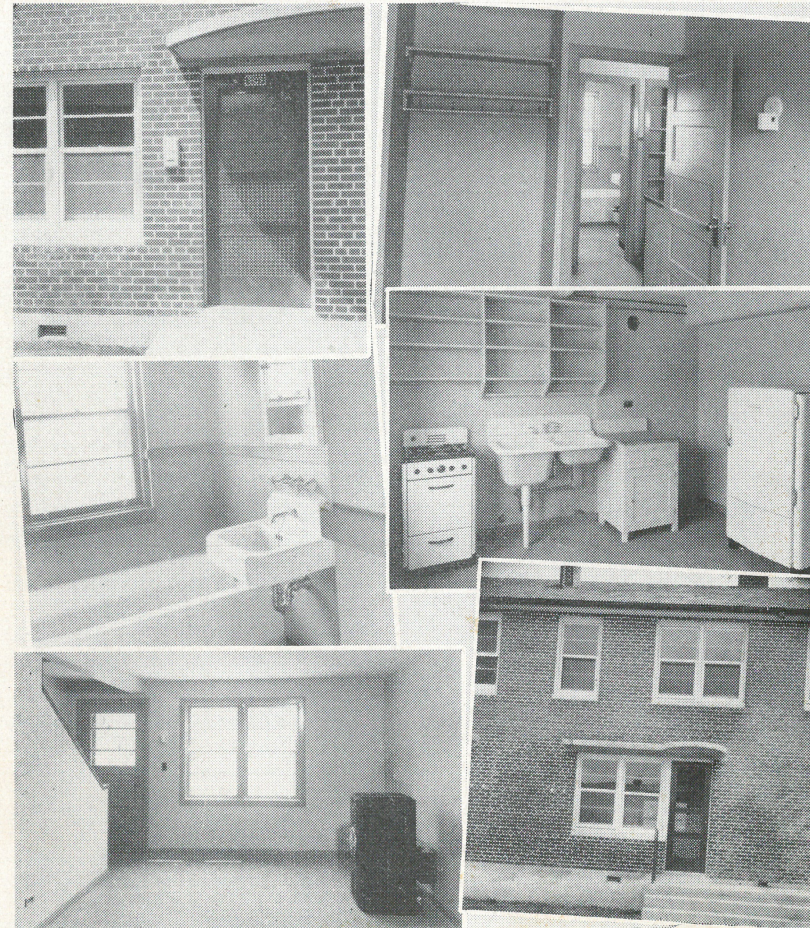


Questions and Answers

- Q. What is the Housing Authority of Columbia?
 A. The Authority was appointed by the Mayor of Columbia in 1934 under Act of the South Carolina legislature and consists of five business and professional men of the city.
- Q. What is the purpose of the Authority?
 A. To undertake to furnish low rent housing units to persons of low income and to eradicate areas of bad housing.
- Q. Is there any bad housing in Columbia?
 A. Yes, the Real Property Inventory of 1934 showed that of 12,000 dwelling units in the city, 5,252 were without tub or shower; 4,443 were without indoor toilet; 7,168 were without electric lights and 2,805 were without running water.
- Q. What occupancy standards will there be?
 A. To prevent overcrowding, the Authority has set up the following standards: Three room units, two to three members in the family; four room units, three to five members in the family; five room units, four to seven members in the family.
- Q. What rules will there be for tenants of the projects?
 A. None except those that any private owner asks of his tenants, namely that the tenants take proper care of their units and be of unobjectionable character.
- Q. Will there be recreational facilities in the projects?
 A. Yes. Social rooms are provided for use of the tenants as well as play areas for pre-school and school age children.
- Q. How will tenants be selected?
 A. The Authority will investigate all applications to see that income and housing conditions comply with the requirements of the Housing Act.
- Q. What is the first step in securing a unit?
 A. Putting in an application at the housing offices.
- Q. Will families with children be allowed to live in the projects?
 A. Certainly. The housing program is designed to aid family life.
- Q. Should a tenant living on the project have new furniture?
 A. Absolutely not. Tenants should not overburden themselves with instalment payments. If necessary furniture can be reconditioned at a low cost.
- Q. May I decorate my home to suit myself?
 A. Yes, provided you do not damage the walls, floors or ceiling.
- Q. Am I limited to the amount of electricity or gas I can use?
 A. You will be allowed an amount sufficient for normal use but you will be charged for any excess amount which might be used.
- Q. May I have a flower or vegetable garden?
 A. You can have a flower or vegetable garden in your own back yard.
- Q. Do I have to join clubs that may be organized in the project?
 A. Such activities are started by the tenants for their own pleasure. You do not have to join unless you so desire.
- Q. Must lights be turned out by tenants at any certain time?
 A. Certainly not. You are free to do as you please as in any privately-owned home.
- Q. Can my relatives come to visit me?
 A. Yes, they may come and stay as long as their visit is of reasonable length.
- Q. When and where do I have to pay rent?
 A. It will be necessary that rent be paid promptly when due. Rents are unusually low and can be kept so only by prompt payments.

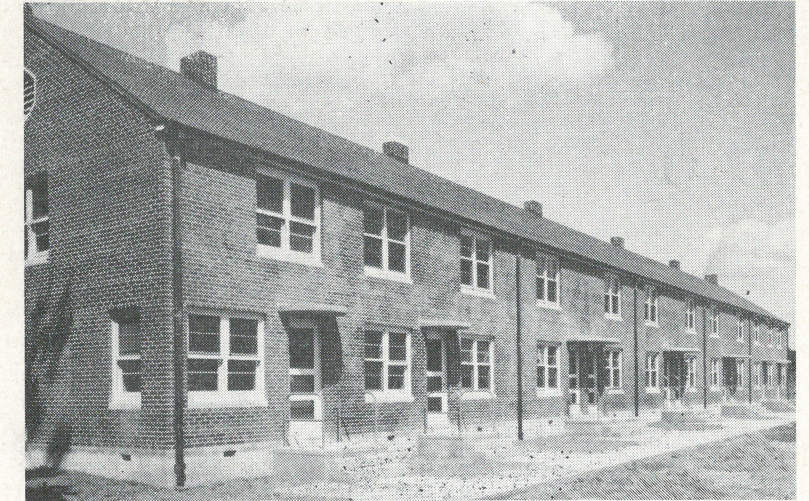
SCENES AT GONZALES GARDENS



Top row, left, the entrance to one of the dwellings; top right, an interior view; middle left, the bathroom; middle right, the kitchen with equipment included in rent shown; bottom left, a living room; bottom right, the rear entrance.

GONZALES GARDENS

A MODERN LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECT
 FOR FAMILIES OF COLUMBIA, S. C.



WILLIAM R. GEDDINGS,
 Supervising Manager

Developed by the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S. C. under Loan Contract with the United States Housing Authority. Applications for houses are now being accepted.

APPLY NOW AT
 627 BULL STREET
 OFFICE OPEN 8 A. M. TO 6 P. M.
 TELEPHONE 5730

GONZALES GARDENS

The Housing Authority of Columbia is receiving applications for dwelling units in Gonzales Gardens and offers attractive, modern homes at low rents for families now living in substandard housing conditions.

Gonzales Gardens was named for the three brothers who founded The State, all were outstanding citizens of South Carolina. The project embraces 22 acres, facing Forest Drive (which is to be developed into a boulevard) opposite the Providence Hospital. McDuffie, Washington and Lyon Streets are its east, south and west boundaries. The project consists of 236 homes with all modern conveniences and yard space. Here fire, disease and crime will find hostile reception while the "welcome" sign will be out at all times for wholesome living, good neighbors and ample recreation.

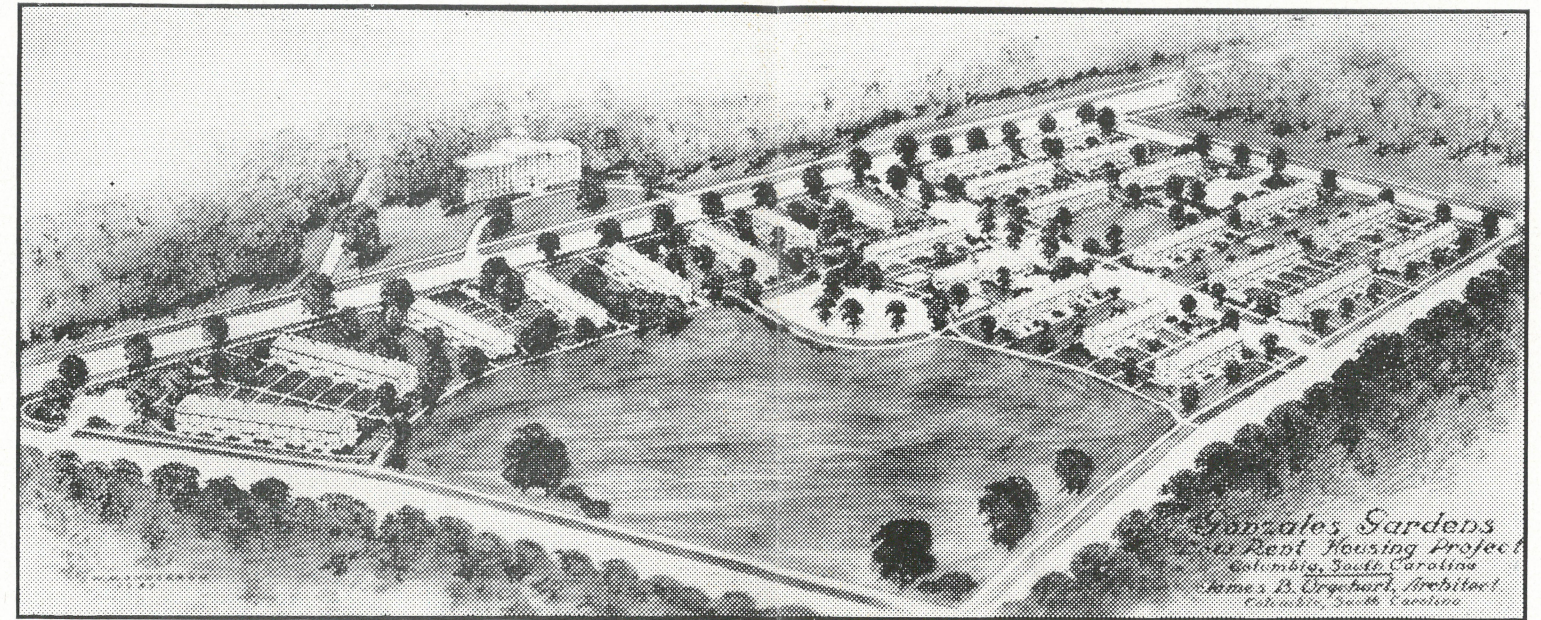
Attractive landscaping will make of Gonzales Gardens a beauty spot. There will be grass and shrubbery and trees in abundance.

A centrally located administration building houses the office for the management of the project; an assembly room for social use of the tenants and for pre-school activities for small children. This building also contains the shop and storage rooms for the project. Immediately adjoining the 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 is a park and playground. There are 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 use by tenants.

There are four types of two-story buildings averaging about 10 dwelling units per building. These units consist of 3, 3½, 4½, 5½ rooms and the 4½ and 5½ room units are two stories while the 3 and 3½ 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. Equipment consists of an oil burning space heater, a woodtop work table and kitchen cabinet, shades, oil burning hot water unit, a gas range and an electric refrigerator. Combination sink and laundry tray completes the equipment.

The buildings are of solid masonry walls, faced with brick. The roofs are traditional sloped types with gable ends. The roofs are attractive and fire proof. Entrance doors are provided with cantilevered projecting concrete canopies.

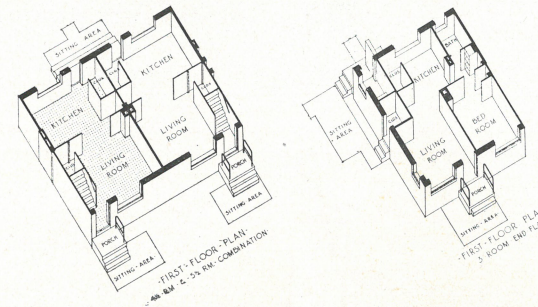
You are invited to visit Gonzales Gardens.



Rents include electricity and gas, water, electric refrigerators, gas stoves, kitchen cabinet, shades and oil space heater as follows:

								Occupancy Limits
3 Room	—	\$ 7.65	—	\$11.10	—	\$14.00	—	2 to 3 Persons
3½ Room	—	8.65	—	11.60	—	14.50	—	2 to 3 Persons
4½ Room	—	9.90	—	12.85	—	15.75	—	3 to 5 Persons
5½ Room	—	10.90	—	13.85	—	16.75	—	4 to 7 Persons

Children under two years of age not counted in limits.



YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR THESE HOMES

If Your Family Income Is Low

Families with incomes between \$300 and \$1,000 will be eligible, depending on the number of persons in the family and the size home rented. Information can be secured at the Housing offices.

If Your Dwelling Is Substandard

If your present home is in need of major repairs, lacking in adequate heating, cooking, lighting and toilet facilities, if you are overcrowded—any one of these factors.

Your application will receive careful consideration.

