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Student City Goes to Town

AP Newsfeatures
CARBONDALE, Ill.—If you're looking for tips on how a town should be governed a group of student veterans at Southern Illinois university have the answers. Not only will they tell you about it, but they can show you a working example.

They call their community "Southern Acres." It is populated by young men—all veterans, their wives, and lots of children. Located near Crab Orchard lake in part of the world war two munitions plant it is not a boom town exactly, but it came into being almost overnight when several hundred married veterans enrolled at SU after the war.

PLANT LEASED
The university obtained a lease on a group of the vacant ordnance plant buildings. At first it was just a group of rundown buildings, furnishing nothing more than a place to live. Many of the wives were reluctant to move several miles out of town. Now the wives are the most enthusiastic residents.

The project resulted from an experiment in self government set up by a sociology professor at the university. The former administration building of the munitions plant was turned into the main set of apartments. Roofs leaked and an overburdened heating plant worked spasmodically.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED
By organizing a government and electing officers, the vets set up a basis from which they began to make improvements. One student, a former naval electrician's mate,

checked and repaired the wiring. Another, an ex-paratrooper, organized a crew of painters—experienced and otherwise, and an odd assortment of "carpenters" joined the work brigade.

A building which served as a former cafeteria, was turned into a recreation hall. The kitchen part of the building became a nursery, and another part of the long barracks-like building was turned into offices for the mayor and city council.

Now the men take shifts in staffing a maintenance crew. The wives take turns in managing the nursery while others go shopping, catch up on household tasks, or just relax.

A constitution was drawn up for the 300 residents. Mayor and councilmen are elected for six month terms. This plan gives almost every resident a chance to serve as a city official sometime during his residence.

TOWN MEETINGS
Town meetings are held once a month, presided over by the mayor and councilmen. Usually the whole family turns out. If a resident is dissatisfied, he can say so.

A weekly mimeographed newspaper, the "Southern Acres Journal," is staffed entirely by the ladies. A reporter from each wing of the unit turns in the news each week. The editor usually writes an editorial.

ON THE HOUSE

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER, AP Real Estate Editor

The way concrete is blossoming out in all colors of the rainbow makes it seem inevitable that the day may come when the sidewalk refuses to walk on one side of the street—the color of the sidewalk won't be becoming to her!

You can have a pink porch, green driveway, cream color curbs and buff steps, if you want them, merely by mixing mineral pigments in the concrete, using colored aggregates, acid stains, or—if you watch your step—by painting.

There are various good concrete paints on the market, but they have to be applied properly and the surface should be prepared for them. Also the concrete must be dry and remain dry.

Mrs. R. M. T. of Keokuk, Iowa, tells of a problem encountered with a concrete slab apparently laid directly on the ground. It acted as an open porch, it occupied space provided by an ell at the rear of the house. Wanting a screened porch, she had this terrace enlarged by the addition of an equal sized slab, roofed and enclosed the whole.

When her porch floor was painted, the paint peeled from the older slab and tracked through the house. The newer slab, on footings and a cinder bed, showed no paint trouble. Since the porch was at the base of a slope, subsurface drainage was obvious. The original slab, laid directly on the ground, absorbed so much moisture no paint could hold.

A complicated drainage system eventually solved Mrs. T.'s problem, but if she had colored concrete in the first place no paint would have been necessary.

SUITABLE
Only mineral pigments are suitable for concrete. Organic dyes may fade and reduce the strength of the concrete. Natural oxides from mines cost less than manufactured pigments, but the latter produce more intense colors and so go farther.

Here is a guide for color prepared by the Portland Cement Association:

For white, use white portland cement. This is a special cement, slightly higher in price than the regular.

For brown, use burnt umber or brown oxide of iron. Yellow oxide of iron may be added to modify the color.

For buff, use yellow ochre or yellow oxide of iron. Red oxide of iron may be added in limited quantities.

For gray, use small quantities of black iron oxide, manganese black or Germantown lampblack.

For green, use chromium oxide. Yellow oxide of iron will modify this color.

For pink, use small quantities of red oxide of iron.

For rose, use red oxide of iron. For cream, use yellow oxide of iron in small quantities.

The usual rule is never to use more than nine points of pigment to a sack of concrete—that is, 10 per cent. And the full coloring value can only be obtained by using white portland cement.

Pigments and cement must be mixed thoroughly.

Another method of coloring concrete is to use colored aggregates. These include white sand, marble chips, granite screenings, crushed fieldspar, mica-spar, crushed slag,

garnet sand and various colored rock materials.

Some of these produce a sort of jeweled effect when the surface film of concrete is washed off with a wire brush.

TOOL
Finishing and curing any concrete surface are important details. Never use a steel trowel for truing the surface. A wood float is used to remove any unevenness.

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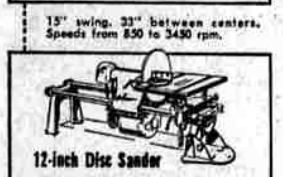
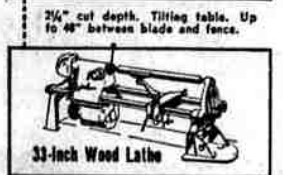


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