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The Beginning of a New Penmanship Publication.

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GREETINGS!

This will be a new venture in penmanship publications.

The sad news has reached Most of you, lovers of penmanship, that the beloved penmanship publication, The Educator, (formerly The Business Educator) published by Zaner & Bloser Co, Columbus, Ohio for the past 55 years, will discontinue its publication with the December 1949 issue.

Several penmen and engrossers met with Mr. RC King, in his engrossing Studio, Minneapolis, Minnesota, several times during December 1949. The following were present: R. C. King, Frank A. Krupp, Tri-State Business College, Fargo, N. D., Stephen Ziller, The Tamblyn School of Penmanship, Kansas City, Mo., P. L. Zenzen, Oscar Japs and F. O. Anderson, all of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They met to discuss and plan starting a new penmanship publication, to fill in where The Educator left off.

Nothing happened about such a venture, so I decided to try my luck in mimeographing a single sheet or two, to begin with, to see how it would react. I almost quaked in my shoes to try such a venture, but someone had to do something about the penmanship situation for the lack of something to sort of keep the penmen, engrossers and penmanship, in touch with each other, after the beloved Educator is to discontinue with Dec. 1949.

I must confess that I am sort of fearful in taking this venture, but I hope you will bear with me, and overlook my mistakes or correct them.

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THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS-LETTER

INTRODUCTION:

When I heard the sad news that the fine penmanship magazine, The Educator, Columbus, Ohio, was to discontinue with the December 1949 issue, I felt terribly sad and wondering how our penmanship profession could ever stand up under this strain - no more news about the doings and whereabouts of the penmen and engrossers. Something must be done, and be done at once, or our profession would soon cease to exist. Then a thought came - why not mimeograph a News-Letter and send to as many penmen and engrossers as my funds would allow? With this thought in view, I began to collect interesting items from different sources, be used in my forthcoming News-Letter. I had been collecting quite number of articles about that outstanding Master-Penman, Albert D. Taylor, since 1923, and later. These, I was sure, would interest all I also wanted to collect material for "Biographies of Famous other material that would appeal to those interested in penmanship in this way I am hoping that the following articles will find a welcome wherever this News-Letter will be sent. Free-Will donations, I am sure will be sent to help me continue this News-Letter, until a magazine can be put on the market. In the meantime my News-Letter will, if even in a

small measure, fill in "The Tie that Binds" our Penmanship Fraternity together by keeping them informed about each other. I will appreciate any article you chance to have or find that can be used in this News-Letter, so please mail them to me and help the good cause along.

The first issue will be JANUARY 1950, and published monthly as long as possible and my funds will allow. Can I bank on your support?

Sincerely,

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