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## Gonzales Gardens, Columbia's Second Housing Project, Will Provide Dwelling Units for 236

### Construction Planned Shortly on Million Dollar Negro Unit

COLUMBIA, Nov. 24.—The housing authority of the city of Columbia, 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.

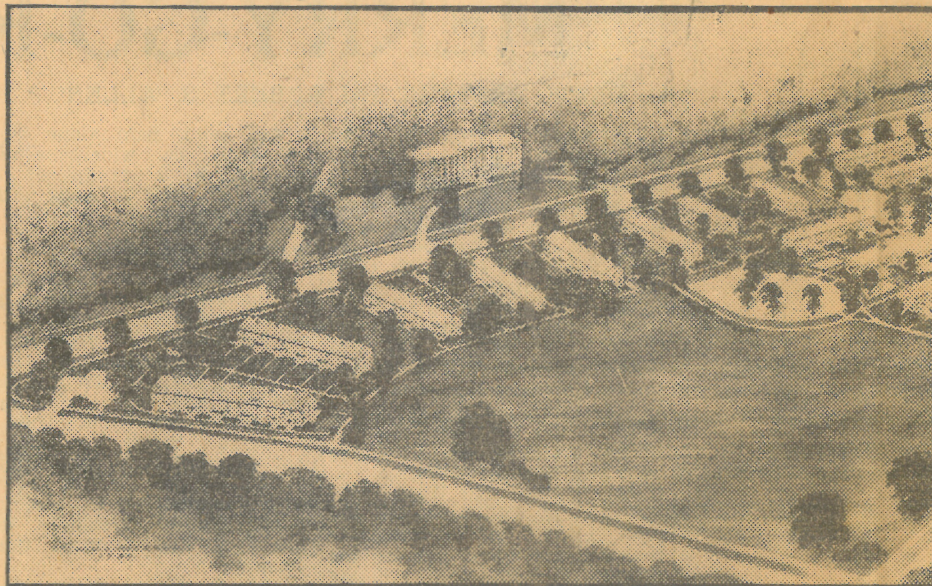
The housing authority of Columbia will also start construction shortly on a \$1,000,000 negro project to be known as Allen-Benedict. Both Gonzales Gardens and Allen-Benedict Court are being developed un-

der 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.

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

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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. The sitting areas for public use will be placed throughout the park benches for the use of the smaller children and for parents with baby carriage.