

Abe Lincoln collection

## Rare books donated

Love Library recently received a rare gift—a 110-book collection on Abraham Lincoln, according to Kathy Johnson, librarian in charge of rare books and special collections.

The books are the gift of Marvin E. Cruse, of Waukegan, Ill. Formerly of Hastings, he was a reporter for The Lincoln Journal in the late 1940s.

Cruse had an interest in Abraham Lincoln and the approximately 110 books were from Cruse's personal collection, Johnson said.

Thirty-two books from the Cruse collection have been placed in the rare book room on the second level of Love Library, Johnson said. She said the others will be shelved in the stacks.

Johnson said the books from the Cruse collection were contemporary accounts of Lincoln or of current issues during Lincoln's life and were published before 1865.

The oldest book from the Cruse collection is "The African Slave Trade," published in 1792. Another volume, Johnson said, is "Results of Emancipation" by Austin Cochin, which was published in 1864 by Walker, Wise and Co.

### Book values vary

Johnson said she had no idea of the monetary value of the gift.

"Rare is a relative term," she said, "and a book that is valuable to one person may not be valuable to another."

According to Johnson, there is quite a variety of books in the rare book room. The collection has several Willa Cather books, including one with her signature, Johnson said.

Johnson said books included in the collection are first editions of important authors, limited editions of nicely printed books, fine press books, very old books and editions that are examples of the bookmaker's art.

"First editions are important because in most cases the author could oversee the printing and the book is done exactly as the author wanted it done," Johnson said.

### Rare books luxury

Rare books don't have high priority in most libraries, Johnson said, because they are a luxury. She added that there was more money spent in the '30s and '40s for rare books than there is now.

The literature section is the largest section of the rare book collection, Johnson said.

Books housed in the room are designated as such in the card catalogue, Johnson said. Students should check at the Information Desk on second floor for access to the room. Students must leave their ID card with the librarian and use the book only in the library, Johnson said.

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