

**Minnehikers (Minneapolis  
Municipal Hikers) Collection  
M/A 2000.03.01-04**

---

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

May 19, 2016

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library  
300 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN, 55401  
612-543-8200  
specialcoll@hclib.org

## Table of Contents

---

<u>Summary Information</u> .....	3
<u>History</u> .....	4
<u>Collection Description</u> .....	4
<u>Related Materials</u> .....	5
<u>Controlled Access Headings</u> .....	5
<u>Collection Inventory</u> .....	6

## Summary Information

---

<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Minnehikers.
<b>Title</b>	Minnehikers (Minneapolis Municipal Hikers) Collection
<b>Date</b>	1919-1972
<b>Extent</b>	0.88 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## History

---

The Minnehikers or the Minneapolis Municipal Hiking Club was founded in December of 1919, by Mr. Theodore Wirth the Superintendent of Parks. The club was created as an informal walking club whose main purpose was to acquaint people with the parks and trails in Minneapolis. The hiking area soon extended to the surrounding town and counties.

The first president of the club was Mr. Ross Gordon. The first official officers of the club included Mr. Donald M. Patterson, Mr. Henry Sagmoen, Edna Eckstrom, Mr. George Shekels, Mr. Carl M. Johnson, Ella Knapp, Peggy Farver, Madelyn Woehing, Mrs. Aimee Meldahl, Mr. Al. Mangney, Dorothea Nelson and Mr. Ray Crawford.

In 1925, the Minnehikers began to publish a monthly newsletter. Their mailing list soon surpassed their budget and they were forced to charge fifty cents per year for the publication. However, free copies of the newsletter were still available at the hikes and at their office. In 1926 the club decided to charge a yearly fee of two dollars per member. In 2010 the club charged a membership fee of fifteen dollars per year. The club supplemented its income by holding banquets and other entertainment events.

The Minnehikers continued to be an active walking club within Minnesota until 2010. They sponsored two or three hikes per week within Minneapolis. Destination hikes were also an important part of the club--hiking trips were planned at various scenic locations throughout the United States and Canada.

---

## Collection Description

---

Four boxes. Collection consists of newspaper clippings concerning the Minnehikers, correspondence, photos from hiking trips and banquets, and other miscellaneous material.

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library

## Related Materials

---

### Related Material

Minnehikers year books from 1927-1999: GV199.M56 Tenth Anniversary Book: GV199.M541929  
Twentieth Anniversary Book: GV199.M541939 Thirtieth Anniversary Book: GV199.M541949

---

## Controlled Access Headings

---

### Personal Name(s)

- Wirth, Theodore, 1863-1949

### Subject(s)

- Clubs -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Hiking -- Minnesota.
- Parks -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Newspaper clippings	1	1
Menu and program for the 1972 annual banquet 1972	1	2
The Minnehiker Handbooks from 1937-1938, a membership directory from 1985, officer candidate cards, a menu and program from the 1933 annual banquet, a program from the 1931 presentation of "The Greatest Minstrel Show on Earth". 1931-1937, 1985	1	3
Correspondences from organizations to the Minnehikers as well as correspondences amongst Minnehiker members	1	4
Photos from various hiking trips and fundraising events	1	5
Photo album labeled, "Trip in 1937 led by Harvey Kespert (?) Smoky Mts., Wash. D. C., etc." 1937	1	6
Photos from various annual banquets	1	7
Group photos from various hikes and events	1	8
Group photos (with dates) 1923-1929 1923-1929	1	9
Groups photos from various annual banquets	1	10

Miscellaneous Undated	1	11
"32 on 302 in 1935" 1935	1	12
Board Manuals 1952, 1985	1	13
		<b>Box</b>
Informal snapshots, Photographic negatives		2
Ballard, Lantha L. Scrapbooks of Lantha L. Ballard, member of Minnehikers 1937-1940		3
Catlin, Bernice Slides from various hiking trips, taken by Bernice Catlin 1963-1980		4

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Donated, 2/4/2015, by Catlin's daughter, Joyce L. Casey.