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# TIMS OF THE WEEK

Listing is for readers' information of new 16mm and 8mm films on science, engineering, medicine and agriculture for professional, student and general audiences. For further information on purchase, rental or free loan, write to distributor.

ASSAULT ON LIFE. 16mm, b&w, sound, 50 min. This is a fr.ink questioning examination of some recent advances in biological research, with all its ramifications. A scientist has already fused living human and mouse cells; rabbits' eggs are fertilized in a jar and the same may be done soon for humans. What can this lead to? Not far in the future live the consequences of research being done with DNA. Here the possibilities are staggering, for involved is the power to alter our genetic future as individuals and our evolution as a species. Discusses questions which are being raised by this research, and the possible consequences. Audience: general. Purchase \$300 or rental \$35 from Peter M. Roebuck and Co., 230 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. (Produced by BBC-TV.)

EROSION. 16mm, color, sound, 10½ min. In the southwestern United States, on the Colorado Plateau, are found some of the most spectacular landscapes on earth. How were such landscapes created? Film shows that their distinctive features, like many landforms everywhere, were created by the removal of loose earth material. Moving water, and to a lesser extent wind, are the agents of erosion and the architects of the earth's landscapes. Audience: elementary, junior high. Purchase \$125 from Film Associates, 11559 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025.

THE EVOLUTION OF HANDS. 16mm, color, sound, 10 min. Demonstrates that evolution is a process of slow adaptation and improvement that equips animals to survive in changing natural environments. An initial consideration of human hands and how they help us serves to introduce an in-depth study of gradual adaptations in the "hands" of representative mammals, amphibians, birds and reptiles. Through the comparative examination of prehistoric and living specimens, film shows the slight physical changes that have occurred over thousands of generations to produce such variations as the paw of a dog, hoof of a horse, or the flipper of a sea lion. Audience: intermediate, junior high, Purchase \$120 from Journal Films, 909 W. Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Ill. 60614.

GERM AND CHEMICAL WARFARE. 16mm, b&w, sound, 30 min. Shows actual tests and effects of killer or incapacitating gases, and a simulated attack where two men, by releasing a germ cloud in the air, incapacitated an entire military installation. Raises the disturbing question of the morality of developing such weaponry, and the possible value in deterrent effect through retaliatory capabilities. Scientists in film express their fears that unbridled use could contaminate the land, sea and air of the entire planet. Audience: Health, civil defense, church, and adult groups; high school and college classes. Purchase information from Carousel Films, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1503, New York, N.Y. 10036. (Excerpted from CBS News program "60 Minutes".)

HUMAN REPRODUCTION. 8mm or Supersmm, b&w, silent. Six films on the following subjects: Menstruation; Fertilization; Embryology II—Preparation in the Womb; Embryology III—Development of Bone; Lactation. Purpose of series is to help students recall facts and ideas that have already been presented during the textbook unit on human reproduction. Includes microphotograph and animation. Audience: biology, sex education and family living classes in grade levels upper elementary through senior high. Purchase 8mm \$9.50 each and Super-8mm \$12.50 each from Universal Education and Visual Arts, 221 Park Ave. S., New York, N.Y. 10003.

THE INVERTEBRATES. Super-8mm, color, silent. Forty-two cartridge film loops for studying classification, structure, behavior and ecology. Each loop depicts a living animal in its natural habitat. Structures and processes are examined by various cinematographic techniques. When organized taxonomically, series represents each important class of the major invertebrate phyla: Porifera, Coelenterata, Platyhelminthes, Aschelminthes, Mollusca, Annelida, Arthropoda and Echinodermata. Audience: biology classes. Purchase information from Thorne Films, Dept. NR-5, 1229 University Ave., Boulder, Col. 80302.

LET'S SEE THE ANIMALS. 8mm, color, silent. Twenty-three cartridge loops, 3-4 min. each. About the common animals which the child may see on the farm, at home, or at the zoo. Allows the child to observe more closely the similarities and differences among these animals. Includes common native animals, the camel, the lion, shore birds, land birds, seals, elephants, monkeys, etc. Audience: kindergarten through third grade. Purchase \$20 each or \$415 for the set of 23 from McGraw-Hill Films, Dept. DF, 330 W. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10036

NUCLEAR PROPULSION IN SPACE. 16mm, color, sound 24 min. Illustrates the principle of the nuclear rocket, and the possible future use of such a propulsion system as the third stage of a Saturn rocket. Compares nuclear propulsion to chemical and electric propulsion for space vehicles; shows the development of the nuclear engine; and describes how such a rocket might one day be used in a manned flight to another planet. Audience: general. Free loan information from National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Code FAD, Washington, D.C. 20546.

PERSPECTIVE ON PUGET SOUND. 16mm, color, sound, 27 min. Tells the story of the industrial, agricultural and recreational assets and advances in the Puget Sound area of the state of Washington, with particular emphasis on the city of Everett and the county of Snohomish. Audience: industrial and business persons, students. Free loan from Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development, General Administration Bldg., Olympia, Wash. 98501.

TENNESSEE AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. 16mm, color, sound, 28 min. Shows how the prosperity of Tennessee stems from a program which combines wise use of resources with abundant electric power. Resources aiding the state's growth include forests, water, minerals, soil and people. Many years ago, however, early timber-cutting practices stripped the watersheds of forest cover, causing erosion and flooding. The resurgence of the state's economy is traced to the forming of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which along with other agencies, built dams to harness the rivers. Scenes shown in film include mining, manufacturing and the growth of educational and cultural institutions. Audience: school, civic and scientific groups, and other groups interested in conservation. Free loan from Motion Pictures, Bureau of Mines, 4800 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.

WATER: A FIRST FILM. 16mm, color, sound, 9 min. Water is an important part of our world (with it nothing can live). Where there is little water, the land may be desert for plants and animals cannot live without water. It is very important in our lives. We drink it, cook with it, water our gardens and lawns with it, and fight fires with it. Understanding the importance of water and its uses, as well as how to misuse it, are important concepts for young children. Audience: primary. Purchase \$120 from Film Associates, 11559 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025.

WOOD BENDING: A NEW TWIST. 16mm, color, sound, 13 min. Shows the new process of bending wood by using anhydrous ammonia. Quality furniture makers have long been bending Quality furniture makers have long been bending wood by the heat and moisture process, but with this new method, the bend may be greater and is completely retained by the wood. Also many types of wood which were unsuitable for the heat-moisture process can now be treated with ammonia and bent. Shows how process has been adapted for industrial wood by using gaseous ammonia. Audience: industrial, college, general. Purchase \$150 or rental \$7.50 from International Film Bureau, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60604.

WOOD PLASTIC: A NEW DIMENSION. 16 mm, color, sound, 11½ min. Demonstrates the making of wood plastic by the catalyst-heat system, a process of injecting wood plastic into the air-filled pockets in natural porous wood. Film shows how the usual disadvantages of wood are minimized by this addition of plastic, which increases abrasive resistance and hardness. Also presented is one commercial use of this new material, the manufacture of billiard cues. Audinactic industrial, college, general. Purchase \$135 or rental \$6 from International Film Bureau, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60604.

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