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ACADEMICIAN ARNOLD CHIKOBAVA AS AN EMINENT SCHOLAR AND A PUBLIC FIGURE

Arnold Chikobava was born in the village of Sachikobao of the Senaki province on the 26th of March in 1898.

He was graduated from the Tbilisi State university in 1922. In 1929 he defended his doctoral thesis. In 1941 Arn. Chikobava was elected as the academician of the Acad. Sci. of Georgia. In 1933 Arn. Chikobava established the department of Caucasian languages at the Tbilisi State Univ.. In 1936 he established the department of Caucasian languages of the branch institute of language history and material culture.

In 1933 Arnold Chikobava was elected as the head of the Georgian language department in the newly opened Kutaisi Pedagogical Institute.

Arnold Chikobava was editor-general of the Georgian explanatory dictionary, in Eight Volumes.

Arnold Chikobava wrote many important monographies and text-books in general linguistics and in Ibero-Caucasian linguistics.

Arnold Chikobava was a teacher of many eminent specialists who carry out their scholarly and pedagogical activities in the scientific centres of Caucasia and of various parts of the world.