

Organization of Monteith W. I. Branch

Women were invited to a meeting held in the Demonstration Farm Barn.

A Miss Smylie came as a District Speaker. She was accompanied by an Agricultural representative (name not known)

They lectured and urged formation of a branch, but none was formed then. Lunch was served.

In 1913, Mrs Parsons of Cochrane visited in Monteith to work up enthusiasm regarding formation of an Institute, but the Branch was not organized till Aug 1914. (Early records believed to have been lost in the 1916 fire.)

A list of Presidents on following page.

In 1918 the need was felt for a place to hold meetings and entertainments. A Hall was built on land leased by Board of School Trustees. Work on building was done by Volunteer labour. This Hall served the Community for many years for entertainments, Church services, Bazaars, Fairs, quillings, Concerts, a Schoolroom, etc.

It was dismantled in 1959 and at the present time the Community hadnt a building to hold the above events

P.S 1975. Many Community events are held in the school Gym (Monteith Jr Public School.) Since the Dept of Education has urged more Community-School involvement, the Schools are now open for Community to use the schools for groups for projects and programs.

With permission we have held Bazaars, Rake sales a Games night once per month for the school children. It has also been used for classes in Needlepoint, Crocheting, etc by local women with local instructors