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**TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS IN UKRAINIAN REPUBLICAN
AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE STUDY
(1960–70's)**

Summary

The problem of land reclamation in the 1960's and 70's was very acute for the agricultural workers. Reclamation measures were subjected to devastating criticism. There were complex socio-economic processes at that time in the village, which could not be neglected. Only careful study of them, training of appropriate personnel would clarify the conditions and correct the situation in agriculture.

One of the educational institutions that trained the necessary specialists in this field was the Ukrainian Republican correspondence agricultural college. Boiarka Technical College is one of the oldest agricultural educational institutions in Ukraine. In October 1972 it was 70 years old. During this time, the former school of beekeepers grew into a prestigious secondary special educational institution of republican significance – the Ukrainian Republican correspondence agricultural college (1959–1997).

By the 1960's there were 2 educational buildings in the college: the former methodical and present-day second building. During the 10 years of its existence, the facility provided many specialists with agriculture. Some students got honored diplomas.

The first class of specialists showed that the leading and the team of technicians were able to rebuild their work in accordance with the requirements of time. In the 70's the technical school extended the production base, replenished with new instruments and laboratories. The technicians were preparing future field technologists, who in future would have to take care of the development of agriculture. Such advanced teaching tools as the recording of foreign language lessons on tape, teaching films were introduced.

From the materials from 1971, which are stored in the museum, we learn that in the agricultural technical school studied various agronomic, technical, special sciences. Among the disciplines the main place in the curriculum was occupied by economics. In addition to persistent learning, most boys and girls enjoyed their technical construction, nature study, dedicated their free time to literature, music and art.

The physical education team of the Ukrainian Republican Agricultural Technical School was one of the best in the Kyiv Regional Council «Kolos». There were created courses of tractor drivers and drivers in college. Every year about 150 people gained a professional specialty in the 1960–1970's.

The methodical center has operated on the basis of the technical school since 1957. The methodical group consisted of 10 people, it was headed by I.M. Stretovych, editorial and publishing group was headed by O.P. Kornienko.

For 15 years of its existence, the editorial and publishing group with the help of methodologists, teachers and more than 200 authors published 756 different programs, methodological developments, manuals, advices and consultations. Interregional and republican seminars of management staff and teachers of technical schools were held in the educational institution.

Delegations from Estonia, Kyrgyzstan and other union republics came to the technical school on experience and advice. There were also guests from Czechoslovakia and Poland. Many graduates of the Ukrainian Republican correspondence agricultural college achieved significant success, held senior positions. After analyzing the work of the Ukrainian Republican correspondence agricultural college in the 1960–70's, one can say that the technical school became the leading educational institution of its time; all conditions for training specialists in the field of agriculture were created here to solve the problems.

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