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OLENTANGY VILLAGE

New heights have been reached in multiple-unit apartment building in Columbus, Ohio recently. On the site of historic Olentangy Park, a local realty company has built a village of apartment rows, 402 units in all. The buildings are of the Williamsburg Colonial style of architecture, some painted white and others left natural brick color. Some are three-story structures and some two-story.

The plan of the community is unusual in itself. The buildings are built in many shapes to conform to winding streets and sloping terrain. There are few entrances, making cross streets unnecessary. Along an adjoining city street are the storerooms and filling stations for the business of the village. These, too, are done in the Williamsburg style.

A dam has been built on the river that bounds one side of the village. This provides boating for the villagers. A swimming pool and tennis courts also provide recreation. A park by the river and large trees in-

crease the beauty of the village. Apartment sections are usually not landscaped to conform to the natural beauty of the site as is this section, for the most stress is usually placed on the apartments themselves.

A variety of floor plans for the units is offered. Some plans have a combination living-dining room, while others have separate living and dining rooms. This is a novel feature, for it shows that apartment-dwellers have different ideas about the dining part of home life. All of the plans include electrical kitchens. It is noticeable that in all plans there is plenty of closet space provided. The floors of the apartments are of parquet type, which is an arrangement of wood blocks with the grains of the wood at right angles to each other. The apartments are heated by a central heating system. Each series of apartments has a common laundry in the basement of the unit.

This type of housing is very popular, as is proved by the fact that half of the apartments were reserved before the project was begun.