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REGINA, JAN. 6 - "New Trends in Elementary Education" is the theme of a conference on elementary education to be held at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17.

Educators from the four western provinces will participate in the conference, which will include the presentation of papers, demonstrations and group discussions.

Professor W.J. Hromyk, conference chairman, said the purpose of the meeting is to familiarize teachers, school superintendents, home and school representatives and other educators with exciting new developments in elementary school teaching and to show them how to obtain help with new methods.

Professor Hromyk said there has been a revolution in education based on methods that foster a spirit of student inquiry. He added that this has resulted in the adoption of new approaches to the teaching of traditional subjects in the elementary school curriculum.

"We've been keeping up with these new developments in our research programs in the Department of Elementary Education. Speakers at the conference will assess what has been happening to date and attempt to chart the future. Participants will be brought into touch with the new trends and methods."

Professor Hromyk added that the conference could lead to the establishment of summer workshops and other courses to help educators keep abreast of the latest developments.

Two top authorities from outside Saskatchewan have been invited to give major papers. Group discussions will be held in such areas as art, curriculum organization, health, language arts, mathematics, music, reading, science, social studies, and physical education.