

# ments Held Even Greater Need Than

**Old Mansion is Converted into an Apartment House**



J. H. EGAN HAS converted this old home at 4 Gadsden street into modern apartments without spoiling the appearance of the structure. Located at the northeast corner of Beaufain street, it was possible to give entrances to some of the apartments in the latter street. Conversions of this type avoid the appearance given to so many converted houses and eliminate the network of unsightly outdoor stairways which so often have been constructed. (Staff Photo.)

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Charleston's greatest need in the opinion of at least one architect, is for modern apartments which will rent for from \$25 a month. This need, he said, is greater than the need for houses, costing in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Pointing out that though the average Charlestonian wants an individual house, rather than an apartment, he said that the man comes to Charleston for a stay from one to three years wants a modern apartment. This must have central heat and modern conveniences, located more centrally in the northern part of town, and most of the building space is

Though there are many houses in Charleston which could be converted into modern apartments with some success, he said it would be possible to tear down some of the old houses in the lower part of the city—those without historic or artistic significance—and erect their place modern, comfortable apartments in keeping with the style of other cities of Charleston's size.

He hastened to point out that he did not propose to have erect a group of modernistic buildings in the midst of a historic section. However, he said, there are numerous areas in Charleston which could be modernized without destroying anything worthy of preservation.

Another thing he believes is needed in Charleston is design and improvement of grounds. Too many people, he said, erect nice fences and leave hideous fences and improved yards surrounding