

preparations that would not harm the environment: the learned men in this organization prefer to demonstrate in their dissertations that butyl ether is "harmless". This, of course, is much simpler than to think about creating a specialized technology so desperately needed for tending our young forests!

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Sterlitamak, Bashkir ASSR: Winter Seeding Work

It's strange to hear the words "We've finished seeding" on a cold winter's day. But this is exactly what you would hear if you were at the Sterlitamak forestry beat where they have really been carrying out seeding operations in the middle of winter.

The local foresters have established plantations of birch in this unusual time of year. They have used their own seeds. They prepared them last spring when the trees were covered with sweet-smelling catkins. Collecting the 300 kilogrammes of seeds needed to grow seedlings on the two-hectare lot set aside for this purpose, was quite an undertaking. The young trees will be kept in this lot for two years and then they will be transplanted to the forest plots.

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