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Finding Aid : **GA 112** Margaret Schreiter fonds.

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Margaret Schreiter fonds. - 1952-1959. - ca. 7 cm of textual records.

Margaret Schreiter was "Camp Mother" at Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake near Waterloo, Ontario between 1952 and 1959. The materials contained in this fonds include reports, the texts of presentations given by Margaret Schreiter, the outline of a discussion at a camp counsellors meeting led by Margaret Schreiter, correspondence, an ms. list, and a camp newspaper. These items help document Y.W.C.A. camping activities at the time.

Title based on content of the fonds.

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Files are arranged chronologically.

Detailed finding aid available.

Other records relating to the Y.W.C.A. can be found in GA 75.

- File 1 **Y.W.C.A. Camp Report to Board of Directors, Sept. 15, 1952.** - 1952.
[5] p. ms. Y.W.C.A. camp report presented by Margaret Schreiter to Board of Directors. In this report Margaret Schreiter describes her own personal observations and impressions as "Camp Mother" at the Y.W.C.A.'s Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake. She praises the camp staff for their good work during the duration of the camp. She also refers to the camp program and all the activities embraced by it including "Carnival Night", "Dress Up Night", the "Family Picnic", drama productions, singing, and the Christian teachings which were "woven into each day".
- File 2 **Text of Talk Given at Zion United Church re Y.W.C.A. Camp.** - 1952.
[7] p. ms. text of talk presented by Margaret Schreiter at the Zion United Church re her experiences as "Camp Mother" at the Y.W.C.A.'s Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake. In this talk she refers to the contribution of the Y.W.C.A. to the community of young people in Kitchener-Waterloo. She describes the facilities and equipment of the Y.W.C.A. camp, and she praises the staff of the camp for the work they did. She also describes the camp program and the activities it embraced. This included "Carnival Night", "Dress Up Night", the "Family Picnic", drama productions, sports, singing, and the Christian teachings which were "woven into each day".
- File 3 **Text of Presentation to Kiwaneequeens Club, Jan. 25, 1954.** - 1954.
[7] p. ms. text of talk presented by Margaret Schreiter to the Kiwaneequeens Club re her experiences as "Camp Mother" at the Y.W.C.A.'s Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake. In this talk she describes Lake Paradise, as well as the facilities and equipment of the Y.W.C.A. camp. She praises the staff of the camp. She also describes the camp program and activities. This included "Carnival Night", "Dress Up Night", the "Family Picnic", drama productions, sports, singing, and the Christian teachings and activities which are fundamental to the Y.W.C.A. camp. She also describes the duties which she had to fulfill as "Camp Mother".
- File 4 **[Report on Camp Activities], Sept. 12, 1955.** - 1955.
Includes [8] p. ms. report detailing the schedule of activities each day at the Y.W.C.A. Camp Tinawatawa at Paradise Lake. Also included in this report are the names of some of the camp staff and reference is made to their good work. A short summary of the goals and purpose of the camp is included.
- File 5 **Outline for Discussion at Camp Counsellors' Meeting Entitled "All from a Mother's Point of View".** - 1956.
Includes [4] p. ms. outline of discussion led by Margaret Schreiter, Y.W.C.A. "Camp Mother" at camp counsellors' meeting. In her talk with these camp counsellors Margaret Schreiter gives the counsellors advice and guidelines for carrying out their work at Camp Tinawatawa. Margaret Schreiter also puts questions to the group of counsellors asking them how they would react in certain situations during the course of their work with the camp.
- File 6 **Report to Y.W.C.A. Board, Feb. 27, 1956.** - 1956.
Includes [8] p. ms. report of Margaret Schreiter to Y.W.C.A. Board re Camp Tinawatawa at Paradise Lake. In this report she describes the upgrades and improvements that have been made to the facilities and equipment of the Y.W.C.A. camp. She praises the staff of the camp for the work they did during camp. She also describes the camp program and the activities it embraced including sports, handicrafts, drama, Indian night, Carnival, the Family party and other events. She also describes the duties which she had to fulfill as "Camp Mother" and she explains what the schedule and activities are like on a typical weekend at the camp.

- File 7 **Letter from Carolyn Morden, Director, K-W Y.W.C.A., to Mrs. Schreiter, Aug. 20, 1953.**
- 1953.
In this letter Carolyn Morden expresses her gratitude for Margaret Schreiter's "splendid help at camp" in her role as "Camp Mother" at Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake. She also refers to examples of the important contributions Margaret Schreiter made to the success of the camp.
- File 8 **Letter from Marjory Shantz, Executive Director, K-W Y.W.C.A., to Mrs. Schreiter, Aug. 27, 1953.** - 1953.
In this letter Marjory Shantz expresses her appreciation for Margaret Schreiter's "untiring efforts on behalf of our campers" in her role as "Camp Mother" at Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake.
- File 9 **Letter from Joyce McMillan, General Secretary, Y.W.C.A. of Sydney, Australia, to Mrs. Schreiter, Oct. 16, 1957.** - 1957.
This letter relates to Margaret Schreiter's impending visit to Sydney and to the Triennial Convention of the Y.W.C.A. of Australia which will take place in Sydney during Margaret Schreiter's visit. Joyce McMillan asks that Margaret Schreiter contact her to let her know whether she will be attending this event. Joyce McMillan also mentions that the World President of the association, Hon. Miss Isabel Catto will be at this Convention.
- File 10 **Camp Tinawatawa Newspaper, Aug. 1957.** - 1957.
Includes comic verses written about camp activities and chores, about the campers, and the staff at Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake. These verses appear to have been written by the campers.
- File 11 **List entitled "Counsellors Y.W.C.A. 1959".** - 1959.
This is a [2] p. ms. list of the camp counsellors, floaters, C.I.T.'s, and other staff at Camp Tinawatawa on Paradise Lake in 1959. The names and titles of these individuals appear in this list, and for the majority of individuals an address is also provided.