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**Obituary**



**Professor Freeman H. Brown**, 59 years old, Director of the Photographic Laboratory of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division and Chairman of The Department of Photography, died on December 1, 1957, after a short illness.

Professor Brown had been with the Extension Division for 26 years. The formative years of the Photographic Laboratory are a tribute to his painstaking efforts to keep the University abreast of new developments and techniques in the photographic field. Under his quiet but vital leadership his department built a firm tradition of technical excellence and an outstanding record of public service.

Professor Brown was a man of ideas. He was particularly fond of, and adept at, planning and designing new equipment to fill unusual University needs. He was an orderly man who approached a photographic problem with sound preplanning and organization.

He was responsible for initiating and bringing the University of Wisconsin to the forefront in the production of educational motion pictures. One of his first productions, *The Judy Diary* series in 1932 for the Wisconsin State Board of Health, is still in active distribution. He was most interested in lighting, sound recording techniques and acoustics — continually striving to improve and perfect equipment and techniques in the 16mm field. More recently he was involved in experimental work with high-speed photography, materially aiding research in engineering and other fields.

He was trained as an electrical engineer and a teacher. He had a wide range of technical knowledge combined with an insatiable, penetrating curiosity as to how a thing worked, why it worked, and where it could be improved. He combined his technical talents with an attitude of patience and kindness that affected everyone around him. His students were at ease with him — but also inspired, for he was creative as well as efficient in his teaching.

Professor Freeman Brown will be missed. His staff at the Photographic Laboratory, The University, his host of friends all over the United States will always remember him as a man not only dedicated to his work in public service — but a man well worth knowing.—*Walter J. Meives.*

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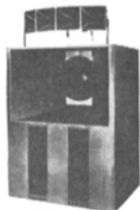
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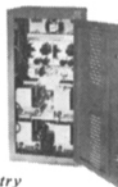
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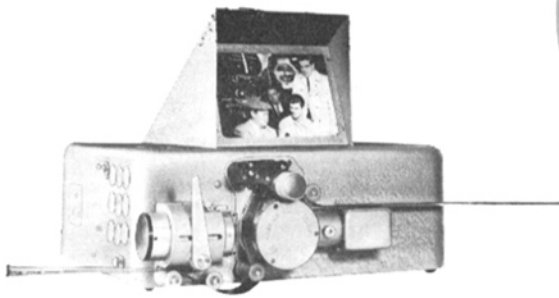
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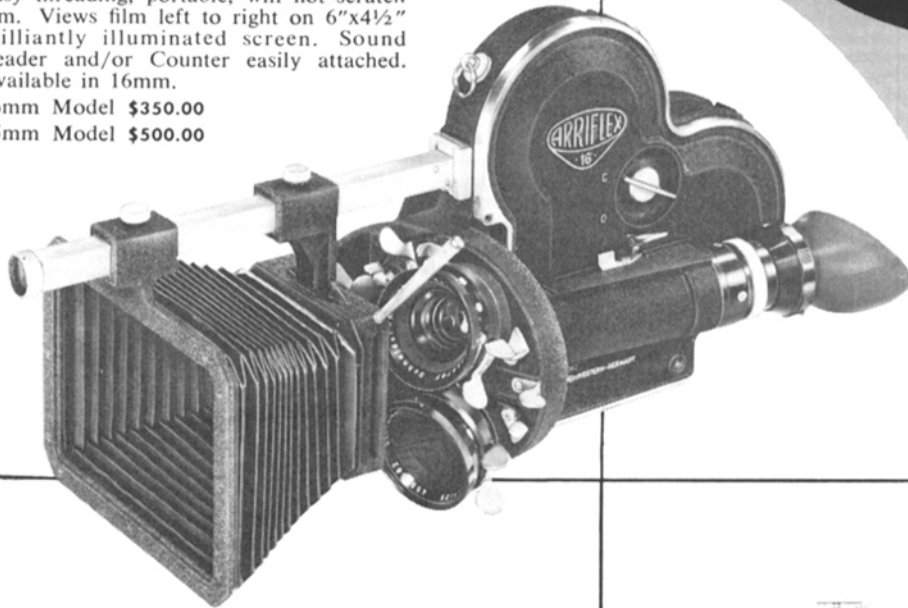
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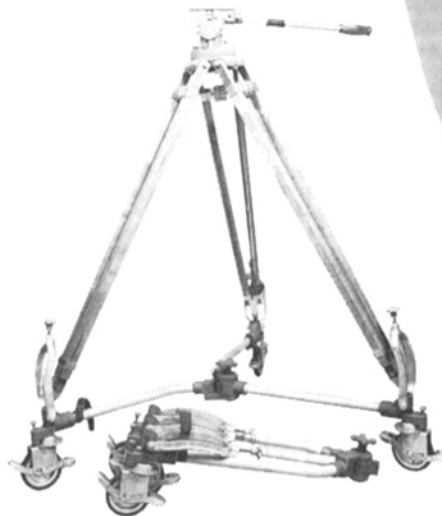
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