

Personal file

October 15, 1940

R. Q. Brewster
1720 Miss. Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Brewster:

I send you herewith copy of a letter I recently sent to G. P. Slade, National Chairman, Committee on New Activities, Society of Mayflower Descendants. He has been a sort of a gadfly all the year trying to get me to do something and finally I sent him the letter above referred to and received his answer a few days ago.

I don't know the membership of the Society well enough to make a selection of someone to give personal attention to this week. You as president, I am sure know all of them by their first names and have that intimate knowledge which would enable you, without difficulty, to lay your finger on just the right man or woman to carry out this work. I would hesitate to ask you to do anything like this if I thought it would entail any effort on your part.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

Genealogy file

GEORGE PAUL SLADE

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

1130 HOSPITAL TRUST BUILDING

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

October 8, 1940.

Mr. W. C. Simons
c/o The Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:-

Thank you for your letter of October 5th.

I am sure from what you write me that you and your publication are doing a great deal for American institutions and American ideals and I can readily realize that you do not have the time to bother with the details of a program for your Society of Mayflower Descendants. At the same time I feel that one, such as you, who must have a broad grasp of present day conditions is especially needed in the position to which your State Society of Mayflower Descendants elected you.

I am wondering if there is not someone in your State Society whom you could appoint to your committee who might have the time for some of the detail work under your advisory supervision. I am impressed with the fact that the more activities and pronouncements there are upon any given subject, the greater the effect thereof, and if your State Society could carry out some projects under some of the activities, even though they may be to some extent repetitions of what you are carrying on with your excellent publication, I feel the added impingement of such activities under the auspices of your State Society of Mayflower Descendants would be useful. If the membership of your State Society is small, this might necessarily limit the number of projects which your State Society undertakes under the various activities, although I have observed that even in the larger Societies the effective work is generally done by two or three persons who have the interest and enthusiasm to accomplish things.

May I, therefore, suggest you consider the possibility of appointing someone to your committee to take the burden of any detail work in order that your State Society may have a program of activities?

Cordially yours,

GP Slade

GPS/M

National Chairman, Committee on New Activities

Genealogy file

October 5, 1940

Mr. George Paul Slade
General Society of Mayflower Descendants
1130 Hospital Trust Building
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Slade:

When nominated for the office, given me at the Mayflower meeting, I requested that I be not elected, but I was assured that my work would largely be in an advisory capacity.

Inasmuch as we publish the Journal-World of Lawrence, which is an intensely patriotic paper supporting Willkie and American ideals, I feel that as an individual member of the Society I am doing all that I can and doubtless by reason of the circulation of our paper, I am probably doing individually thru the paper more than I could accomplish in working thru the small active membership of the Society. If you feel that I am not doing enough I should be very happy to have you tell me and I shall place my resignation in the hands of the President to make room for someone who doubtless could do it better.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM

General Society of Mayflower Descendants

1130 Hospital Trust Building
Providence, R.I.

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SECRETARY GENERAL
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420 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY
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October 1, 1940

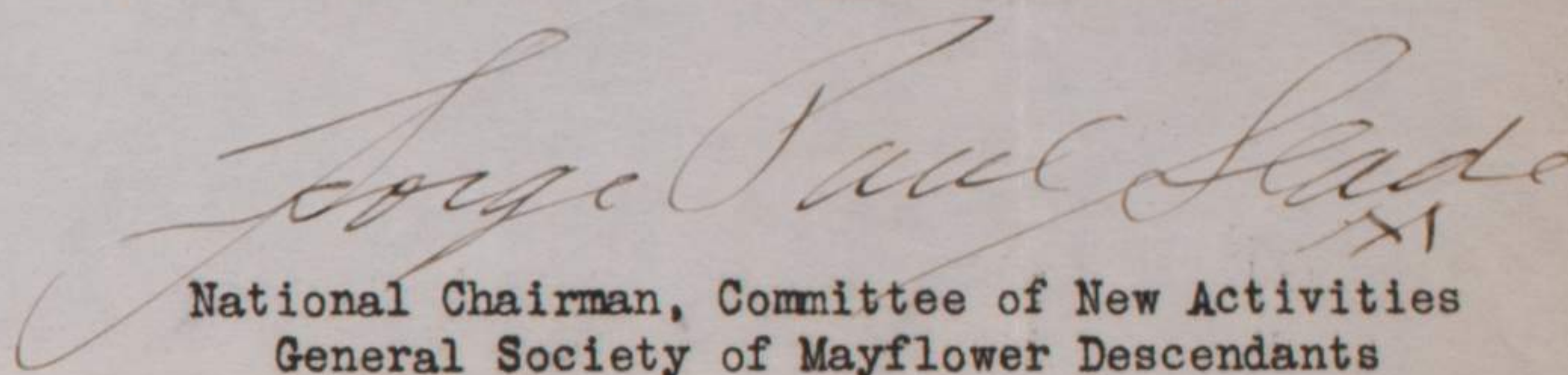
To the State Chairmen of New Activities:-

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be held in New York this fall and at that time I shall desire to present to the Board a composite picture of what the various State Societies are doing along the lines of New Activities. If you have not already sent me a full report on your program for New Activities, will you please send me by October 10th your complete program for the coming year, showing which of the approved activities your State Society will be active in carrying out and what the particular projects under each activity will be.

In talking with the Chairman for New Activities of one of the State Societies recently the view was expressed that since other patriotic societies were doing things along the lines of most of our activities the Chairman thought the Mayflower Society for his State did not need to undertake an active program. It seems to me that this is the wrong attitude. Subversive forces speak through the many mouths of various committees, leagues and other so-called independent agencies to insure the success of their program by the repeated impingement of announcements and actions under the names of these different leagues, committees and societies. Therefore, all the more should the Mayflower Society add its weight to what is being carried on by other patriotic and genealogical societies in order that the utmost in results may be achieved along the lines of the perfectly proper activities which the Mayflower Society has approved and which are calculated to maintain and promote American institutions and ideals. There is also the further thought that by participating in such activities your local State Society will keep the interest of its present members, will attract new members, and will make the public come to look upon the State Society as a vitalizing force in the community rather than as a group living in the past.

Wake up, Chairmen! Lay out an extensive program of projects under the various Activities which interest your State Society, and let us carry forward with an intensive and extensive program during the coming year.

Please let me have a full report or such further report as is needed in addition to what you have previously reported to me by October 10th.


National Chairman, Committee of New Activities
General Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Harry Fraublen
Johnson Jr

Mother

Dorothea Ann
Simonis-Johnson
W C Simonis

Jennie Rexie Gowdy - S.
Collins Gowdy

Descendants of James Gowdy

Enfield, Conn., 1752

THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL REUNION

Saturday, August 3, 1940

At Home of Willard Gowdy, East Wallop Section, Enfield, Conn.



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Each family *bring sandwiches* enough for own needs. Salads, cakes, etc., also coffee and cold drink, will be provided by local members of the Union.

No charge for luncheon, but collection will be taken for expenses.

BUSINESS MEETING, 2 P. M.

GAMES FOR YOUNG FOLKS. Ellen Foster Sharp, Matilda Sutherland and Louis R. Gowdy, committee.

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General Society of Mayflower Descendants

~~HENRY MURRAY~~
~~SECRETARY GENERAL~~
~~120 LEXINGTON AVE. NEW YORK CITY~~
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1130 Hospital Trust Building
Providence, R.I.

Aug. 31, 1940

To State Chairman for New Activities:-

I hope the ending of the summer season finds you refreshed and ready to pursue an extensive program of activities for your State Society.

The more activities, of a public service nature, your State Society can engage in, the more the public will come to appreciate the Society of Mayflower Descendants. The more members you can interest in participating in your program the more your members will value and show continued and increased interest in the Society. It would seem there are very distinct possibilities in a through going program of activities.

If you have not already laid out a complete program for the coming year, may I ask you proceed to do so at once.

George Paul Blade
National Chairman New Activities

Soe
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

June 15, 1940

My flower
Mr. W. C. Simons
The Lawrence Daily Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your note of the 11th is at hand. I am writing to our secretary, Mrs. Jones, at Topeka to see if we could finance the distribution of leaflets such as the one enclosed in your letter. Our treasury is not very full and I doubt whether we could afford the expense for postage. It appears to be a very worthy object and one which we should investigate. Patriotism and the ability to fly a bombing plane seem to be very essential qualities nowadays.

Sincerely yours,

R. Q. Brewster
R. Q. Brewster.

RQB/cv

June 11, 1940

Ray Q. Brewster, President,
Kansas Society of Mayflower Descendants,
1720 Miss. Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Brewster:

I am sending on to you some literature just received from the National Chairman of New Activities of our Society.

If you believe it would be a good thing to have a distribution of the circular containing a copy of the COMPACT among the schools of the state, it might be wise for you to try to ascertain thru the state superintendent if such a list is available, the number of circulars required and the amount it would be necessary to use for stamps. If our state society has the money to spend for stamps and would like to spend it in this way, it might be helpful.

Certainly now is the time to try to teach patriotism, something which has been rather unpopular with the present national administration.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM

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H. G. MURRAY
SECRETARY GENERAL
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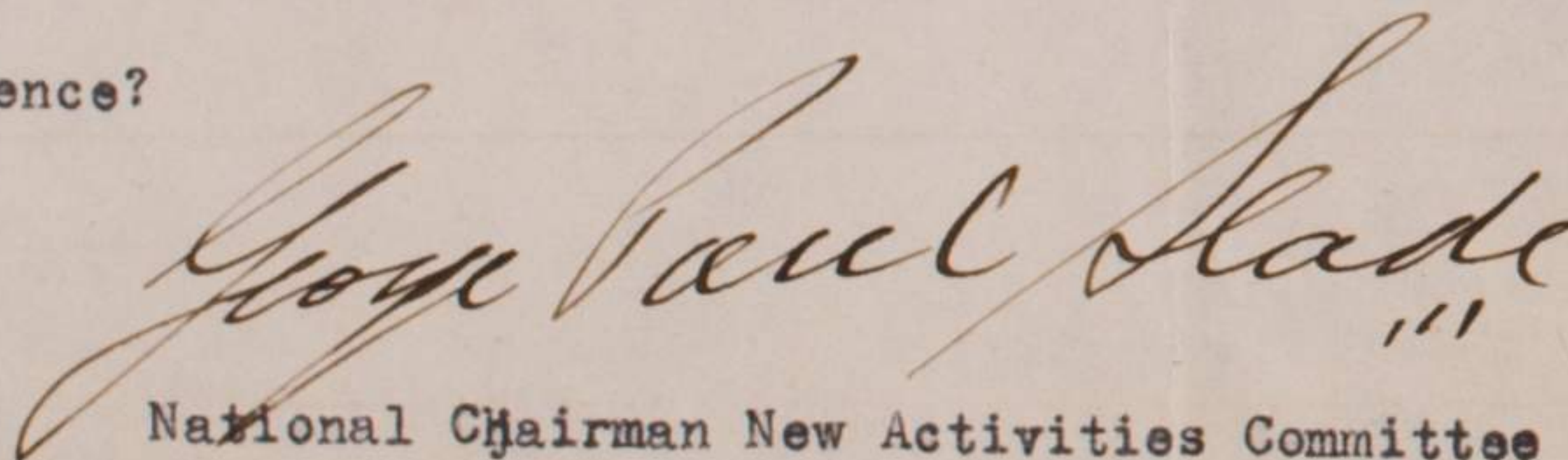
May 1, 1940

To State Chairmen For New Activities:-

One possible activity for your Society would be observance of Constitution Day, September 17th. next. Some Societies have done this by purchasing and distributing among pupils of High Schools in their area copies of "The Key to the Constitution of the United States", put forth by the National Constitution Day Committee and may be obtained in numbers at small cost by applying to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Francis Clay Harley, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass. Of course the co-operation of school authorities should be obtained and the number of copies which can be profitably used definitely ascertained. This ground work should be laid this Spring and copies ordered, that distribution be completed by Sept. 17th., which in most states will be shortly after the schools open in the Fall. It is perhaps unnecessary to add you, of course, will not commit yourself financially in such a connection beyond the resources of your Society available for this purpose.

Read your Mayflower Quarterly. Information concerning activities of the various state societies and suggestions which may prove of value to you may be found therein from time to time.

Will those of you who have not done so, please expedite the completion of formulation of a program for your society under the various Activities and advise me thereof at your early convenience?


National Chairman New Activities Committee

General Society of Mayflower Descendants

1130 Hospital Trust Bldg.
Providence, R. I.

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H. G. MURRAY
SECRETARY GENERAL
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420 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY
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April 1, 1940

To the State Chairmen for New Activities:-

For the benefit of those State Societies which have not yet formulated their program for New Activities I am setting forth herein certain suggestions for projects, under the various activities which are being carried out by some of our State Societies, or which might prove worth considering. I am also listing under Miscellaneous certain activities being carried on by some of our State Societies but which do not seem to fit under any particular activity.

In the case of those State Societies which have not yet advised me of their program I hope you will report in the near future, setting forth what your program will be.

I Pilgrim Anniversaries

Observe Compact Day Meeting - Nov. 21.
Read Compact in Schools.
Thanksgiving.
Forefathers Day - Dec. 21.
Replica of Mayflower.
Arrange programs in churches and schools for observance of Pilgrim anniversaries.

II Crime Prevention

Support public authorities.
Arouse public sentiment.
Secure non-partisan, efficient prosecuting officers.

III Immigration

No ignorant alien, or immigrant hold public office.
Assimilate those already here.
Arouse public sentiment against admitting undesirables.

IV World Peace

Armament for Defense Only.
Renunciation of War as an instrument of national policy.

V American Flag

Urge members to display American Flag on all Holidays.
Pledge to the Flag at each meeting.
Consider the American Flag as symbol of American Ideals.
Each State Society display American Flag at its meetings.
Honor the American Flag. Prevent desecration.

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VI Selfish Raids on United States Treasury

Arouse public opposition to.

VII Public Morals

Stamp out gambling, raffles, lottery.
Fight block-booking system for movies.

VIII Preservation of American Ideals

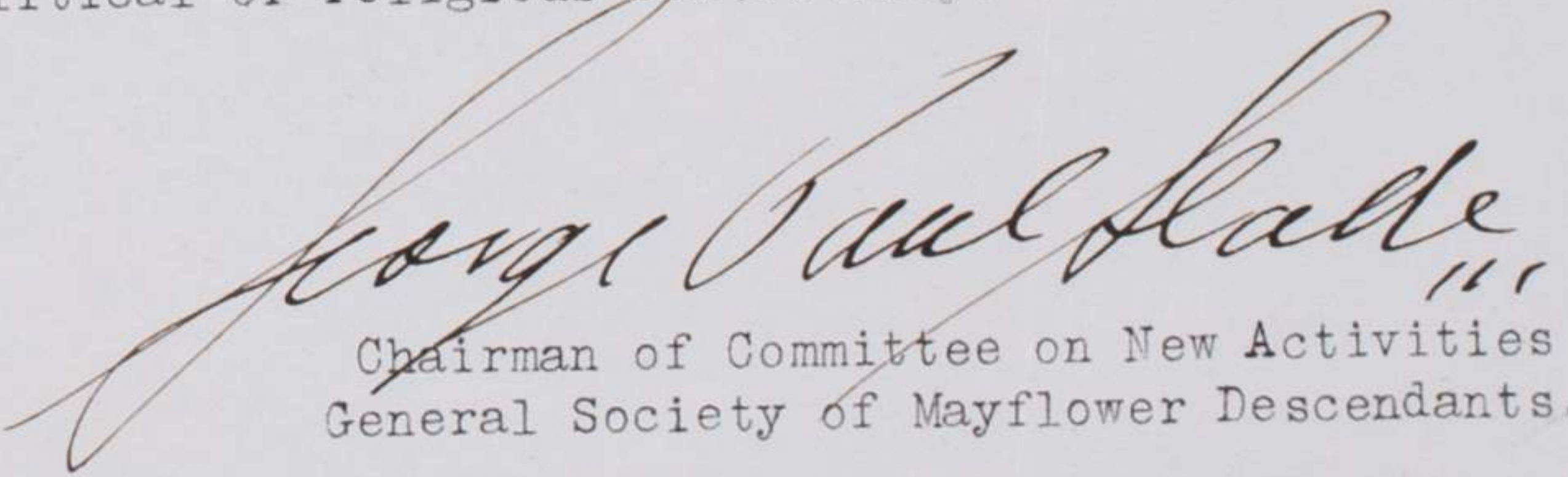
Americanism - Open meeting and speaker, forum, reading room
on historical, patriotic and Americanism subjects.
Joint meetings with other patriotic societies.
Medal for "best student citizen" in each of four high schools.
Enlightened understanding of American Ideals.
Vigilance against undermining American Ideals.

IX Teaching American History

Authenticate, preserve and mark historic spots.
Constitution Day - September 17.
(Key to the Constitution)
Compact Day - November 21.
Moving pictures and slides.
Refugee Education.
Support Cavalcade of America and other good Radio Programs.
Prizes for Historical Essays.
See proper type of text books used in schools.

Miscellaneous

Exhibit of historical articles to members; to public.
Publicity Notices in social columns of newspapers
re meetings and activities.
Roll call of Pilgrim Ancestors at each meeting.
Cup to resident of State writing best book.
Assist the blind.
Educate mountaineer boy.
Scholarship.
Liason other patriotic societies.
Local radio talks.
Informal teas for present (and prospective) members.
Contact with members not attending meetings - especially
before Xmas.
Avoid political or religious controversy.


Chairman of Committee on New Activities
General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

March 6, 1940

Mr. George Paul Slade,
Chairman of New Activities,
General Society of Mayflower Descendants,
1130 Hospital Trust Building,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

In accepting the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee, I was informed that I would be expected to support legislation that we favored and to try to defeat any measures that were deemed subversive. I cannot take the time to beat the bushes to find out what new activities we may stir up in Kansas.

You are doubtless aware that a majority of our members are no longer young and I think it would be unwise for us to seek to be a dominant force in the state; rather a steadying force.

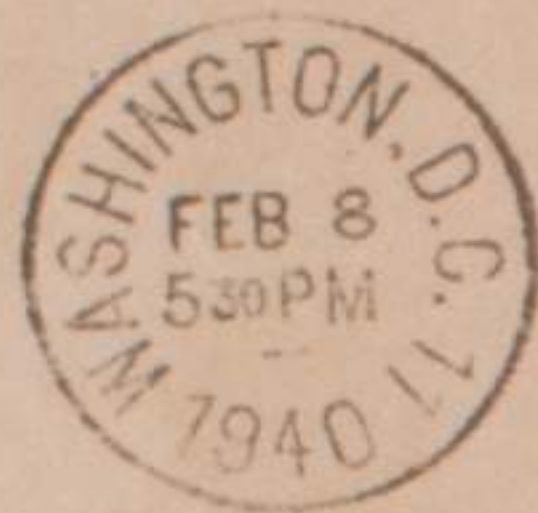
I wrote letters to our Congressmen and Senators sometime back in regard to Senate Bill No. 1650 and found that it did not have a Chinaman's chance of being enacted. At least that was the opinion of our Senators.

Now if this sort of a stand is not fully satisfactory to the Society you may have my resignation and continued good will at any time you want it.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM

M. J. Farn
Meppewa Inc.
5330 Colorado Ave.
Washington D.C.



Mr. Wilfred Collins Seniors,
2500 Vermont St.,
Lawrence,
Kansas.

CLYDE M. REED
KANSAS

ENROLLED BILLS
INTERSTATE COMMERCE
MANUFACTURES
MINES AND MINING
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1940

Mr. Dolph Simons, Business Manager
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

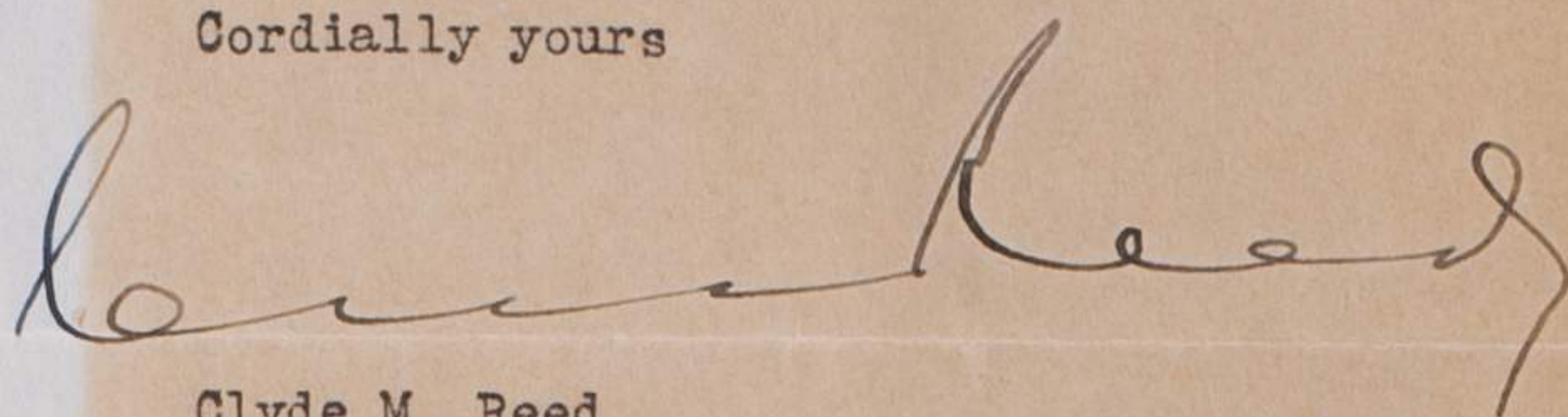
Dear Dolph:

I have yours of February 6 about Senate Bill 1650
introduced by Senator Lee.

I think you are taking the matter too seriously.
According to my best information, there is no chance of
the bill being passed.

With my best wishes, I am

Cordially yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clyde M. Reed", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke across the middle.

Clyde M. Reed.

CMR:cf

REPORT OF JOHN B. TREVOR

*President of the American Coalition
to the annual meeting, January 31, 1940, Hotel Willard*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It is my duty and privilege, as President of the American Coalition, to submit for your consideration a report of the operations of our society during the past year.

I wish to preface my remarks by extending the thanks of the Coalition to all the officers and to all the members of the Executive Committee and to all Chairmen and members of Special Committees of the Coalition, for their most helpful and cordial cooperation in carrying out the policies prescribed for us by the Board at our last annual meeting.

It seems to me that it should be a matter of particular gratification to the members of this Board, that four bills dealing with immigration and the alien problem generally in the United States were passed by the House of Representatives. I refer specifically to H. R. 4860, introduced by Congressman Dempsey, of New Mexico; H. R. 5138, introduced by Congressman Smith, of Virginia; H. R. 5843, introduced by Congressman Hobbs, of Alabama; and, last but certainly not least, H. R. 6724, introduced by Congressman Starnes of Alabama.

✓ Mr. Starnes' bill, H. R. 6724, was reported out favorably by the Senate Committee and passed. Unfortunately, some Senators felt constrained to introduce amendments, of a more or less minor character, to be sure; but, nevertheless, amendments which inure solely to the benefit of undesirable aliens in the United States. That is to say, amendments calculated to make it more difficult to expel a class of people, to whom this Government and our people are under no obligation, whatsoever, to show any consideration.

✓ Senate Bill 409, introduced by Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina, has been reported by the Senate Committee on Immigration. This bill carries the same number as a bill introduced by Senator Reynolds, but so changed in its character as to compel Senator Reynolds to take the position that, if it is called up for action, he will feel constrained to oppose its enactment with all the vigor at his command.

✓ Senate Bill 409, as the Committee reported it, purports to suspend immigration but does not suspend it. This bill would place certain classifications of relatives of aliens lawfully admitted to the United States in a non-quota class; that is to say, an element, which now is only entitled to second preference for application for quota visas, would have all numerical restriction upon their entry abolished.

This bill also grants discretionary power to the President to nullify the suspension of immigration in respect to certain quota immigrants, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of State. No such power should ever be granted, in my opinion, to any executive officer to nullify the provisions of a law to a degree which amounts to partial

abdication of legislative control by Congress over immigration.

Finally, the bill includes the substance of the Wagner-Rogers Resolution to admit some 20,000 refugee children from Germany. In view of the fact that the Coalition has taken action on all measures calculated to break down the system of restriction on immigration by quota limitations, it is not necessary to discuss this feature of S. 409 in detail. Suffice it to say, the bill now before the Senate should be beaten, and I call upon the representatives of societies here present, and their friends, to take appropriate action in the premises. On the other hand, Senator Reynolds has introduced a substitute bill, S. 3201, which should have your wholehearted support.

I feel sure that I voice the sentiment of all the patriotic societies assembled in this convention when I condemn without reservation or qualification the report submitted to the Secretary of Labor by Dean Landis of the Harvard Law School on the case of Harry Bridges. Our Second Vice President in commenting on this report in a letter to the New York Herald-Tribune referred to a quotation which I am constrained to repeat at this point: "The law," said Bentham, "is the science of being methodically ignorant of what everybody knows."

The most serious effort to influence public policy in which the Coalition participated during the course of the past year, was in connection with the movement to repeal the embargo on shipments of arms to belligerents in the present conflict now raging in Europe. In order that there may be no misunderstanding regarding our position in this matter, let me state, the American Coalition has always been emphatically opposed to the involvement of the United States in war, but, while holding firmly to this position, it was always the opinion of your officers that the Neutrality Law as it was drafted constituted a greater danger to America's involvement in foreign controversies, then a protection against such an eventuality.

On April 14th of last year, I appeared before the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in reference to a series of neutrality bills then pending. Copies of my analysis of these measures and comments thereon having been distributed at that time to the members of the Board of Directors, it is unnecessary to review the situation as it then existed. No action was taken by Congress at that session, but I think it is safe to say that the record amply substantiates the misgivings which we had at the time of the enactment of the first neutrality law. This law provided that whenever there should be an outbreak of war between foreign nations, the President should proclaim the fact, and, then, it would be unlawful to do certain acts set forth in detail under the statute. In spite of the clear intent of the law, a state of war has existed in Asia for a prolonged period, but the President has never proclaimed the fact, with the result that the Neutrality Law has been, to a great extent, a dead letter; but, even

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worse than that, when the situation in Europe reached a point which compelled a recognition of a state of war, the President called for a repeal of the embargo on the shipment of arms to the belligerents, as provided for in the statute. Now, the fact of the matter is, that during the first World War, the Department of State took the position, fully sustained by international precedent, that any change in the Neutrality Law after the outbreak of hostilities would be a breach of American neutrality; nevertheless, the President forced the issue, and it is now a matter of history, that the embargo was repealed although hostilities were in progress. It is my opinion that the Administration has been unneutral; it has placed our Nation in a position where it might on a number of occasions have been brought to a state of war and unless more caution is shown in the future, we may well be drawn into war.

In pursuance of authority conferred upon me at the last annual meeting and at subsequent meetings of the Executive Committee, I threw the weight of our influence against the repeal of the embargo. Inasmuch as the embargo was repealed, we lost that battle, but, in a sense, I feel that the opponents of the repeal attained a very great measure of success not only through the educational campaign which brought home the danger of war to the American people, but also through the circumstance that it compelled the proponents of repeal to take a very definite and positive position, that they were so acting to keep the United States out of war. That is a position that they can never deny even though it is a position, I think, based on unsound premises.

I feel sure it is the sense of all the delegates to this convention that no one should profit, financially or politically, through the circumstance that the United States may be compelled to engage in war. At our last annual convention the Board passed a strong resolution against legislation which would permit the President, upon Congress assenting to the fact that an emergency exists, to assume dictatorial powers for the mobilization and socialization of our resources preparatory to the outbreak of war.

Senate Bill 1650, now on the Senate Calendar as Document Number 474, providing for the purposes set forth in the preceding paragraph, has been covered by releases of the American Coalition which have been sent to all constituent organizations, to Congress and to the public generally. A great many thousand

copies of one release on this bill have been bought and paid for by interested persons in various parts of the United States; it is understood that a publication with a wide circulation among farming people in the Mid-West, reprinted it in full.

I call this to your attention now because S. 1650 may be called up for action at any moment. Obviously if a war crisis should develop, there is grave danger that, in the hysteria of such a moment, the measure might pass and our economic system be thrown into chaos when we need the strength of the Nation to fight our external enemies.

So much for our activities in the past. Now a word as to the future.

It seems to me that it is incumbent on the Coalition to take the most definite and positive action against the involvement of the United States in war. Our foreign policy appears to me fantastic, haphazard and unrealistic. This is not the place to deal with these matters in detail. It is my understanding that the Resolutions Committee will submit for consideration by the Board at this meeting, a series of resolutions dealing comprehensively with all the matters which have been discussed in this report.

In the event that these resolutions are acted upon favorably, or in so far as they are acted upon favorably, permit me to urge you to arouse the membership of the organizations you represent and the public at large in the communities from which you come, to a realization of the fact that every citizen of the United States is a part of the Government itself. Furthermore, it is the duty of every citizen not only to select suitable candidates for high public office, but also to make known their views as to the policies which in your judgment should be pursued by the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal Government and the several States. It is only by the mobilization of public opinion in support of the policies which you may endorse, that patriotic Americans can combat the insidious and sinister programs of organizations inspired by subversive ideologies, or by foreign governments, or by both.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the constituent organizations in the American Coalition for the noble support they have rendered to our common cause in the past and I hope it is a good augury for the future.

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March 1, 1940

TO THE STATE CHAIRMEN FOR NEW ACTIVITIES:-

Most of the State Societies have appointed their Chairmen for New Activities, many have appointed entire Committees and there is every indication excellent results will be accomplished.

The particular activities which appeal most to any given State Society and the lines along which they will be pursued are primarily matters for each State Chairman or Committee, to decide in the light of the interests of the membership of the particular State Society and of the opportunities of service which exist or may be developed.

I ask that you formulate a definite program, if you have not already done so, deciding which of the Nine Activities your State Society will emphasize and what projects you will carry on under these Activities. When you have done so, will you please inform me of your program.

Please free to call on me for advice or assistance. but primarily each State Society should work out its own program.

I shall look forward to learning your program.

Very truly yours

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February 1, 1940

To the State Chairmen for New Activities:-

One of the subjects which was referred to my committee at the meeting of the Board of Assistants of the General Society, held at New York in December, was the subject of motion pictures commemorating the Pilgrims. Such activity would not only make the Society of Mayflower Descendants better known, if various State Societies sponsored such activity, but at the same time would be in line with our 9th activity of teaching American history, and would assist in vitalizing in the students' minds a very important subject in American history.

I find that the Yale University Film Service has produced a three reel silent motion picture entitled "The Pilgrims" which takes about 45 minutes to show and from a recent viewing of same I can say is thoroughly worth while. I was interested to find that the Providence Public School Department owns four copies of this film, which enables it to show it to every pupil in Grade 5-B and also to every pupil in Grade 8-B about the time when these pupils are studying this particular topic in American history. Some of the State Societies might care to purchase (lease) a set of this film, together with the license of showing it before such State Society and in the schools of an agreed upon community in case they find certain school departments do not have this film and might care to use same. The cost on this basis is stated by the Yale University Press Film Service of 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City, to be \$150. Another possibility is to rent same on a per diem basis from the Association of School Film Libraries, Inc., located in the Time & Life Building, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, which I understand rents out this and other films to school departments on a moderate rental basis. This is the only moving picture film of the Pilgrims that I have been able to locate. Apparently none of the producers contemplate producing a talkie of this subject and the cost of producing one ourselves would seem to make it unwise to contemplate such action.

There are also slides for stereopticon use, which I understand are approved by many school departments. The same Yale University Press Film Service has a considerable number of these concerning the Pilgrims and other subjects which I am informed are quite worth while and which may be purchased in color for \$1.25 each or in sepia for 75 cents each with a discount for large numbers.

Slides which are very well spoken of are put out by Photographic History Service, located at 5546 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. These are \$8.25 plus express charge for a unit of