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**Transcript of testimony taken by a special committee of
the Board of Social Welfare investigating conditions at the
school A3058**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of hearing transcripts of a committee investigating conditions at the Agricultural and Industrial School. Testimony of management and staff concerned background and experience; methods of discipline and punishment and their effectiveness; responsibilities and extent of cooperation among staff; contact with and responsibilities toward inmates; work, education, and recreation programs; bureaucratic obstacles, method for assigning inmates to cottages or skill training programs; and criteria for granting inmates visits home or parole.
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Arrangement

Chronological by order of testimony.

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Scope and Content Note

This is a carbon transcript of hearings held March 9 and 10, 1938 by an eight-person committee comprised of members of the Board of Social Welfare from the 4th through 8th Judicial Districts and New York City, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Director of the Bureau of Child Welfare; four members of the institution's Board of Visitors were also present by invitation.

The committee took sworn testimony from the institution's superintendent, assistant superintendent, cottage supervisors, and other staff concerning: witness's background and experience prior to and during employment at the institution; methods of discipline and punishment and their effectiveness; general responsibilities of and extent of cooperation among staff; extent of witness's contact with and responsibilities toward inmates; work, education, and recreation programs; bureaucratic obstacles in administration, e.g. in procuring needed supplies; methods of assigning inmates to cottages and skill training programs; and criteria for granting inmates visits home or parole.

There was no stated purpose to the hearings in the transcript, and there was no particular focus or order to the questioning.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Alphabetical name index of witnesses.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The Department of Social Welfare placed these records on loan to the Syracuse University Library from 1960-1977.

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Access Terms

- Juvenile delinquents--Rehabilitation
- New York (State)
- Juvenile delinquency
- Reformatories--Employees
- Reformatories
- Testimony
- Juvenile detention homes--Administration
- Juvenile detention homes--Employees
- Juvenile delinquents
- Juvenile detention homes
- Juvenile corrections
- Investigating
- New York (State). Division for Youth
- Western House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents (Rochester, N.Y.)
- New York (State). State Industrial School