

# General Society of Mayflower Descendants

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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