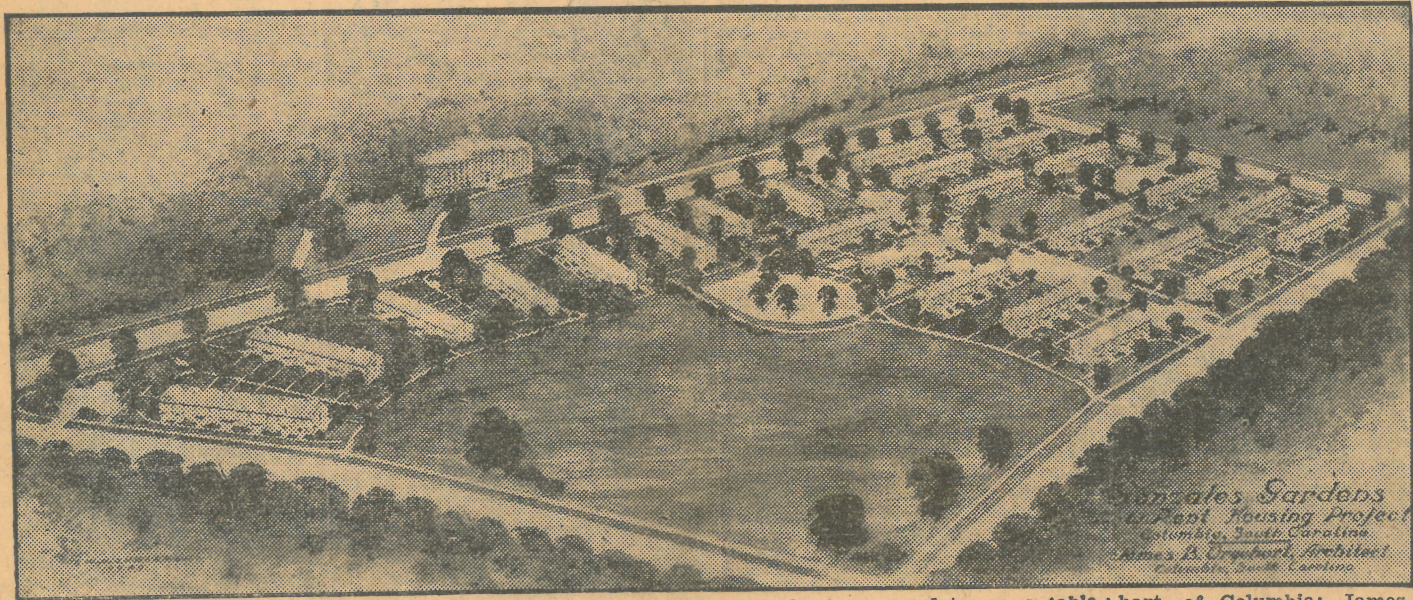


Work Begins on Columbia's New Housing Project



Work on Gonzales Gardens, Columbia's second low rent housing project, has been started and bids have been called for on the construction of Allen-Benedict Court, the third such development. Both projects are estimated to cost \$2,000,000.

Gonzales Gardens is designed to reach low-income families making between \$500 and \$900 a year. There are 24 two-story row houses containing 236 dwelling units. The buildings are arranged in pairs with individual front and back yards for each tenant. Many of the existing trees on the site will be preserved. Appropriate landscaping is provided for in the site improvement. There will be paved sitting and parking areas.

A centrally located administration building will house the office for the management of the project and an assembly room for social use of the tenants and for preschool 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.

There will be four types of two-story buildings averaging about 10 dwelling units per building. These units consist of 4 1-2, 5 1-2 rooms and 3-room flats. The 4 1-2 and 5 1-2 room units are two stories while the 3-room flats are one story. Each unit has a living room, bath room, one or more bedrooms, closets and a combination kitchen and dining room. Unit equipment provided consists of an oil burning

space heater, a wood-top work table and kitchen cabinet, oil burning hot water unit, a gas range and an electric refrigerator. The sink will be a combination sink and laundry tray.

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.

The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia is composed of W. S. Hendley, chairman, S. L. Latimer, Jr., vice chairman, Geddings H. Crawford, Dr. E. C. Coker, and L. Cooper Smith. John A. Chase, Jr., is secretary and the law firm of Robinson and Robinson, counsel. Arthur R. Wellwood is executive director. The architect for the project is James B. Urqu-

hart, of Columbia; James Posey, of Baltimore, Md. is mechanical engineer, Briggs and Arnold, of New York and Charleston, are landscape architects and V. F. Loftis, Charlotte, N. C., is general contractor.

Mr. Loftis has awarded 11 sub-contracts to Columbia firms. They are:

Outside paving and gutters, Concrete Construction and Supply company; readymix concrete, Concrete Construction and Supply company; electric work, Seastrunk Electric company; plumbing and heating, Cashion Electric, Plumbing and Heating company.

Roofing and metal work, G. A. Shillito company; structural steel and reinforcing steel accessories, Columbia Steel company; masonry back up tile, Wallace Concrete Pipe company.

Brick, Guignard and Richland Shale companies; finish hardware, Ruff Hardware company; landscaping, Carolina Flora company, and bond, Thomas B. Boyle.