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| Title: | Fonthill Women's Christian Temperance Union minute book, 1971-1976 | | |
| Creator: | Fonthill Women's Christian Temperance Union | | |
| Dates of Material: | 1971-1976 | Record Group Number: | RG 851 |
| Summary of Contents: | <p>A minute book of the Fonthill Women's Christian Temperance Union with entries from March 1971 to November 1976. Topics discussed include an elocutionary contest for children; Vietnam kits; guest speakers; regional convention; a poster and scrapbook contest for Sunday School children; a Christian Youth of the Year contest; musical performances by members; "Youtharama" event; a teenage challenge home for girls in Fenwick; and whether to continue with meetings as a Women's Christian Temperance Union as membership declined. Enclosed in the book is a directory of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union (1976-1977).</p> | | |
| Physical Description / Condition: | 1 minute book (18 x 23 cm) | | |
| Administrative/ Biographical Sketch: | <p>The first Canadian chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was opened in Ontario in Picton, Prince Edward County, in 1874. The Union promoted abstinence from alcohol, believing that this would eliminate the problems that alcohol caused families and society. The Union also recognized that social reform required that women have the ability to influence government policy. The WCTU became one of the first women's rights movements in Canada by supporting the enfranchisement of women. The group also endorsed social reforms to address problems such as poverty and child labour.</p> | | |
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