

Tenant Selection Opens For Gonzales Gardens

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Miss Mae Bridges Supervisor With Office at University Terrace—Applications Now Being Received but Rents Not Definitely Set

The Columbia Housing Authority announced yesterday the appointment of Miss Mae Bridges, as tenant selection supervisor for Gonzales Gardens, the authority's new project. Miss Bridges assumed her new duties yesterday at the tenant selection office, University Terrace.

Applications are now being received for Gonzales Gardens. The rent for the units have not been announced as yet, however it is expected that the rents will be surprisingly low, so that a person making as little as \$10 per week will be able to afford a unit.

Gonzales Gardens, named after the three distinguished Gonzales brothers of The State, will contain 236 units, divided into three, four and five room sizes. Twenty-four buildings will house from eight to 12 units each. A large Administration building, located in the center of the project, is almost completed. This building will contain the management offices, maintenance workshop and warehouse and the social room. A feature of the social space will be a community kitchen for the convenience of tenants desiring to have supper meetings, etc.

The Columbia Housing Authority hopes to open approximately 80 units within six weeks and the remaining units as soon as completed by the contractor and accepted by the authority.

When fully occupied, Gonzales Gardens will have a population of approximately 1,000 persons. There will be a large play area so that ample recreational facilities will be provided. Another feature will be wading pools for the children.

The rent for each unit will include electric refrigerators and current, gas stoves and current, electricity for lighting, and water. An oil space heater will be provided, with tenants purchasing their fuel. Shades, shelves and kitchen cabinets will also be included.

Each unit will have yard space. The buildings are so arranged that they front either on Forest drive, Lyon, Washington or McDuffie streets or on a court or street within the project. The Columbia Housing Authority is

to designate a name for the new street which will be created by the project and will run through the center of the site.

Persons desiring to place their application for a unit at Gonzales Gardens may do so by applying at the tenant selection office, University Terrace, 627 Bull street.

Miss Bridges, the tenant selection supervisor, took her master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina this month. She is also a graduate of Limestone college, has been a school principal, and is a graduate of the Baptist Training school in Louisville, Ky. She will have several assistants on temporary duty investigating the applications to see that they meet federal requirements.

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The Housing Authority of yesterday accepted a bid of .44 per cent. per annum on \$1,640,000 of temporary loan notes at a premium of \$25.26. The success was presented by Angus E. Bird, president of the Citizens and Bank of South Carolina, with half of the following: Chemical & Trust Company, New Chase National Bank of the New York, the National City New York, Guaranty Trust of New York, Bankers Trust Company, New York Citizens and Northern National Bank of South and other banks.

It is understood that the .44 per cent. annum is the lowest interest rate yet obtained on Authority notes; the previous being .46 per cent. per annum. The Housing Authority