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BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORS

AND

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT



1929-1930



CARSON CITY, NEVADA

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, January 1, 1931.

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,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL,
WALTER W. ANDERSON,
T. A. LOTZ,

Directors of the Orphans' Home.

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NEVADA STATE ORPHANS' HOME

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, January 1, 1931.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Nevada State Orphans' Home, Carson City, Nevada.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith respectfully submit to you my biennial report of the administration of the Nevada State Orphans' Home for the years 1929 and 1930.

During the past two years many improvements have been made in the Home, making it a much more comfortable place in which to live and a more wholesome environment in which to bring up children. These conditions were made possible through a generous appropriation made at the last session of the Legislature. These improvements are sincerely appreciated both by the children and the management.

In addition to the many improvements made on the buildings, it was made possible for us to purchase a number of beds, chairs, and other furniture which were badly needed. These, with a very generous contribution of used rugs and furniture from the Governor's Mansion, have made the Home much more cheerful and homelike.

We have had several substantial contributions and donations from various orders, schools, societies, and individuals which have added materially to the happiness of the children. Particularly among these I desire to refer to legacies bequeathed to the Home by Mrs. Mary Dale and Mr. Henry Wood.

In March, 1929, there was received for the benefit of the Home by the will of the late Mary Dale, a former employee, the sum of \$250. It was the desire of the management that this money be spent for something that would be of lasting benefit to the children of the Home and it was accordingly used for the purchase of appropriate pictures which now adorn the walls of several rooms and which will remain as a permanent tribute to her memory.

In December of 1930 we were informed by Attorney-General Diskin that the Supreme Court of California had finally rendered a favorable decision in the case of the will of the late Henry Wood, formerly of Dayton and Yerington, by which the Home was bequeathed an estate of approximately \$30,000, the earnings from which shall be used for Christmas purposes. Excepting nine bequests of \$10 each the entire estate was left for benefit of the children of the Home in the form of a perpetual trust fund. Two contests were filed against the distribution of the estate by nieces of the deceased, who pressed their claim to the highest court of California. Mr. Wood died in Santa Cruz, California, in June, 1925. We expect this estate to be turned over to the State in the very near future.

I would respectfully suggest that it would be appropriate and fitting for the next Legislature to make an appropriation for the erection of a

suitable permanent memorial at the Home to the memory of this great benefactor.

We are pleased to report a very good record for health during the past two years; there have been no deaths or accidents of a serious nature, and no serious epidemics.

There has been a considerable decrease in the number of children in the Home since January 1, 1929. This was brought about by restoring a number of children to their parents. It was found, upon investigation, that many children in the Home had parents quite capable of taking care of them. Some of these had become residents of other States. Through your cooperation we have persuaded such parents that it was their duty to assume the responsibility of caring for their children. In each case we have been reasonably sure that we have worked no hardship or injustice on the child.

We are pleased to report that the well provided for at the last session of the Legislature is a splendid success. It is of the gravel envelope type, 595 feet deep, and when the pump is worked to capacity has a flow of seven hundred and fifty gallons a minute, more than sufficient to take care of all available land.

I would respectfully suggest that the old sheds immediately in the rear of the main building be razed and that they be replaced by galvanized iron buildings suitable for the storage of autos, truck, farming implements, etc. These old buildings are in a dilapidated condition and present a serious fire hazard.

The appropriation for the maintenance of the Home has been handled to the best of our ability, and we hope to the satisfaction of all concerned. We have been as economical as was consistent with good management and the well-being of the children.

We feel that the management of this institution and the entire State should feel under obligation to the Shriners Hospital in San Francisco. For more than two and a half years one of our little girls has been under treatment in that institution without one cent of cost to the State. This child was a cripple from birth, and had it not been for this wonderful institution she would have remained so until the end of life. We have just received word that she is ready to be returned to the Home, as her condition has been corrected as far as human skill can correct it. She is now able to walk unaided, and further improvement is expected as she grows older and stronger.

We deeply appreciate the loyal support and cooperation we have at all times had from the members of your Board. This has been a great aid to us in the administration of the affairs of the Home.

Respectfully yours,

L. G. CLARK,
Superintendent.

TABLE NO. 1
Investment by Counties of Children in the Home December 31, 1930

TABULAR STATEMENTS

TABLE NO. 1

Statement of Yearly Expenditures for Years 1929-1930

	1929	1930
<i>Salaries—</i>		
Superintendent	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Matron	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other employees.....	8,663.00	8,812.00
Total salaries.....	\$11,663.00	\$11,812.00
<i>Traveling Expense—</i>		
Automobile and train.....	\$372.27	121.83
<i>Supplies—</i>		
Laundry and sanitation.....	955.17	754.12
Groceries and provisions.....	9,940.74	9,319.23
Clothing and bedding.....	3,057.24	4,253.65
Total supplies.....	\$13,453.15	\$11,327.00
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		
Fuel, heat, light, power.....	\$2,486.50	\$2,407.38
Physician, drugs, nursing, optician.....	743.80	432.65
Educational	1,538.92	1,658.25
Repairs	748.82	840.59
Farm and dairy.....	1,014.39	1,530.08
Auto, truck, tractor expense.....	269.09	680.50
Office, amusement.....	389.44	252.60
Water	111.20	193.95
Total miscellaneous.....	\$7,302.16	\$7,996.00
<i>Equipment—</i>		
Truck, furniture, electric range.....	\$1,684.91	2,697.50
Total expenditures.....	\$34,475.49	\$36,954.33

TABLE NO. 2

Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances, Years 1929-1930

Regular appropriation	\$73,000.00	
Expended		\$71,438.82
Unexpended balance		1,561.18
	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00

TABLE NO. 3

Statement of Amount Collected for Care of Children and Paid Over to the State Treasurer for Years 1929-1930

<i>1929</i>		
First quarter.....	\$2,809.00	
Second quarter.....	3,047.00	
Third quarter.....	4,353.00	
Fourth quarter.....	3,394.00	
		\$13,603.00
<i>1930</i>		
First quarter.....	\$3,575.00	
Second quarter.....	3,489.60	
Third quarter.....	3,382.00	
Fourth quarter.....	2,779.00	
		13,225.60
Total deposited with State Treasurer.....		\$26,828.60

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TABLE NO. 4

Enrollment by Counties of Children in the Home December 31, 1930

Churchill.....	5	Full orphans.....	9
Clark.....	5	Half orphans.....	35
Elko.....	2	Parents living.....	37
Emeralda.....	2		
Humboldt.....	2		
Lander.....	1		
Lyon.....	15		
Mineral.....	1		
Nye.....	7		
Pershing.....	9		
Storey.....	4		
Washoe.....	24		
White Pine.....	3		
Total.....	81	Total.....	81
Number of children enrolled January 1, 1929.....			105
Number of children enrolled January 1, 1931.....			81
Daily average enrollment, 1929-1930.....			87

TABLE NO. 5

Statement of Farm Products for Years 1929-1930

15,000 gallons milk.....	\$4,500.00
Miscellaneous vegetables.....	200.00
20 tons potatoes.....	800.00
2,100 pounds dressed pork.....	420.00
1,800 pounds dressed veal.....	360.00
1 1/2 dozen chickens.....	25.00
Total.....	\$6,605.00