

Using Movies To Teach

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MORE than 150,000 Oklahoma pupils are now being taught through the regular use of classroom motion pictures.

Four years ago, the figure would have been less than 15,000. The use of motion pictures in teaching has perhaps spread more rapidly in Oklahoma than in any other mid-western state. This development is due, in part, to the existence of the University film library in the Visual Education Department of the Extension Division, and because only nominal service fees are charged for the use of these films.

Five years ago, no one would have thought the very best Hollywood shorts, some in technicolor, would soon be available to Oklahoma classrooms. Now, more than five hundred such films of special educational value have just been released for school use by the Hollywood producing companies through the Teaching Film Custodians of New York. Some of these will be available at the University.

Many new films, produced exclusively for instructional purposes, are also being added to the O.U. film library. The most outstanding films of this group are the Mexican series and the Arts and Crafts series. The three films, "Land of Mexico," "People of Mexico," and "Arts and Crafts of Mexico" are very informative and interesting, supplying us with excellent material on the work, habits and culture of the people and the physical character of the land. The Arts and Crafts films, with the exception of the one mentioned above,

were made in New York City by the public school art teachers. The subjects, *Plastic Art*, *Pottery Making*, and *Metal Craft* are the only first class sound films yet produced for the teaching of public school art.

Other important films included in this new addition are those of the famous Music Master Series produced by James Fitzpatrick. These show incidents from the lives of great musicians, such as, Georges Bizet, George Handel, Johannes Brahms, Stephen Foster and others.

People of the Congo, *Navajo Children*, *Anesthesia*, *Television*, and *Birds of Prey* are other sound films all of such technical excellency that we are proud to exhibit them.

A descriptive list of the new films is now available and may be had free by writing the Visual Education Department, University of Oklahoma.

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Doctors commissioned

Six graduates of the University of Oklahoma Medical School were commissioned recently to the medical divisions of the United States Army and Navy.

In the Army service are Dr. Robert Loughmiller, '37med; Dr. William Vogt, '36med, Fort Hancock, New Jersey; Dr. Kenneth E. Hudson, '38med; and Dr. Harold Vinson, '35med. Two recent graduates, Dr. J. B. Smith, '38med, and Dr. Howell E. Wiggins, '36med, were commissioned in the Navy service.

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These scenes from visual education films on Mexico are typical of many that are available in the University Extension Division film library. The pictures show age-old customs in the setting of meal time in rural Mexico, a gala market day, Mexican weavers at work, and a metal craftsman.