

transfer of records to the Department. This was an important step, but only the first step.

It is hoped that the wisdom and vision which provided for the creation of a division of the public archives in 1906 will also provide the necessary means for a continued efficient and adequate administration of the public archives of the state in the years ahead.

THE PUBLIC'S DIARY

Since a good newspaper is a public diary of the happenings in a given community, like all diaries, it should be well preserved. Of great interest, therefore, to students, scholars, librarians and the public generally of not only Iowa, but of the middle west, is the recent decision of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Company to begin making a complete microfilm record of their morning REGISTER, the evening TRIBUNE, and the SUNDAY REGISTER, commencing with the month of July, 1941.

The microfilm process is a photographic method of reproducing a given record upon a narrow strip of special "movie" film. In the case of newspapers, a strip 35 mm. wide is used. After the positive is made from the original negative, the film may be shown in a "reader" and viewed as the user may require. Such a film will last as long as the best of rag paper, and probably longer, since the film when placed in the "reader" is not touched at all by the hands of those who use it.

All persons or institutions interested in obtaining a copy or print of the film of any of these papers should consult the company.

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