

## CONSTRUCTION

### A Colony for Veterans

I happened to visit the small town of Tentyukovo, not far from Syktyvkar, for the first time when the colony was just being built.

And now the first social services center for pensioners, not only in the Komi Autonomous Republic but in our entire North, is in operation. Its buildings were constructed by the workers of the Syktyvkarstroi trust and the planning and construction association Syktyvkargorstroi.

"Main block", "administrative and household buildings" - these words, like the name of the colony itself, have a rather cold ring to them if they are taken in their usual meaning. But in this case, the spiritual warmth that is exuded by everything that both the builders and those who care for the veterans did has filled their lives with joy - if joy is possible in an advanced age - with family comfort, and a sensation of fullness of life.

But let us take a walk through the colony, let us see how the veterans - 330 people in all - live. Those who because of various illnesses cannot walk by themselves, who need constant care and prolonged treatment live in hospital rooms equipped with signalling devices for calling the medical personnel. The others have flats with a kitchen and bathroom in a beautiful five-storey building. Visiting relatives can stay right here in hotel rooms.

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