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CHARLESTON, IL--More than 250 persons attended a rural education conference Friday at Eastern Illinois University. Theme of the conference was "Rebuilding Education in Illinois: Developing an Agenda for the Future."

Keynote speaker was Dr. Joseph Newlin, Executive Secretary of the Rural Education Association. His topic was "'Quo Vadis?' Whither Goest Rural and Small Community Schools?"

The commissioner of education in Minnesota, Dr. Ruth Randall, addressed a luncheon session on "Rural Education: Past, Present, and Future."

Conference objectives included:

To emphasize that students in rural and small community schools are often denied equal opportunity and that equity for these learners may often consist of preparing them to meet the changing conditions of both rural and nonrural societies;

To offer sessions that reflect the importance of technology and telecommunications for rural and small community schools;

And, to demonstrate that talent development is the result of a dynamic curriculum with related activities.

Concurrent sessions relating to the objectives of the conference were held in the University Union.

Sponsors of the conference were five educational service centers, superintendents of educational service regions, the Illinois State Board of Education, and Eastern.