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SENATOR AND MRS. JOHN SHERMAN COOPER recently commissioned Washington landscape architect Boris Timchenko to redesign the city square in the Senator's home town of Somerset, Ky. As a result, Boris can today be called Colonel Timchenko.

The old square in John's home town had become a dirty, unkempt, grassless, charmless spot where oldtimers lounged ~~and~~ they chewed tobacco and the rest that goes with it.

Now it's a garden spot, full of rose beds, dogwood trees, flowering bulbs and new benches with a fountain in the center. It is the gift of the Coopers to the town where his mother and two brothers still live. Somerset's garden clubs have taken over its care and now you can't even find a cigarette stub on the ground. People from all around Kentucky have driven there to see it, including Gov. Edward Breathitt who last week made Boris a Kentucky Colonel.

Col. Timchenko is also designing the special garden in honor of Mrs. Lyndon Johnson that will be unveiled at the Flower Show on March 5. Sponsored by the Texas Nurserymen Association, its plans drew the designer to Texas two weeks ago to order plant material for it. It will have a post and rail fence around it and include, among other things, Speaker Sam roses.

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