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## REPORT OF ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORS

*To the Honorable, the Legislature of Nevada.*

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with section 2, chap. 4090, Revised Laws 1912, we submit this as our report on the conditions of the State Orphans' Home for the years 1927-1928. Accompanying this, and made a part hereof, are reports of the Superintendent and State Health Officer.

The Home is now, and has been since September 20, 1928, in active charge of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Clark, in the capacities of Superintendent and Matron, respectively. They succeeded Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kendall, who resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have taken hold of their duties in a conscientious and intelligent manner, and are giving their best and most earnest efforts to the supervision and management of the institution, and so far have given eminent satisfaction in every way. They are endeavoring to work out and solve every situation for the best interests of the State and the wards committed to its care.

The methods of conducting and managing the Home in the past two years have been very similar to those in use since the institution was established. Effort has been made to comply with the laws enacted for its control, and to make the Home serve in the highest possible degree the purposes for which it was originally intended.

For detailed information as to receipts and expenditures, number of children admitted and released from each county, costs of operation, etc., you are referred to the Superintendent's report attached hereto.

We submit that the Home has been conducted as economically in the past two years as was consistent with the welfare of the children. While we must report a deficiency of \$7,894.03, we must advise that this was necessitated by an increased average number of children, by the cost of necessary equipment and repairs, and on account of several serious surgical operations which were necessary.

We feel that we should here take occasion to say that one of the children of the Home has for the past four months been confined in the Shriners' Hospital in San Francisco and is receiving treatment without cost to the State. This little girl, who has been in the Home since infancy and who has been a cripple since birth, is reported to be responding to treatment, and hopes are held for her complete recovery.

We very urgently recommend amendments to sections 12 and 13, chaps. 4098, 4099, pp. 3060, 3061, Revised Laws, 1919. Under these sections the Board has been required to receive into the Home several children of immoral, vicious, and incorrigible tendencies, contrary to the welfare and what we believe to have been the original purposes of the institution. The Home was intended for the care of orphan and dependent and neglected children, and not as a reformatory or penal institution for delinquents. It is not right and it is not fair for delinquents to associate with, and influence for bad, most innocent and worthy children who, through misfortune, have become wards of the State.

**GENERAL REMARKS**

The appropriation requested for maintenance for the ensuing two-year period is made on a basis of 110 children at \$1 per day for each child, and as the amount requested for this purpose is shown in the executive budget, we refer you to that document for information thereon.

**BUILDING, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT**

Referring to the Directors' report for the years 1925-1926, we find your attention was called to the following facts, viz.:

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 fifteen years. The greater part of the beds in the dormitories are in bad condition and will need attention, and cannot longer be overlooked.

We have taken care of a small amount of the repair work on the buildings; were compelled to purchase and install a complete new refrigerating plant; purchased and installed thirty-six new beds; obtained a large number of chairs and other necessary equipment and furnishings, but have by no means completed this work, so we are again calling your attention thereto in order to impress upon you the necessity of making ample appropriations for placing the buildings and equipment in first-class condition.

In reporting on the conditions of the buildings, furnishings and equipment we must advise that many of the window casings need repairing, and some must be torn out and replaced with new material. There will be considerable additional carpentry work in general repair and patch work that should be done in various places in the buildings, and also in conditioning floors for new linoleum.

The plaster is now, and has been for some time, off the ceiling in several rooms, and is loose and almost ready to fall from the ceiling as well as the walls in some of the other rooms, which make it necessary to wholly replaster many rooms and repair and patch some of the others.

The walls and ceilings as well as all interior wood work throughout the buildings need painting very badly, and should not be neglected any longer.

The linoleum throughout the buildings is almost completely worn out and must be replaced with new. This should be done without further delay.

In order that the girls, particularly the older ones, may have more privacy in their toilet and bathing quarters, it is very necessary to remodel and rearrange this room and place the same in a more modern condition.

The electrical fixtures, particularly the main switch board, needs to be replaced and made more secure. In its present condition it is pronounced to be dangerous.

The heating plant has been giving trouble during the last two winters and needs repairing badly, and the sewer should be enlarged. Provision should be made for the remedy of these very important necessities.

The gymnasium building has been neglected so long that it is in a

very dilapidated condition. It needs considerable repairing and should be furnished with new equipment.

A light automobile truck is a necessity in conducting the business and affairs of the Home, and provision should be made for such a machine. The truck borrowed from the Highway Department several years ago was very expensive to operate, and became so badly in need of repairs that it has been returned to said Department where it belongs, and the Home has no truck at this time.

In order to give some idea of the amount of funds required to make the necessary repairs to buildings and plant, and supply required new furnishings and equipment, the following estimates are given for your consideration. These figures are based upon estimates furnished to us by A. E. Glass, of Reno, who examined the building and made estimates at our request:

*Carpentry—*

Material and labor on window casings, general repair and patch work, and conditioning floors for linoleum..... \$5,300.00

*Plaster—*

Material (metal lath, plaster and new base where necessary) and labor for all new and patch work..... 11,800.00

*Painting—*

Material and labor for three-coat work on all ceilings, walls and interior wood work..... 4,400.00

*Linoleum—*

Material (battleship) and labor for laying same..... 8,000.00

*Electrical—*

Material and labor for remodeling main switch board..... 1,000.00

*Plumbing—*

Remodeling toilet and bath room in girls' dormitory ..... \$1,000.00

Repairing and readjusting heating plant and cleaning sewer ..... 2,500.00

3,500.00

*Gymnasium—*

Material and labor for making all necessary repairs..... 2,500.00

*Automobile Truck—*

To purchase one light truck..... 1,000.00

Total ..... \$37,500.00

### RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the conditions of the building and plant, and the necessity of new furnishings and equipment, we earnestly recommend an appropriation of \$37,500 for placing the buildings, furnishings and equipment in good and substantial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *President,*

WALTER W. ANDERSON, *Secretary,*

T. A. LOTZ, *Member,*

*Directors of Orphans' Home.*

**REPORT OF STATE HEALTH OFFICER****SANITARY CONDITIONS, HYGIENE, FOOD, AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
NEVADA STATE ORPHANS' HOME**

CARSON CITY, January 15, 1929.

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

GENTLEMEN: An inspection made on this day, and I found the following conditions:

Kitchen clean, fairly well equipped, employees of the kitchen clean.

Refrigeration plant clean, and every evidence of being kept in a sanitary condition and sufficiently cold for the preservation of foods. Meat supply adequate and of good quality. Plenty of fresh milk kept cold for the use of the inmates, and especially for those who are young or in an under-par condition. These children take a glass of milk between their regular meals.

Pantry Nos. 1 and 2 clean, and no evidence of dust or dirty cooking utensils being found.

**Menus**

In the past six months I have several times personally attended while the inmates were being served a meal. A typical example of the bill of fare being served is as follows:

*Breakfast*—Cocoa, chocolate or coffee; hot cakes twice a week; mush, biscuits, and butter.

*Dinner*—Meat, two vegetables, tea or milk; also a custard or tapioca pudding for desert.

*Supper*—Soup, bread and butter, a salad, cakes, and milk or coffee.

Extra milk is given those whom the medical advisor thinks might be undernourished or are recovering from a disease.

While eggs as boiled, fried, etc., are not used to a great extent in the diet, they are used however in the form of egg-nogs, custards, puddings, etc., each day.

Butter is served each morning and evening, and a gravy is made for the noonday meal.

Every meal is attended by the disciplinarian for the boys, and by the matron or assistant matron for the girls. The smaller children have their own dining quarters and are always attended by Mrs. Stock, who acts in the capacity of nurse.

**Clothing**

Each inmate is given clean outer as well as under clothing each week and the clothing is kept in as good repair as it is possible to do by Miss Saul, who is the seamstress of the institution.

**Bathing**

In winter each child is given a tub bath at least once a week. There is sufficient hot water for this purpose. The boys' bathing room contains six tubs, which I find are kept clean and the room in an orderly condition. In the summer a tank may be used for bathing and this water is changed at least once a week. The boys are assigned certain days and the girls the other days for bathing in the tank.

### Illness

Children who become ill are removed to a room and temporarily isolated from the rest of the inmates until the condition is diagnosed by the visiting physician. An inspection is made at times of all children with the view of keeping them in the best of physical condition. We find a large number of the children have enlarged and diseased tonsils, which should be removed. These cases cover probably one-half of the inmates. Where an epidemic such as the last occurs, the children are placed under the care of a competent nurse.

### Fire Protection

On inspection I found fire hose in proper places, which is easily accessible in case of an emergency from conflagration.

### Sanitation and Heating

Sanitation in the Home is good, no dirty corners being found. It is better than one would expect from a building which is so badly in need of repair.

The heating of the building is by steam, and I am informed at present that the amount of heat is adequate, but there is a great deal of trouble with steam condensing in the radiators and not returning to the boiler as it should do if the steam was properly trapped.

### Playrooms

*Boys*—Sadly in need of repair of walls, and especially lockers for their belongings. Steps leading from the boys playroom to basement in very bad repair.

*Girls*—Some repairs needed, and also paint.

### Toilets

All toilets in the building clean and found that chlorinated lime was being used in the bowls, but the tanks supplying the toilets in many instances are out of repair.

### Electricity

I find that a great many of the wires are in direct contact with some of the wooden structure of the building. This is a hazard that should be remedied at once. The switch block on the second floor is not in good condition, it is old and threads are so worn that at times the attendant receives a shock while manipulating it.

### Floor Covering

This is in very bad shape, the main hall of the second floor probably being the best. I would recommend a complete floor covering for the institution with a good grade of linoleum.

Carpets in the private apartments are fair, but the help are without instruments for the proper cleaning of them as the institution is not provided with an electric carpet sweeper.

### Walls and Ceilings

All of the rooms need repairing. Large areas of plaster have fallen from the ceiling of the halls and kitchen, and a number of the walls need coats of paint, as well as plaster.

### Sewer System

I am told that the sewer leaving the building is only of four (4) inch size, which is too small for the institution. A heavy flow of water as from the washing machines, etc., causes the water to run over the floor of the basement. I believe the sewer is also too flat, and with the slow flow prevents the fast disposal of the sewage. The boiler room is not connected at all with a sewer and, after cleaning the large floor, necessitates the sweeping of the water in the boiler pit and then emptying it with a bucket. Steam traps on the steam lines of the laundry machinery, as well as on the heating system, would effect a more satisfactory system for both plants, and would be more economical.

### Discipline

The present administration has established a study hour for the children. This hour extends from seven (7) to eight (8) p. m. The large recreation hall in the front of the building is used for this purpose. This room has recently been fitted with fifteen (15) tables and sixteen (16) additional chairs by a committee of ladies. This committee deserves a great deal of credit for this donation, and they are very helpful to the children to serve as study tables each evening, as well as tables upon which to play games after school studies for the following day have been completed.

This study hour from seven (7) to eight (8) is a quiet hour, and the Home's disciplinarian or the Superintendent is in constant attendance each evening to assist the boys, and the matron or assistant matron is also in attendance for the benefit of the girls.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD E. HAMER,  
*State Health Officer.*

## 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 1927-1928.

On entering upon my duties as Superintendent last September, I found the buildings in bad condition and sorely in need of repairs. It is evident that very little repair work had been done for a long period of years aside from a little patch work here and there. I would earnestly recommend that an appropriation sufficiently large be made to place the buildings in reasonably good condition and to replace or repair such equipment as is no longer useful.

The records show that about \$5,000 was spent for repairs and equipment during the last two years. In addition to this a committee of ladies made gifts of chairs, tables, phonographs, coats, etc., to the value of several hundred dollars, and from other sources the Home received a splendid radio set, tennis nets, balls, racquets, baseball outfits, and other equipment for amusement.

To Mr. George Wingfield must be given thanks for a contribution of \$1,000 for musical instruments for the benefits of a girls' organization, largely composed of children from the Home.

### POPULATION

The daily average population of the Home during the past two years was about six per cent in excess of the preceding two years. There has been a large influx during the past couple of months, but the number has been held down through the placing of a number in homes and the return of others to their parents. I feel that I should call your attention to table No. 4, submitted herewith, which shows that forty-seven children in the Home have both parents living, fifty have one parent living, while only eight are full orphans. Parents of a number of children reside in California and elsewhere.

### HEALTH OF CHILDREN

Aside from two epidemics, one of measles in 1927 and the other of influenza in 1928, health conditions have been exceptionally good. Only one death has occurred, and that was due to heart trouble with which the child had been afflicted for years. We have had several surgical cases, the most serious of which were two appendicitis cases and a mastoid case, and in all of these cases the patients were taken to a hospital in Reno.

### THE HENRY WOOD LEGACY

It has heretofore been called to your attention, also to the attention of the Legislature, that 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.

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

It is earnestly hoped that the Legislature will give all assistance necessary in the way of funds so that the Attorney-General will be able to successfully prosecute the claims of the Home in this matter. Success in this would mean a perpetual fund which would yield approximately \$1,500 yearly for the benefit and pleasure of the State's wards.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the many courtesies and for the assistance and cooperation I have had from the Board of Directors during my administration.

Respectfully submitted,

**J. G. CLARK, Superintendent.**

**POPULATION**

The daily average population of the Home during the past two years was about six per cent in excess of the preceding two years. There has been a large influx during the past couple of months, but the number has been held down through the closing of a number of homes and the return of others to their parents. I feel that I should call your attention to this. No significant increase in the number of children in the Home has been noted during the past two years. The number of children in the Home has not increased during the past two years.

**HEALTH OF CHILDREN**

During the past two years, one of our best physicians, Dr. J. G. Clark, has been in charge of the Home's health. He has been successful in his efforts to improve the health of the children and to keep them in good health. He has also been successful in his efforts to improve the health of the children and to keep them in good health. He has also been successful in his efforts to improve the health of the children and to keep them in good health.

**THE HEVRY WOOD TRACY**

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## TABULAR STATEMENTS

### TABLE No. 1

#### Statement of Yearly Expenditures for Years 1927-1928

	1927	1928
<i>Salaries—</i>		
Superintendent.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Matron.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other employees.....	9,452.80	9,061.10
Total salaries.....	\$12,452.80	\$12,061.10
<i>Traveling Expense—</i>		
Automobile and train.....	\$16.95	\$92.32
<i>Supplies—</i>		
Laundry and sanitation.....	\$780.16	\$199.99
Groceries and provisions.....	10,560.06	10,239.51
Clothing and bedding.....	4,251.84	3,727.04
Miscellaneous.....	1,108.88	1,156.47
Total supplies.....	\$16,700.94	\$15,323.01
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		
Fuel, heat, light, power.....	\$2,045.28	\$1,973.83
Hospital, physician, drugs.....	1,545.45	2,314.45
Educational.....	1,545.85	1,558.60
Repairs.....	1,046.89	647.39
Farm and dairy.....	1,565.25	361.89
Amusement.....	372.11	115.30
Total miscellaneous.....	\$8,120.83	\$6,971.46
<i>Equipment—</i>		
Refrigerator, beds, chairs, etc.....	\$1,417.96	236.30
Total expenditures.....	\$38,709.48	\$34,684.19

### TABLE No. 2

#### Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balance, Years 1927-1928

Regular appropriation.....	\$65,500.00	
Deficit fund.....	8,000.00	
Expended.....		\$73,560.00
Unexpended balance.....		73,393.67
		\$106.33

### TABLE No. 3

#### Statement of Amount Collected for Care of Children and Paid Over to the State Treasurer for Years 1927-1928

<i>1927</i>		
First quarter.....	\$3,013.00	
Second quarter.....	3,183.00	
Third quarter.....	3,140.17	
Fourth quarter.....	2,776.35	
		\$12,112.52
<i>1928</i>		
First quarter.....	\$2,940.00	
Second quarter.....	3,265.00	
Third quarter.....	3,050.00	
Fourth quarter.....	2,610.00	
		11,865.00
Total.....		\$23,977.52
Sale of cows, 1928.....		149.87
Total amount deposited with Treasurer.....		\$24,127.39

TABLE No. 4

## Enrollment by Counties of Children in the Home December 31, 1928

Churchill.....	7	Full orphans.....	8
Elko.....	1	Half orphans.....	50
Esmeralda.....	6	Parents living.....	47
Humboldt.....	3		
Lincoln.....	2		
Lyon.....	11		
Nye.....	14		
Ormsby.....	3		
Pershing.....	12		
Storey.....	4		
Washoe.....	34		
White Pine.....	6		
Lander.....	2		
Total.....	105	Total.....	105
Number of children enrolled January 1, 1927.....			110
Number of children enrolled January 1, 1929.....			105
Daily average enrollment, 1927-1928.....			105

TABLE No. 5

## Expenditures for New Equipment and Repairs, 1927-1928

One York ice plant.....	\$1,250.00
Kitchen sink with gas trap.....	250.00
Repairs to kitchen range.....	210.50
New burner, and rebricking firebox.....	167.00
Painting front of building and dome, also two pantries.....	360.00
One new extractor for laundry.....	608.00
New burner and motor for steam heating plant.....	122.00
Repairs to machinery, mower, etc.....	121.00
New water tank for kitchen range.....	240.50
Stove for girls' playroom.....	47.00
Three new toilet tanks and seats.....	121.00
Inside painting and calcimining.....	480.40
Total.....	\$4,977.40

TABLE No. 6

## Statement of Farm Products for 1927-1928

19,063 gallons milk.....	\$5,718.90
Miscellaneous vegetables.....	205.00
20 tons potatoes.....	800.00
2,959 pounds dressed pork.....	591.80
1,128 pounds dressed beef.....	225.60
200 pounds dressed veal.....	40.00
650 pounds dressed mutton.....	130.00
20 tons hay.....	240.00
Total.....	\$7,951.30

