

Monteith Women's Institute

The first meeting of the Monteith Women's Institute is believed to have been in Aug. 1913, but as the minutes of those first years are missing, and may have been burned in the 1916 fire that swept through this community, we do not know what date or who was instrumental in its formation. It is believed that Mrs. John Clark was its first President, other officers are unknown.

The first minute book bears the date Sept 7th, 1916. At that time, the officers were:

Pres - Mrs. John Lang
 1st V. Pres - Mrs. John Gray
 2nd V. Pres - Mrs. Dan McChail
 Sec - Treas - Mrs. Martha Thompson
 Directors - Mrs. John Lang
 Mrs. Geo. Smith
 Del. to Dist - Mrs. John Lang
 Mrs. Geo. Green
 Mrs. John Clark
 Mrs. Geo. Smith

A total of 17 members paid dues for the year 1916-1917.

A series of Social Evenings, cards, dances, with lunches, were held at the McCosh House. The money raised from these evenings supplied funds to buy wool to be knitted for servicemen's socks, etc, and also for Christmas Boxes for local servicemen.

Talks or articles of interest to women were part of the meetings. The Athletic