



The first floor is laid over the basements of more townhouses.

## 3rd Ward Housing Rushing for October Completion

Construction crews are racing towards completion of about 75 townhouses in the 3rd Ward for low and moderate income families in a \$5.7 million project sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council (CIC) and partly funded by FHA monies.

Included in the project, scheduled for final completion in 1972, will be a high-rise with 104 living units and a second townhouse complex of 75 units. "We expect families to move into the first townhouses this fall, maybe October," says Sandy Cummings, project director.

In planning and construction the aim has been "housing for humanity," said James Dobson, president of the I-C Development board. The project and its management want to do more than provide housing; they

want to create a community, he affirmed.

The project has been five years in the planning, according to Father Robert Kreckel, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church and member of the Interracial Council Development Corporation's board. The corporation was set up by the CIC to handle funding for the building project at Ford and Troup streets.

Robert Trayham Coles, the Buffalo architect who designed the project, believes it vital that "high density urban housing give residents a sense of community and enable them to maintain their sense of identity." Coles designed the townhouses for family residence, with enclosed yards and a common courtyard; drawing on the experience of low and moderate

income housing projects, the high-rise units were designed for tenants without children, such as aged couples, young married couples and singles.

The American Baptist Corporation will manage the project, Millard Rutherford, chairman of I-C's management committee, said. The non-profit organization manages housing developments in Maryland, Detroit and Dallas, where tenants help maintain and supervise their own housing, Rutherford reported.

First priority in selection of tenants will be given to those displaced by urban renewal in the Third Ward and by federal projects in Rochester. Openings will be available to those who meet FHA requirements for family size and income.



Sandy Cummings and Ron Schiefen, vice-president of the townhouse subcontractor, look at time charts and construction schedules in the office trailer on site.



Lunch break comes as welcome relief for Fred Cochran who operates a concrete vibrator to settle, smooth (and splash) the liquid into place in wood forms.