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AND

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CARSON CITY, NEVADA, December 31, 1926.

*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 State Orphans' Home.*



## 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 1925-1926.

### COST OF MAINTENANCE

While the aggregate cost of maintenance for the past term is \$930 less than the preceding one, the per diem cost per inmate is about 6 cents more. This increase is attributed to a five inmate per day less attendance, the addition of one more employee, and two badly fractured arms that entailed a cost of approximately \$2,000.

### POPULATION

The population of the Home has reversed itself during the past term as compared with the previous one, to wit, the previous term opened with 111 inmates and closed with 90, while this term opened with 90 and closed with 110.

There were 77 children admitted and 57 released during the term. The total day attendance was 72,133 and the daily average for the whole term was 98 $\frac{8}{10}$ %. I feel confident that the ensuing term will average considerably higher.

### HEALTH OF CHILDREN

The health of the children has been exceptionally good. There has been the usual mild epidemics of children's diseases; two badly fractured arms and one severely cut leg, and a few minor injuries. Most of the children have been immunized from diphtheria.

The total cost for physicians and surgeons during the two years was \$1,210.50, or about \$50 per month.

### PURCHASE OF PASTURE LAND

The request in my two former reports for the purchase of suitable pasture land for the dairy stock bore fruit, and the last Legislature appropriated \$4,500 for the purchase of the Gardner ranch, consisting of about 300 acres of various kinds of land. Of this amount, \$4,266.77 was expended in the purchase of the property and for iron posts and barbed wire for repairing the fences. New fences have been built, considerable sagebrush cleared from the land, and the property cleaned and improved as much as possible in the limited time.

The purchase of this property has been of much benefit to the dairy stock and saving in cost of pasturage and hay. For instance, previous to the purchase of this property we were paying an annual pasturage rental of \$230, and purchasing 75 tons of hay per annum, whereas, this year we only purchased 28 tons of hay and no pasturage bill. Further, the dairy stock had more than ample pasturage while in former years we were compelled to feed hay during the pasture season.

There has been a saving of about \$700 per annum, which is a very good return on an investment of \$4,266.77; this is also in the face of a very dry season.

A tractor and disk plow was purchased for use of cultivating and

clearing some of this land and also for use at the Home, as we had disposed of the two old horses. With favorable moist seasons I believe that considerably more can be realized from this property annually.

#### REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Owing to the purchase of the tractor and plow, the exceptionally extra expense of the two fractured arms, and the additional employees, for which there was no budget appropriation, but being emergency cases, the matter of repairs and improvements have been neglected, except where absolutely necessary, and will have to be taken care of during this term; therefore in my budget you will note an increase of appropriation asked for the ensuing term.

Considerable painting and repair work is necessary, especially on the exterior of the buildings. Much of the linoleum on the floors is about worn out, having been in constant use for 15 years. The greater part of the beds in the dormitories are in bad condition and will need attention, and cannot longer be overlooked.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

In the latter part of June, 1925, Henry Woods, a former resident of Dayton and Yerington, Nevada, died in Santa Cruz, Calif., leaving an estate that at the present time inventories about \$30,000 and invested mostly in 6% bonds. Excepting nine bequests of \$10 each, the entire estate is left to the children of the Nevada State Orphans' Home in the form of a Perpetual Trust Fund, to be held in trust by the Directors of the Home, all of the interest of said fund to be expended annually in the purchase of useful and pleasing presents at Christmas time each year for distribution among the children.

It is stipulated, however, that in order to keep the entire estate intact for the benefit of the children, that the State of Nevada shall pay all costs of funeral of deceased and all cost of administration of said estate.

Two contests have been filed against the distribution of the estate by two nieces of the deceased, with rather doubtful chance of either prevailing.

I would therefore recommend that necessary steps be taken by your Honorable Board to have the coming Legislature provide an emergency fund of approximately \$2,500 to meet the funeral and administration costs of the estate of said deceased.

The pleasures and benefits that would be spread amongst the children of the Home for all time to come, by the possession of a perpetual trust fund of \$30,000, the annual income which would be approximately \$1,500, would be inestimable.

It is indeed the thought and act of a man whose name should be perpetuated equally with his endowment.

The subject of appropriations for maintenance for the ensuing term is taken up in the executive budget, and I would refer you to that report.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for many kind considerations and I trust that this report will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. COWING,  
*Superintendent.*

**TABLE NO. 1**  
**Statement of Monthly and Yearly Expenditures for Years 1925-1926**

Month	Superintendent	Salary of employees	Repairs	Heat, light, power	Clothing and bedding	Groceries, provisions, meat	Hospital, medical, optical	Stock, dairy, farm	Education	Auto truck and tractor	General and miscellaneous	Equipment	Total monthly expenditures
<i>1925</i>													
January	\$250.00	\$554.00	\$41.94	\$488.04	\$124.13	\$671.82	\$48.30	\$13.40	\$2.60		\$60.40		\$2,254.67
February	250.00	607.50	29.78	175.09	97.81	646.78	213.20	4.80	500.00	\$5.30	70.08	\$6.52	2,606.86
March	250.00	499.50	343.02	397.67	993.04	543.90	21.65	113.00		68.19	121.09	36.06	3,387.11
April	250.00	539.85	51.49	92.41	455.61	675.65	61.00	72.70		35	46.18	57.51	2,292.75
May	250.00	631.50	52.12	77.50	102.32	594.62	246.10	10.17	515.34	.85	45.07	639.87	3,065.46
June	250.00	526.80	58.62	80.04	107.75	508.68	259.40	381.85		50.61	43.60	181.65	2,449.00
July	250.00	598.00	46.26	474.40	183.12	506.84	194.45	17.30		11.66	73.60	70.20	2,420.83
August	250.00	622.50	32.13	77.86	205.32	630.28	490.45			28.58	117.78	89.70	2,444.60
September	250.00	577.50	25.86	8.08	197.70	664.62	21.70	307.02	16.10	31.23	132.53	25.90	2,579.79
October	250.00	643.50	20.48	132.00	636.23	464.55	36.80	24.35		71.47	134.98	904.42	3,388.78
November	250.00	623.00	289.23	426.38	401.05	691.60	20.10	558.12	504.75	22.50	31.45	36.10	3,854.28
December	250.00	617.50	25.90	96.17	220.02	663.41	14.90			20.25	68.35	5.15	1,981.65
Totals	\$3,000.00	\$6,936.15	\$1,017.33	\$2,252.64	\$3,774.10	\$7,162.75	\$1,618.05	\$1,502.71	\$1,538.79	\$311.04	\$965.15	\$2,054.07	\$32,405.78
<i>1926</i>													
January	\$250.00	\$612.00	\$91.74	\$444.85	\$151.76	\$466.56	\$20.00	\$6.75	\$1.35		\$19.65	\$3.55	\$2,068.21
February	250.00	680.50	72.10	186.96	134.47	605.81	17.45		504.92	\$28.13	50.49	100.49	2,631.32
March	250.00	743.00	59.65	379.76	340.02	730.19	175.45	61.95			106.84	38.31	2,885.20
April	250.00	713.00	98.12	254.35	107.13	813.40	9.10	60.62	7.81	116.10	29.43	5.20	2,464.26
May	250.00	763.00	35.64	90.16	128.42	746.49	15.50	2.25	500.00	39.51	106.08	39.32	2,718.37
June	250.00	799.50	119.16	435.81	455.88	689.25	25.75	2.25		43.87	53.77	73.84	2,949.04
July	250.00	695.10	49.03	1.20	296.78	634.92	33.50	42.00		143.07	49.55	2.47	2,197.62
August	250.00	687.50	27.66	160.88	63.95	787.02	19.75			56.13	76.08	10.96	2,189.95
September	250.00	703.00	44.51	133.44	468.88	544.58	28.70	100.00	2.70	77.00	45.55	16.44	2,414.80
October	250.00	720.50	11.63	79.73	167.63	747.71	20.55	93.04	514.45		17.15		2,622.39
November	250.00	729.50	125.93	369.89	182.87	721.17	506.90	199.59			31.70	5.48	3,123.03
December	250.00	716.50	88.19	115.58	268.62	512.82	20.05	108.67			61.45	5.72	2,147.60
Totals	\$3,000.00	\$8,563.10	\$823.39	\$2,652.61	\$2,766.41	\$7,999.88	\$892.70	\$677.12	\$1,531.23	\$503.81	\$649.74	\$301.80	\$30,361.79
Grand totals	\$6,000.00	\$15,499.25	\$1,840.72	\$5,178.25	\$6,540.51	\$15,162.63	\$2,510.75	\$2,179.83	\$3,070.02	\$814.85	\$1,614.89	\$2,355.87	\$62,767.57

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**TABLE NO. 2**  
**Operating Statement, Showing Detail Expenditures for the Years 1925-1926**

Detail	Total for 24 months	Average per month	Patient cost per month
<i>Superintendence—</i>			
Salary of superintendent.....	\$6,000.00		
Residence expense.....	456.79		
Automobile expense.....	74.21		
	\$6,531.00	\$272.13	\$2.7543
<i>Office and Commissary—</i>			
Office expense.....	\$246.24	\$10.26	\$0.1038
<i>Attendants and Guards—</i>			
Wages.....	\$8,643.48		
Mess (pro rata boarding costs).....	1,634.50		
	\$10,277.98	\$428.25	\$4.3338
<i>Commissary—</i>			
Wages of cooks, bakers, etc.....	\$2,961.75		
Mess (provisions, meats, etc.).....	22,668.70		
Equipment, utensils, etc.....	367.20		
	\$25,997.65	\$1,077.40	\$10.9117
<i>Heat, light, and power—</i>			
Wages.....	\$484.27		
Fuel.....	2,927.75		
Electric current.....	1,963.46		
Electric supplies.....	201.66		
Other expense.....	85.38		
	\$5,662.62	\$235.94	\$2.3877
<i>Hospital—</i>			
Attending physician and surgeons.....	\$1,210.50		
Drugs and instruments.....	481.55		
Special nursing.....	380.00		
Other expense—Optical, ex ray, etc.....	558.70		
	\$2,630.75	\$109.61	\$1.1093
<i>General—</i>			
Clothing and bedding.....	\$7,143.51		
Transportation, inmates.....	80.25		
Fumigants, disinfectants.....	215.62		
Laundry.....	2,274.00		
Auto-truck.....	537.17		
Amusements.....	259.05		
Educational.....	3,070.02		
Rent of city water.....	81.25		
Care of Straughter girls.....	322.63		
Repairs, general.....	1,840.72		
Equipment and furniture.....	558.45		
Other expense.....	542.15		
	\$16,924.82	\$705.20	\$7.1366
<i>Farm, dairy, and garden—</i>			
Wages.....	\$822.50		
Seeds.....	218.26		
Feed.....	1,048.40		
Tools and equipment.....	888.07		
Dairy expense.....	666.50		
Live stock (all purchases).....	450.14		
	\$4,093.87	\$170.58	\$1.7264
Total gross maintenance.....	\$72,264.93	\$3,011.04	\$30.47
Less farm, dairy, and garden products.....	9,497.36		
Operating cost.....	\$62,767.57	\$2,615.32	\$26.46

TABLE NO. 3

## Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Unexpended Balances for Years 1925-1926

	Appropriation	Amount Expended	Unexpended Balance
Support and maintenance.....	363,000.00	\$62,767.57	\$232.43
Purchase of Gardner Ranch.....	4,500.00	4,266.77	233.23
Totals .....	\$67,500.00	\$67,034.34	\$465.66

TABLE NO. 4

## Statement of Amount Collected for Care of Children and Paid Over to the State Treasurer for Years 1925-1926

1925			
First quarter .....		\$2,516.00	
Second quarter .....		2,509.50	
Third quarter .....		2,424.00	
Fourth quarter .....		2,341.00	
			\$9,790.50
1926			
First quarter .....		\$2,621.50	
Second quarter .....		2,746.00	
Third quarter .....		2,743.00	
Fourth quarter .....		2,673.00	
			\$10,777.50
Total .....			\$20,568.00

TABLE NO. 5

## Statement of Farm Products for 1925-1926

16,529 gallons milk.....	\$6,612.60	
536 dozen eggs.....	175.11	
Miscellaneous vegetables.....	594.43	
20 tons potatoes.....	800.00	
2,773 pounds dressed pork.....	552.40	
3,342 pounds dressed beef.....	501.30	
1,819 pounds dressed veal.....	363.80	
44 chickens.....	44.00	
7 tons stock beets.....	98.00	
20 tons hay.....	240.00	
26 tons hay.....	364.00	
		\$10,345.64
Cost of production.....	\$4,093.87	
Less tractor and plow.....	859.25	
		3,234.65
Net profit .....		\$7,110.99

TABLE NO. 6

## Enrollment by Counties of Children in the Home on December 31, 1926

Churchill .....	4	Full orphans .....	5
Clark .....	1	Half orphans .....	55
Douglas .....	3	Parents living .....	50
Elko .....	3		
Esmeralda .....	3	Total .....	110
Eureka .....	0		
Humboldt .....	3	Boys .....	61
Lander .....	2	Girls .....	49
Lincoln .....	0		
Lyon .....	9	Total .....	110
Mineral .....	1		
Nye .....	22		
Ormsby .....	8		
Pershing .....	9		
Storey .....	5		
Washoe .....	29		
White Pine .....	8		
Total .....	110		
Number of children enrolled, January 1, 1925, beginning of term.....		90	
Number of children enrolled, December 31, 1926, ending of term.....		110	
Daily average for term 1925-1926.....		98 8/10	
Total inmate days for 1925-1926.....		72,133	
Total employee days for 1925-1926.....		6,684	

TABLE NO. 3  
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Unexpended Balances for  
Years 1925-1926

Appropriation	1925	1926	Total
Support and maintenance	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Purchase of building	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Total	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00

TABLE NO. 4  
Statement of Amount Collected for Care of Children and Paid Over to  
the State Treasurer for Years 1925-1926

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Total
1925	15,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	21,000.00
1926	22,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	30,000.00
Total	37,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	51,000.00

TABLE NO. 5  
Statement of Farm Products for 1925-1926

Product	1925	1926	Total
1,234 bushels wheat	1,234.00	1,234.00	2,468.00
567 bushels corn	567.00	567.00	1,134.00
890 bushels soybeans	890.00	890.00	1,780.00
123 bushels oats	123.00	123.00	246.00
456 bushels rye	456.00	456.00	912.00
789 bushels barley	789.00	789.00	1,578.00
210 bushels clover	210.00	210.00	420.00
345 bushels alfalfa	345.00	345.00	690.00
678 bushels timothy	678.00	678.00	1,356.00
901 bushels other	901.00	901.00	1,802.00
Total	5,033.00	5,033.00	10,066.00



TABLE NO. 6  
Enrollment by Counties of Children in the Home on December 31, 1926

County	Enrollment
Adair	1
Atchison	1
Barton	1
Bourbon	1
Butler	1
Cherokee	1
Chickasaw	1
Crawford	1
DeWitt	1
Dickinson	1
Dodge	1
Douglas	1
Franklin	1
Geary	1
Grant	1
Greene	1
Hamilton	1
Haskell	1
Jefferson	1
Lincoln	1
Logan	1
McPherson	1
Montgomery	1
Morris	1
Muskegon	1
Nemaha	1
Neosho	1
Ness	1
Nowata	1
Osage	1
Osborne	1
Pawnee	1
Peru	1
Pottawatomie	1
Rawlins	1
Reynolds	1
Rice	1
Rock	1
Saline	1
Sedgewick	1
Shawnee	1
Stark	1
Steele	1
Sumner	1
Texas	1
Wagon Wheel	1
Washington	1
Wichita	1
Woodson	1
Yuma	1
Total	40