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FELLOW EDUCATORS:

I know we are all looking forward to what the year 1938 may hold for educational progress. And I know that we all hope it may hold some far-reaching improvements. That is one of the values of a New Year -- to look forward to improvement over the old.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE:

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The Annual Report of the Secretary of the Interior for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1937, is off the press and copies are available upon request (as long as the supply lasts) from the Publications Section, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. Copies are also for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Price, 50 cents.

In his letter of transmittal of the Report to the President, among other important statements, the Secretary says:

"The increase in secondary school enrollments for the first time brought high-school graduates to more than a million for the fiscal year.

"Among the significant trends noted in rural education was the abandonment of a large number of one-teacher schools in favor of larger centralized schools. The number of one-teacher schools has been reduced by 10,169 in four years. During the same period the number of rural schools offering high-school work was increased by 883, or 5.3 percent, but the number of children attending high schools in rural communities was increased 764,513 pupils, or 53.2 percent. The increase in the number of consolidated schools was due to the construction program of the Public Works Administration.

"The salary scale of rural teachers was less encouraging. During the 4-year period rural teachers' salaries were cut approximately 20 percent while those of city teachers were cut about 10 percent.

"The Office of Education reports a steady improvement in conditions in higher education. Full-time enrollments were up 6.5 percent and total enrollments increased 7.5 percent. Salaries in most colleges and universities were restored to normal levels."

LIBRARY SERVICE DIVISION STAFF:

The new Library Service Division of the Office of Education now has a staff of four professional members, to develop and promote improved library service in schools and public libraries throughout the country. This staff is under the direction of Ralph McNeal Dunbar, who is the newly-appointed Chief of the Division. The establishment of this Division is a stride forward in educational services.