

STATE OF NEVADA

# BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

# ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORS

AND

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



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JOE FARNSWORTH, SUPERINTENDENT

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## **BIENNIAL REPORT**

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*To the Honorable, the Legislature of Nevada.*

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the law requiring this Board to report biennially to your Honorable Body, we herewith submit the report of the Superintendent of the Nevada State Orphans' Home as our report and we approve the recommendations contained therein.

Very respectfully,

C. L. DEADY,  
W. J. HUNTING,  
ED. MALLEY,

*Board of Directors of State Orphans' Home.*

ANNUAL REPORT

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GEO. W. COWING, *Superintendent*..... Carson City  
MRS. MARY A. COWING, *Matron*..... Carson City

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Nevada State Orphans' Home.*

GENTLEMEN: I herewith respectfully submit to you my biennial report of the administration of the Nevada State Orphans' Home for the years 1923-1924.

### **COST OF MAINTENANCE**

There is a small increase in the cost of maintenance over the former term, occasioned by the addition of an extra male employee during twenty months of this term (now dispensed with); a small increase in the salaries of employees; and a decided increase in the cost of hay from \$12 per ton to \$20 per ton, and the two dry seasons just past causing quite a material decrease in the farm products. We have to buy approximately 75 tons of hay per annum.

### **EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, AND IMPROVEMENTS**

There has been installed a new 8 horsepower steam boiler and a new washing machine in the laundry department, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency and economical running of that department. We now have well equipped shoe repairing, blacksmith and barber shops installed at a nominal cost that will be of much convenience and economy. We are grateful to the Tonopah Lodge of Eagles for the gift of the barber chair.

We have also been presented with a Neutrodyne Radio set by the Scottish Rite Masons of Reno who furnished the material and parts contained therein, and Mr. Charles Gorman of the University of Nevada who constructed and assembled the set for the Home. To each of them we are duly grateful.

The 8-inch water main for fire protection of the Home has been duly installed and we now have five double hose fire hydrants which now gives the Home the very best of fire protection.

Only such repairs have been made during the past term as were absolutely necessary. Many repairs will therefore be necessary during this term to keep the property in condition.

### **POPULATION**

The population of the Home at the beginning of the term was 111 and at the close of the term was 90, with a daily average of 104 $\frac{1}{4}$  for the years 1923-1924. The highest registration during the existence of the Home was during this term when we had 122 inmates during April and May of 1923.

There are three boys in the Home who have reached the statutory age. One of them will finish high school in June with good prospects of a University course and who is practically recompensating the State for his maintenance. One has just reached the age of 16 within the last month, and the third is a full orphan and will be released when conditions are such as will make it advisable so to do.

**HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN**

The health of the children has been exceptionally good with the exception of one epidemic of measles and one of diphtheria, the latter necessitating immunizing all of the children in order to thoroughly stamp it out.

There have been ten operations for tonsils and adenoids.

**APPROPRIATIONS**

The subject of appropriations being taken up under the budget system, I would refer you to the Executive Budget Report.

I will again earnestly recommend the purchase of suitable pasture land for the dairy stock, both as a matter of expediency and economy.

Your many kind considerations and courtesies are sincerely appreciated and I trust this report will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

**GEO. W. COWING,**  
*Superintendent.*

**EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

There has been installed a new 2 horsepower steam boiler and a new washing machine in the laundry department, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency and economy of that department. We have also had repaired the existing electrical and plumbing work and installed a new set of range and sink water connections and sink. We are pleased in the Laundry Labels of January for the year of the past year.

We have also been presented with a Ventrolator Radio set by the State. This device was furnished by the manufacturer and parts manual thereon and Mr. J. H. Gifford of the University of Nevada who constructed and installed the set for the Home. The set is now in use daily.

The most important item for the improvement of the Home has been fully installed and we now have the Home in the best of order. We have also had repaired the existing electrical and plumbing work and installed a new set of range and sink water connections and sink.

We are pleased in the Laundry Labels of January for the year of the past year.

**POPULATION**

The population of the Home in the beginning of the year was 111 and at the close of the year was 100 with a daily average of 104 1/2 for the year 1923-1924. The highest percentage during the existence of the Home was during the year when we had 122 inmates during April and May of 1923.

There was one boy in the Home who gave up the world and went to the army and one girl who gave up the world and went to the army. We have also had one boy who gave up the world and went to the army and one girl who gave up the world and went to the army.

TABLE NO. 1

Showing Amount Collected for Care of Children and Paid Over to State Treasurer for Years 1923-1924 and Estimated Income for 1925-1926

From counties	Actual income for		Estimated income for	
	1923	1924	1925	1926
For care of children .....	\$11,284.95	\$10,268.80	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**TABLE NO. 2**  
**Statement of Monthly and Yearly Expenditures for Maintenance for Years 1923-1924**

Month	Superintendent and Matron	Salary of employees	Repairs, improvements, equipment	Heat, light, power	Clothing, shoes, bedding	Provisions and hardware	Hospital and medical	Stock, farm, garden	General and miscellaneous	Total monthly expenditures
<i>1923</i>										
January .....	\$250.00	\$635.00	\$5.46	\$451.25	\$870.22	\$706.02	\$55.50	\$12.25	\$90.11	\$3,075.81
February .....	250.00	638.00	77.00	465.87	790.25	537.89	27.65	17.05	87.55	2,891.26
March .....	250.00	638.00	22.11	145.23	283.09	322.47	64.10	150.71	538.65	2,414.36
April .....	250.00	655.90	317.62	137.91	530.98	1,169.06	318.70	169.90	194.76	3,744.83
May .....	250.00	627.50	102.14	89.26	540.74	722.93	9.35	32.00	87.44	2,461.36
June .....	250.00	690.15	25.51	430.50	109.81	756.84	-----	21.75	548.51	2,833.07
July .....	250.00	622.50	29.98	127.76	361.62	636.82	-----	10.40	53.73	2,092.71
August .....	250.00	542.50	42.45	-----	1,199.97	574.20	33.55	259.06	76.61	2,978.34
September .....	250.00	568.55	49.56	123.83	767.20	750.18	18.25	79.80	130.38	2,737.75
October .....	250.00	673.35	39.20	18.41	1,167.81	559.83	8.85	-----	139.27	1,856.72
November .....	250.00	685.50	98.65	71.78	313.57	796.03	10.40	723.42	824.07	3,773.42
December .....	250.00	670.00	19.15	247.20	263.19	442.56	36.25	4.00	124.70	2,057.05
Totals .....	\$3,000.00	\$7,646.95	\$828.73	\$2,309.00	\$6,198.45	\$7,974.83	\$582.60	\$1,480.34	\$2,895.78	\$32,916.68
<i>1924</i>										
January .....	\$250.00	\$676.50	\$308.60	\$522.84	\$290.93	\$540.11	\$15.80	\$4.00	\$93.79	\$2,702.57
February .....	250.00	685.50	120.52	111.95	636.37	595.24	7.55	4.00	545.94	2,957.07
March .....	250.00	683.00	59.66	479.02	214.21	616.15	59.15	415.26	103.91	2,880.36
April .....	250.00	638.00	22.83	77.53	383.41	628.18	140.15	79.00	44.25	2,263.35
May .....	250.00	568.00	119.86	114.89	167.69	654.36	6.45	25.50	42.50	2,099.55
June .....	250.00	688.00	41.78	405.01	162.99	463.58	11.50	-----	896.25	2,918.91
July .....	250.00	679.50	133.75	68.54	105.60	470.78	-----	-----	89.79	1,804.41
August .....	250.00	592.00	63.23	71.43	155.38	372.49	15.75	-----	58.56	1,578.84
September .....	250.00	535.50	55.64	55.64	131.50	728.29	52.30	455.65	33.80	2,352.20
October .....	250.00	542.50	1,489.90	68.01	174.83	580.49	357.65	2.20	91.76	3,557.34
November .....	250.00	584.50	451.32	346.39	195.24	642.00	10.30	344.35	601.78	3,425.88
December .....	250.00	557.50	304.30	83.70	313.89	332.90	62.60	225.00	110.53	2,240.42
Totals .....	\$3,000.00	\$7,430.50	\$3,255.27	\$2,404.95	\$2,931.84	\$6,624.57	\$865.95	\$1,554.96	\$2,712.86	\$30,780.90
Grand totals .....	\$6,000.00	\$15,077.45	\$4,084.00	\$4,713.95	\$9,130.29	\$14,599.40	\$1,448.55	\$3,035.30	\$5,608.64	\$63,697.58

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**TABLE NO. 3**  
Support of Inmates by Counties

County	1921	1922	1923	1924
Churchill .....	\$305.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Clark .....				
Douglas .....				
Elko .....	360.00	360.00	360.00	323.50
Esmeralda .....	240.00	220.30	255.00	185.00
Eureka .....				
Humboldt .....	120.00	120.00	220.00	350.50
Lander .....	360.00	270.00	240.00	240.00
Lincoln .....				
Lyon .....	177.00	120.00	170.00	480.00
Mineral .....	195.00	120.00	230.00	120.00
Nye .....	1,531.50	1,587.00	1,260.00	1,360.00
Ormsby .....	1,410.00	1,310.00	1,120.00	804.50
Pershing .....	60.00	690.00	720.00	700.00
Storey .....	406.00	616.00	500.00	448.65
Washoe .....	4,165.00	4,583.00	4,734.95	3,691.65
White Pine .....	44.00	65.00	995.00	1,080.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,373.50</b>	<b>\$10,541.30</b>	<b>\$11,284.95</b>	<b>\$10,263.80</b>

**TABLE NO. 4**  
Enrollment at Close of Year

County	1921	1922	1923	1924
Churchill .....	4	4	4	4
Clark .....	0	0	0	1
Douglas .....	0	0	0	0
Elko .....	6	6	6	5
Esmeralda .....	1	3	2	0
Eureka .....	0	0	0	0
Humboldt .....	4	4	5	4
Lander .....	2	2	2	2
Lincoln .....	0	0	0	0
Lyon .....	1	1	4	4
Mineral .....	1	1	1	1
Nye .....	18	15	14	13
Ormsby .....	12	10	7	4
Pershing .....	6	6	6	5
Storey .....	9	9	6	6
Washoe .....	39	41	35	32
White Pine .....	3	9	11	9
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Daily average .....</b>	<b>101½</b>	<b>110½</b>	<b>111½</b>	<b>97½</b>

Daily average for four years 105½.

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**TABLE NO. 5**  
**Recapitulation**

Total appropriation .....	\$66,000.00
Total gross expenditures .....	63,697.58
Unexpended balance .....	\$2,302.42
Total gross expenditures .....	\$63,697.58
Less, net supplies on hand .....	\$1,473.61
Less, new equipment (asset) .....	2,124.91
	<u>3,598.52</u>
Total net expenditures .....	\$60,099.06
Daily per capita cost .....	\$0.784
Monthly per capita cost .....	23.97
Yearly per capita cost .....	287.64
Total net expenditures .....	\$60,099.06
Less total amount collected and paid to State Treasurer .....	21,548.75
Net cost to State .....	\$38,550.31
Daily per capita cost .....	\$0.504
Monthly per capita cost .....	15.40
Yearly per capita cost .....	184.75
Number of officers and employees .....	9
Number of children enrolled January 1, 1923, beginning of term .....	111
Number of children enrolled December 31, 1924, ending of term .....	90
Daily average for term 1923-1924 .....	104½
Monthly rate for care of half and nonorphan, with counties, per month .....	\$10.00
(State assumes entire expense for care of full orphans.)	

**TABLE NO. 6**

**Inventory of Supplies on Hand December 31, 1924**

39 tons of alfalfa hay, at \$20 per ton .....	\$780.00
1½ tons of wheat, unthreshed, at \$20 per ton .....	30.00
11 tons of potatoes, at \$30 per ton .....	330.00
5 tons of stock beets and miscellaneous vegetables .....	100.00
Dry goods, clothing, shoes, stockings, etc. ....	3,015.25
Laundry and basement supplies .....	419.30
Groceries, provisions, etc. ....	302.70
Total .....	<u>\$4,977.25</u>

**TABLE NO. 7**

**Statement of Live Stock, Farm and Garden**

Number of gallons of milk produced in 1923-1924 .....	17,667	
Average number of gallons per day .....	241	
Value of milk at 40 cents per gallon .....	\$7,066.80	
Value of dressed beef, 3,031 pounds, at 12½ cents per pound .....	378.88	
Value of dressed veal, 2,058 pounds, at 15 cents per pound .....	308.70	
Value of dressed pork, 1,921 pounds, at 15 cents per pound .....	288.65	
Value of chickens and eggs consumed .....	149.90	
Value of 6 tons of hay raised, at \$12 per ton .....	72.00	
Value of 5 tons of wheat in shock, at \$20 per ton .....	100.00	
Value of 20 tons of potatoes, at \$30 per ton .....	600.00	
Value of 15 tons of stock beets, at \$20 per ton .....	300.00	
Value of miscellaneous vegetables .....	600.00	
	<u>\$9,874.93</u>	
Less cost of production .....	\$3,033.30	
Less wages of Farmer .....	1,780.00	
	<u>4,813.30</u>	
Net profit for 1923-1924 .....		\$5,059.63

**Live Stock on Hand, December 31, 1924**

Dairy cows .....	12
Large calf .....	1
Hogs .....	7
Chickens .....	30

TABLE NO. 8

## Register of Children at the Home December 31, 1924, by Counties

Churchill .....	4
Clark .....	1
Douglas .....	0
Elko .....	5
Esmeralda .....	0
Eureka .....	0
Humboldt .....	4
Lander .....	2
Lincoln .....	0
Lyon .....	4
Mineral .....	1
Nye .....	13
Ormsby .....	4
Pershing .....	5
Storey .....	6
Washoe .....	32
White Pine .....	9
Total .....	90
Full orphans .....	8
Half orphans .....	53
Parents living .....	29
Total .....	90
Males .....	48
Females .....	42
Total .....	90