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Don Gray, University of Minnesota, Morris Librarian and his secretary, Mrs. Delroy Mathison, the former Elizabeth Torgelson, are pictured above with the books presented to the UMM library by Theodore C. Blegen, retiring Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Minnesota. All the books in the foreground are part of the Blegen collection. Mr. Gray and Mrs. Mathison are examining a book as they proceed with the cataloging and processing of the collection in preparation for the opening of college classes in September.

The collection of books given by Dean Blegen includes several important features. There are several books published by the University of Minnesota Press; numerous older standard works in history that would otherwise be difficult to obtain and are very valuable in a college library. Of primary importance are back issues of two useful history journals, The American Historical Review and the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Both journal sets are almost complete back to 1920. With the aid of such initial acquisitions as these, satisfactory progress is being made in the assembling of a basic library collection for the freshmen work at the University of Minnesota, Morris.