

Kalmyk ASSR

The foresters of the Kalmyk ASSR are penetrating further and further into the steppe to plant protective forest strips around the pasture lands and reinforce the soils. Workers from the Komsomol'skiy and Yashkul' reclamative afforestation stations have to travel more than 100 kilometres to reach their sections. The reclamative afforestation station decided that there was no point transporting the workers over such distances every day. The Director of the Yashkul' reclamative afforestation station, I. Rezvushkin, took the initiative to obtain some trailers.

Now a real shift-camp operation is underway at the planting sites. The foresters come to live and work near the sections for several days at a time, thus losing no time in travelling.

B.M. Khukhachiev, acting Deputy Minister of Forestry of the Kamyk ASSR, noted that "workers from the two reclamative afforestation stations planted young forests on an area of 2,305 hectares and this is almost half of this spring's target. The temporary camp method has made it possible to make better use of our manpower and to reduce the period of operations which is particularly important during forestry planting operations."

Kalmyk foresters have already completed their campaign, planting young forests on 5,672 hectares. The temporary camp method has been approved by the experts. However, a very basic problem is preventing wider application of the method - the lack of trailers in the Kalmyk ASSR's forestry enterprises. The workers who come to the temporary camps have nowhere to live. One hopes that this