



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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films should catch up to the demand for them. So keep asking—we don't mind the extra correspondence involved and we want you to enjoy the fine films that are available.

HOOTS
FREE FILMS—One of the services which the North Carolina State Library furnishes to the more than 300 public libraries in the state is the free lending of 16 mm films. This activity began in 1952 as an adult film project with emphasis on adult education and entertainment, but between 1966 and 1968 the project was re-evaluated and the focus enlarged. Now there are well over 1,000 films in the collection covering hundreds of subjects from adolescence and zoological gardens, of interest to all age groups. The State Library has just published a handsome new catalog which lists, describes and indexes by subject all the films in the collection at the beginning of this year. Since films are constantly being added, it won't be long before supplements will have to be printed.

The use of these free films has steadily increased over the years with a total of 16,300 showings to an audience of almost half a million people during the past year, 1970-71. Of these, 93 films were borrowed by the libraries in the Pettigrew Region: 56 by Washington County Library in Plymouth, 26 by Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, and 11 by Tyrrell County in Columbia. The total viewing audience in the region was 3,550. Most of these film showings were at Library Story Hours, but the figures also include films we borrowed for various groups to use inside and out of the library.

SCREECHES
TOO POPULAR!—One result of the increased demand for films from the State Library has been to make it harder to get specific titles. Films must be reserved ahead of time, a minimum of three weeks in most cases, and the first choice is not always available. Our solution to this problem for the story hours is to reserve several months in advance but this is not feasible for every user. The other way to cope with the problem is to request a wide range of alternative titles and hope to connect with one or more. We realize it is disappointing not to get the film you want when you want it, but we know you can understand the reasons. The law of supply and demand works slowly, but eventually the supply of

Student Science Class In Progress

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Chowan County fourth, fifth and sixth grade students are now watching 4-H TV science series each Monday at 6:30 P. M. over Channel 2, Columbia.

Classroom teachers are an important partner in the 4-H TV science program. They discuss the material presented with their students each week after students have viewed the program.

The series of TV programs are designed as useful out of class activities around which complementary learning experiences have been developed.

The schedule for the remaining programs are as follows: February 28, "Science of Plants"; March 13, "Science of Physics"; March 20, "Science of Behavior"; March 27, "Science of Microbiology"; April 3, "Science of Meteorology" and April 10, "Science of Chemistry."

The same series of programs can be viewed on Channel 7, Washington, on Saturday mornings at 7:30 o'clock.

Teachers of all schools in the county with fourth, fifth and sixth grade students are taking part in the program.

There are over 500 boys and girls involved altogether.



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