital.

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tenants and for pre-school activities for small children. This building will also contain the shop and storage rooms for the project. Immediately adjoining the Administration building to the west is a recreation area which includes a paved spray pool, which may be used also for roller skating. The southwest corner of the project will be converted into a park and playground. There will also be plots for use of the smaller children and playground equipment. Brick paved sitting areas for public use are placed throughout the project with park benches for the use of mothers with baby carriages, etc.

The building will be of solid masonry walls faced with brick. The roofs will be traditional sloped type with gable ends. The roofing material will be either slate or asbestos shingles. The entrance doors will be provided with cantilevered projecting concrete canopies. The windows will be wood with double hung sash in groups of two, affording ample light and ventilation.

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the project is James B. Urquhart, of Columbia; James Posey, of Baltimore, Md., is mechanical engineer, Briggs and Arnold, of New York and Charleston, S. C., are landscape architects and V. P. Loftis, Charlotte, N. C., is general contractor.

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housing projects, Gonzales Gardens and Allen-Benedict Court, as well as the existing Housing project, University Terrace. Mayor L. B. Owens of Columbia will accompany Mr. Straus on this tour.

Following the visit about the city, there will be a luncheon at 1 P. M. in the ballroom of the Columbia hotel.

All members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation, Governor Maybank, Mayor Owens, members of the South Carolina and North Carolina State Housing Boards, members of the Charleston, Spartanburg, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Charlotte Housing Authorities and other officials have been invited to attend the luncheon.

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formational Service will be to acquaint the public as to the goals and purposes of public housing in all its aspects—design, construction, management and tenant selection.

The initial press release has been sent to 35 newspapers and periodicals and there has been considerable response so far with a number of newspapers printing the story in prominent space. Daily papers publishing the release included the Columbia Record, The Spartanburg Journal and Spartan, and The Charlotte Observer. Four-column mats were sent picturing Gonzales Gardens, the new housing project now underway with the release mentioned above. There has been several articles concerning the housing program in the local newspapers.

Radio time has been arranged for Administrator Straus when he comes as to what type housing it is important these matters. This is all well and good because certainly it is important and many words spoken concerning Reams and reams have been written sides and class of tenants to be housed. rents to be charged, government subsidies and class of tenants to be housed. rents to be charged, government subsidies and class of tenants to be housed. rents to be charged, government subsidies and class of tenants to be housed.

In the last few years an amazing social change has occurred which has left many Americans bewildered and whose deep significance few of our countrymen today understand. This is the public low-rent and slum clearance program of the United States Housing Authority and local city authorities. This movement will affect the lives of thousands of persons as well as change the face of many American cities.

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