

library in preserving war records. Other bulletins are in preparation.

Continued additions to World War II popular sheet music have been made during the past quarter, supplementing the collection begun with the first week of Pearl Harbor. This material, assembled for the Iowa War Records Commission division, already surpasses in size the collection made of the first world war music.

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WITH THE RELAXATION OF STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR delayed birth certificates in recent months, the Public Archives Division has witnessed a marked lessening in the rush for certifications of the census record. Efforts are now being made to complete an indexing and cataloging of the archival material which accumulated during the rush of census certification demands. This new index will supplant the earlier C. C. Stiles' index and bring up to date the accessioning and cataloging of the state records.

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THROUGH THE COURTESY OF MR. JAMES T. CRAIG, THE Newspaper Division has been presented by the Fred Robinson Estate with a complete file of the *Oelwein Daily Register* from 1906 to date.

A valuable addition to the files of the early newspapers in the Department has been made in the production of a microfilm of the *Iowa Sun and Davenport and Rock Island News*, 1838-1842, published in Davenport, Iowa. There is now available for the first time in the state a complete file in one place of all the known issues of this important paper, obtained from Davenport, Des Moines, and Washington, D. C. Plans are being formulated for similar projects on other early Iowa newspapers. The Department is anxious to begin microfilming the state papers in the "wood pulp era," which were at their worst between 1885 and the first World War. These papers have deteriorated rapidly during the past year due to the extra handling given them by persons in search of vital statistical records necessary to validate certificates filed with the Iowa State Board of Health.

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