

vestments up to July, 1972, the \$50,000.00 will be raised, and the goal reached. Accordingly the Board Directors voted to close the Anniversary Fund. Although building programs have been curtailed by the Government, the Women's Institutes have their pledge ready to assist in this expansion program.

### **Constitution Committee Report**

The Board Directors were given an opportunity to read and study a draft of the new Hand Book, as prepared by the Constitution Committee. The entire Constitution was reviewed and the Committee's recommendations accepted. The draft copy was approved by the Board and authority granted the Constitution Committee to proceed with the completion of the Hand Book. When the Hand Book is printed, the Constitution Committee will be dismissed.

When available, one Hand Book per Branch member will be sent to the Women's Institute Branch Secretary-Treasurers and additional copies will be available upon request.

### **75th Anniversary Plans**

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller presented a report of plans for celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the first Women's Institute. She expressed appreciation for ideas which had been submitted to the Committee stressing interest and enthusiasm for local Branch involvement during the Anniversary month and encouraged celebration plans for District Annual and Area participation.

The official Provincial celebration will be on February 12, 1972, with a luncheon at the Canadian Room in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. The total accommodation will be 1200 - 1400 people. One member from a Branch will be allowed to purchase a ticket. Travelling will be at her own expense. After all branches have had an opportunity to purchase a ticket, those remaining will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis. Plans are not final but an invitation has been extended to the next President of The Associated Country Women of the World, who will be elected at the A.C.W.W. Conference in Oslo, to be the guest speaker.

Program aid kits with an assortment of background information on the Women's Institute from the last seventy-five years are in the Loan Library to assist in program planning for individual celebrations.

### **Report on Emergency Resolutions Sustained at Annual Board Meeting**

Mrs. Everett Small, Resolutions Convener, reported re the two emergency resolutions which were sustained at the Annual Meeting.

One requesting the Federal Government to do all in its power to leave Dominion Day as it is on July 1st, was acknowledged by the Office of the Prime Minister, the Honourable Pierre Trudeau, who also advised that a copy of the communication be forwarded to the Honourable Gerard Pelletier, Secretary of State, for consideration. A reply from the Office of the Secretary of State assured that the resolution will receive consideration.

A copy of the resolution requesting that measures be taken to assure that no more publishing firms would be sold to other than Canadian controlled firms was sent to the Federal Government and also to Premier Robarts and the Ontario Minister of Education asking the latter to use his influence to bring about legislation to prevent use of biased books in elementary and secondary schools of Ontario.

Mr. Robarts replied saying he wished he could have replied personally to all who wrote regarding sale of Ryerson Press. He explained his unsuccessful attempt to find an alternative to the sale by meeting with the principals of the two companies. An objective look was then taken to determine what impact, if any, this change of ownership would have on textbook publishing and the Canadian publishing industry in general. Mr. Robarts agreed that it was desirable to retain a major segment of the publishing industry in Canada but of paramount importance is the quality of book contents. The Department of Education provides a list of recommended textbooks and of these 85% are by Canadian writers and printed and bound in Canada. Ryerson Press is only one of sixty-seven publishing firms involved and its texts amount to only 3.3% of total.

Regarding McGraw Hill, Mr. Robarts said their Canadian subsidiary, with Canadian management and staff, has been in business in Ontario for many years. At the time of writing they published 6.3% of books recommended and without exception these books were by Canadian authors and produced in Toronto.

Mr. J. R. McCarthy, Deputy Minister of Education, expressed appreciation for the resolution and in connection with the preamble he pointed out that all history books on the recommended list are printed in Canada and written by Canadians for Canadians.

### **Officers' Conference Interim Report**

Mrs. Robert Weber, Secretary-Treasurer of the Officers' Conference, reported to the Board that 770 applications were received for the 1971 Conference. She reviewed the planning and breakdown of Discussion Groups and their Chairman. A complete report of Officers' Conference is in this issue.