

defense, and all proclamations and reports of the city and county boards so far as they relate to war activities. Also a complete roster is being made of every man who enters the service from this state. Each local war history committee is preparing a roll of all the men from their county who go into any kind of military or naval service, and this will become the permanent roster of Wisconsin's heroes in this Great War.

The reports of all public meetings held in the county for war purposes, such as club meetings, labor unions, social and professional organizations; a record of all civilian war work and relief work, such as sewing for the soldiers, knitting and sending supplies to the men in the service, providing for their dependents; all these records are being collected and placed in the war history collection. Also reports on the economic and industrial material of each local community, including price lists, advertisements, market quotations, bank statements, financial statements of local factories, mills, stores, and industrial corporations, as they are affected by the war, are gathered and become a part of the collection.

An effort is being made to secure a complete file of every newspaper in each county, beginning with April 6, 1917 and running on through to the end of the war, and have them bound, and placed in the war history collection. Several of the county committees are making a card index of every item appearing in their local papers, pertaining to their county's activity in the war.

The most recent drive undertaken by the Wisconsin War History Commission is that of enlisting the cooperation of all photographers throughout the state in an effort to build up a great pictorial war collection. A circular letter, addressed to the five hundred and more photographers in Wisconsin, requesting them to supply us with a print of every war picture and photograph taken in their community, has already brought a generous response. Others will follow in great number.

At this writing (June 20, 1918) all but six counties have got their war history committees organized and on the job. It is expected that every county in the state will be engaged in this work within the next few weeks. It is our hope that when the day of peace comes every county in Wisconsin will have on file a complete record of all the war activities in which it participated during this epoch making period. This will be the most lasting and the most valuable contribution that the non-combatants can make to the future history of our state.