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Gonzales

Gardens Are Being Filled

Things are humming at Gonzales Gardens, Columbia's new low housing project, which is now in course of occupation.

The Housing Authority of Columbia allotted 100 units to the army when a scarcity developed in quarters for married enlisted men. It left 136 units for civilians. This includes the army contingent are moving and getting settled, occupying buildings. There are 12 buildings in the area bounded by Forest drive, McDuffie avenue, Garden Plaza (the main driveway of the project) and Marshall street. Of these 12, ten are given over to army residents, and two, at the intersection of Garden Plaza and Marshall street reserved for civilians. The other residential buildings, all facing either on Forest drive or Garden Plaza are for civilians, who will start moving into their quarters within a few days.

With exception of the army group, the average income of the families in the project will be about \$12 a week.

A formal opening of the project will be held in October after it is fully occupied.