Houses and garages on a city block in south St. Cloud which has been acquired by the state will be sold at auction on Saturday, May 27, under the auspices of the State Department of Administration.

Bordered by Second and Third avenues and Seventh and Eighth streets, the block is the site for a new Industry and Arts Building at St. Cloud State College. Construction on the $850,000 structure is scheduled to begin this summer.

Three houses on the block already have been removed by owners who retained possession at the time their properties were purchased by the state.

On auction day, each building will be opened for inspection before bidding begins. Bids will include removal of the building from the premises, demolition of the foundation, filling the basement and cleaning debris from the site. In all, 20 parcels will be sold, each in separate bidding.