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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, August 1, 1938.

*To the Honorable, the Legislature of Nevada.*

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the law requiring the Directors of the State Orphans' Home to report to the regular sessions of your honorable body (sec. 7583, N. C. L. 1929), and in compliance with the requirements of the amendatory Act approved March 25, 1931, as amended by the Act approved February 20, 1933 (Chap. 21, Stats. 1933), we have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Superintendent of said Home for the period beginning July 1, 1936, and ending June 30, 1938, as our report, which shows in detail the affairs of said institution, with amounts of appropriations therefor, and receipts and expenditures thereof, during said two-year period, together with balances for operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED BRAY,  
DAN W. FRANKS,  
RAY G. STALEY,

*Directors of Orphans' Home.*

## PERSONNEL OF NEVADA STATE ORPHANS' HOME

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| MILDRED BRAY, President.....  | Carson City |
| DAN W. FRANKS, Secretary..... | Carson City |
| RAY G. STALEY, Member.....    | Carson City |

### HOME OFFICIALS

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| ERNEST C. SLOAN, Superintendent..... | Carson City |
| MRS. E. C. SLOAN, Matron.....        | Carson City |

# BIENNIAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NEVADA STATE ORPHANS' HOME

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, July 1, 1938.

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

MISS BRAY AND GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report of the administration of the Orphans' Home for the period beginning July 1, 1936, and ending June 30, 1938.

While it falls our lot to make the biennial report, it covers but approximately six weeks over one year of work, for the present superintendent and matron.

Much work has been done during the past year in the way of repairs to the building. With the special appropriation, the State Board of Control has put on a new roof, a new heating and lighting system, many minor repairs, and the whole building painted and papered within. Of the special appropriation, \$2,500 was allocated to the Superintendent for the purchase of house equipment. All of this amount was spent for beds, mattresses, blankets, window shades, drapes, furniture, carpets, silverware, dishes, and cooking utensils. The aluminum dishes have been replaced with chinaware, and the brightness of the home has had a very favorable effect upon the children. The destructive tendency possessed by a few of the children has almost vanished.

Quite a sum has been spent for farm machinery and feed for live-stock, and more will have to be spent during the ensuing year, as the hay land will have to be reseeded and the number of dairy cows is at a minimum. The dairy barn and surroundings are in a deplorable condition through the winter season and this should be cared for.

The morale of the children and employees is fine, and much credit is due the employees for their loyalty and untiring efforts.

As an incentive to higher ideals and living, the Superintendent and Matron offered a wrist watch as an award to the girl and boy selected for the most exemplary conduct. These watches went to Velia Sempron and Alfred (Caesar) Congdon.

A weekly allowance is now given the children, graduating from 10 cents per week for the youngest, to 50 cents per week for the oldest.

Prevocational training is a need that we are trying rapidly as possible to meet.

Miss Barbara Clark, Social Service Worker, has compiled very complete case records of every child in the Home and has been a great help in the year that she labored with us.

The health of the children has been good. Those who come to us undernourished are put on a proper diet and soon gain in weight. Doctor E. E. Hamer, our staff physician, guards their health closely.

We appreciate more than we can tell the loyalty of the Board of Directors. Their cooperation has given us courage to tackle some very difficult problems.

The people of Carson City and vicinity have shown a keen interest in the Home and we thank them for their kindness. We are happy in the work and hopeful for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. SLOAN,

*Superintendent.*

## TABULAR STATEMENTS

TABLE NO. 1

Statement of Operating Expenses for Two Years, July 1, 1936, to  
June 30, 1938, Inclusive

| Items showing purpose of expenditures | Fiscal year<br>ended<br>June 30, 1937 | Fiscal year<br>ended<br>June 30, 1938 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Salaries—                             |                                       |                                       |
| Superintendent and Matron.....        |                                       | \$3,000.00                            |
| Employees salaries .....              | \$2,838.71                            | 8,143.89                              |
| Farm salaries .....                   | 86.00                                 | 3.55                                  |
| Special nursing .....                 | 31.00                                 | 88.00                                 |
| Extra help .....                      | 231.50                                | 6.00                                  |
| Superintendence—                      |                                       |                                       |
| Office expense .....                  | 155.96                                | 127.65                                |
| Traveling expense .....               | 153.40                                | 257.41                                |
| Provisions—                           |                                       |                                       |
| Groceries.....                        | 7,401.85                              | 6,404.15                              |
| Clothing and bedding.....             | 2,106.44                              | 2,046.33                              |
| Sanitation and fumigants.....         | 25.50                                 | 53.77                                 |
| Laundry .....                         | 443.37                                | 393.65                                |
| Utensils .....                        | 78.84                                 |                                       |
| Hospital—                             |                                       |                                       |
| Attending physician .....             | 1,429.50                              | 1,411.00                              |
| Drugs and instruments.....            | 478.95                                | 285.25                                |
| Other expense .....                   | 86.50                                 | 4.00                                  |
| Electricity—                          |                                       |                                       |
| Fuel .....                            | 2,174.04                              | 1,587.45                              |
| Electric current .....                | 846.86                                | 942.00                                |
| Electric supplies .....               | 359.28                                | 22.65                                 |
| Other expense .....                   | 221.97                                |                                       |
| General—                              |                                       |                                       |
| Water .....                           | 244.75                                | 174.00                                |
| Amusements .....                      | 406.90                                | 241.60                                |
| Educational .....                     | 3,763.00                              | 209.02                                |
| General repairs .....                 | 772.98                                | 423.68                                |
| Equipment .....                       | 418.08                                | 195.14                                |
| Telephone .....                       |                                       | 96.90                                 |
| Transportation .....                  |                                       | 807.98                                |
| Childrens' allowance .....            |                                       | 656.70                                |
| Supplies .....                        | 324.05                                | 169.46                                |
| Other expense .....                   | 287.92                                | 177.12                                |
| Farm and dairy—                       |                                       |                                       |
| Seed and feed.....                    | 73.85                                 | 446.48                                |
| Tools and equipment.....              | 6.00                                  | 857.75                                |
| Farm supplies .....                   | 59.72                                 |                                       |
| Dairy expense .....                   |                                       | 28.00                                 |
| Livestock .....                       |                                       | 542.00                                |
| Auto truck .....                      | 500.84                                | 91.48                                 |
| Gas and oil.....                      |                                       | 169.73                                |
| Other expense .....                   | 23.75                                 | 99.98                                 |
| Total expenditures .....              | \$35,714.84                           | \$30,163.77                           |

TABLE NO. 2

Statement Showing Money Collected During Period July 1, 1936, to June 30,  
1937, Inclusive, and Net Operating Cost to State

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Total expense for one year.....   | \$35,714.84 |
| Money collected from counties for care of children—                                 |             |
| For quarter ending September 30, 1936.....  | \$2,872.24  |
| For quarter ending December 31, 1936.....   | 2,812.96    |
| For quarter ending March 30, 1937.....  | 2,417.76    |
| For quarter ending June 30, 1937.....   | 2,398.00    |
| Money collected from Industrial Insurance Commission.....                           | 288.00      |
| Received dividend from Carson Valley Bank.....                                      | 1.25        |
| Received from sale of pork.....   | 1.20        |
| Received from rent of land.....   | 20.00       |
| Total amount collected and submitted to State Treasurer.....                        | \$10,935.16 |
| Net operating cost to State for fiscal year July 1, 1936, to<br>June 30, 1937 ..... | \$24,779.68 |

TABLE NO. 3

## Statement Showing Money Collected During Period July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938, Inclusive, and Net Operating Cost to State

|  |            |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Total expense for one year.....                              |            | \$30,163.77 |
| Money collected from counties for care of children—          |            |             |
| For quarter ending September 30, 1937.....                   | \$2,180.64 |             |
| For quarter ending December 31, 1937.....                    | 2,186.28   |             |
| For quarter ending March 31, 1938.....                       | 3,919.52   |             |
| For quarter ending June 30, 1938.....                        | 2,687.44   |             |
| Money collected from Industrial Insurance Commission.....    | 258.40     |             |
| Money collected from Relief Administration.....              | 148.56     |             |
| Money collected from sale of beef and pork.....              | 150.00     |             |
| Money collected from sale of calves.....                     | 32.00      |             |
| Money collected from Jean Eastman (board of Janet).....      | 45.00      |             |
| Money collected from rent of land.....                       | 20.00      |             |
| Money collected from sale of junk.....                       | 20.00      |             |
| Money collected from Carson Valley Bank (dividends).....     | 2.13       |             |
| Money collected from WPA (for Alfred Congdon).....           | 29.75      |             |
| Refund from Harris Chevrolet Co.....                         | 11.51      |             |
| Refund from S. Gumpert Co.....                               | 4.12       |             |
| Total amount collected and submitted to State Treasurer..... |            | \$11,695.35 |
| Net operating cost to State for one year.....                |            | \$18,468.42 |

TABLE NO. 4

## Statement of Farm Products and Expenses for the Period July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937

|   |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| Amount and value of farm products—                |          |            |
| 2 veals butchered, 290 pounds at 16¢.....         | \$46.40  |            |
| 5 hogs butchered, 1,975 pounds at 18¢.....        | 355.32   |            |
| 100 tons of hay at \$10.....                      | 1,000.00 |            |
| Potatoes, 5,600 pounds at \$3 per 100 pounds..... | 168.00   |            |
| Miscellaneous vegetables.....                     | 32.70    |            |
| 8,858 gallons of milk at 20¢ per gallon.....      | 1,771.60 |            |
| Total value of products.....                      |          | \$3,374.02 |
| Farm expense—                                     |          |            |
| Extra help.....                                   | 86.00    |            |
| Electricity (pump).....                           | 61.53    |            |
| Hay, feed, etc.....                               | 72.35    |            |
| Livestock purchased.....                          | 97.23    |            |
| Farm supplies.....                                | 2.20     |            |
| Tools and equipment.....                          | 52.95    |            |
| Other expense.....                                | 25.25    |            |
| Total amount of expenses.....                     |          | \$397.51   |
| Net benefit derived from farm.....                |          | \$2,976.51 |

TABLE NO. 5

## Statement of Farm Products and Expenses for the Period July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Amount and value of farm products—                         |            |            |
| 10,120 gallons of milk.....                                | \$2,753.50 |            |
| 35 tons of hay at \$10 per ton.....                        | 350.00     |            |
| 5½ tons of potatoes at \$20 per ton.....                   | 110.00     |            |
| Miscellaneous vegetables.....                              | 109.05     |            |
| 7 beeves butchered, 2,400 lbs. at approx. 17½¢ per lb..... | 416.73     |            |
| 6 calves sold for.....                                     | 32.00      |            |
| 2 cows sold for.....                                       | 50.00      |            |
| 11 hogs butchered, 2,091 lbs. at approx. 17½¢ per lb.....  | 363.29     |            |
| 3 hogs sold, 430 lbs. at 14¢ per lb.....                   | 60.20      |            |
| Total value of products.....                               |            | \$2,444.77 |
| Farm expense—  |            |            |
| Truck.....   | \$91.48    |            |
| Gas and oil.....   | 169.73     |            |
| Repairs.....   | 148.26     |            |
| Equipment.....   | 356.25     |            |
| Supplies and other expense.....                            | 144.58     |            |
| Electric power (pump).....                                 | 191.29     |            |
| Seed and feed.....   | 429.88     |            |
| Extra help.....  | 2.00       |            |
| Cattle purchased.....                                      | 465.00     |            |
| Pigs purchased.....  | 89.00      |            |
| Total amount of expense.....                               |            | \$2,587.47 |
| Deficit for farm operation for the year.....               |            | \$142.70   |

**TABLE NO. 6**

**Statement Showing Total Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances for Maintenance and Support**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Total amount of appropriations, July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937..... | \$34,912.37 |
| Total amount of expenditures, July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937.....   | 35,714.84   |
| Deficit .....   | \$802.47    |
| Total amount of appropriations, July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938..... | \$31,130.00 |
| Total amount of expenditures, July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938.....   | 30,163.77   |
| Balance in fund June 30, 1938.....                                  | \$966.23    |

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Appropriation for school tuition for period July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1939....                                     | \$7,500.00 |
| Total amount expended July 1, 1938.....  | \$3,750.00 |
| Balance in fund .....  | \$3,750.00 |
| Total amount received from State Board of Control July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938 (from special appropriation)..... | \$2,500.00 |
| Total amount expended .....  | \$2,500.00 |
| Balance in fund .....  | None       |

**TABLE NO. 7**

**Statement Showing Number of Children Enrolled from Each County on July 1, 1937, Classification Thereof, and Number Admitted and Dismissed During the Year.**

|                                      |    |                           |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| Churchill .....                      | 6  | Full orphans .....        | 9  |
| Clark .....                          | 7  | Half orphans .....        | 35 |
| Elko .....                           | 8  | Both parents living ..... | 6  |
| Esmeralda .....                      | 1  |                           |    |
| Humboldt .....                       | 2  |                           |    |
| Lyon .....                           | 4  |                           |    |
| Mineral .....                        | 1  |                           |    |
| Nye .....                            | 8  |                           |    |
| Pershing .....                       | 3  |                           |    |
| Storey .....                         | 2  |                           |    |
| Washoe .....                         | 8  |                           |    |
| Total .....                          | 50 | Total .....               | 50 |
| Number enrolled July 1, 1936.....    |    |                           | 71 |
| Admitted during year .....           |    |                           | 6  |
| Dismissed during year .....          |    |                           | 27 |
| Number enrolled July 1, 1937.....    |    |                           | 50 |
| Average enrollment for the year..... |    |                           | 60 |

**Statement Showing Number of Children Enrolled from Each County on July 1, 1938, Classification Thereof, and Number Admitted and Dismissed During the Year.**

|                                      |    |                           |        |
|--------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|--------|
| Churchill .....                      | 5  | Full orphans .....        | 4      |
| Clark .....                          | 12 | Half orphans .....        | 36     |
| Douglas .....                        | 3  | Both parents living ..... | 13     |
| Elko .....                           | 4  |                           |        |
| Esmeralda .....                      | 1  |                           |        |
| Lyon .....                           | 3  |                           |        |
| Nye .....                            | 6  |                           |        |
| Pershing .....                       | 3  |                           |        |
| Storey .....                         | 7  |                           |        |
| White Pine .....                     | 1  |                           |        |
| Washoe .....                         | 8  |                           |        |
| Total .....                          | 53 | Total .....               | 53     |
| Number enrolled July 1, 1937.....    |    |                           | 50     |
| Admitted during year .....           |    |                           | 18     |
| Dismissed during year .....          |    |                           | 15     |
| Enrolled July 1, 1938.....           |    |                           | 53     |
| Average enrollment for the year..... |    |                           | 53 1/3 |

**PER CAPITA STATEMENT**

|                                |                               |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                | For year ending June 30, 1937 | For year ending June 30, 1938 |
| Cost per capita per year.....  | \$595.24                      | \$62.02                       |
| Cost per capita per month..... | 49.60                         | 46.84                         |

**TABLE NO. 8**  
**Analysis of Population of Nevada State Orphans' Home Year Ending**  
**July 1, 1937**

| AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY            |       | No. of Children | Age at time of admission | Male  | Female |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| Length of stay in number of years |       |                 |                          |       |        |
| 1 year (or less)                  | ..... | 8               | 2 years                  | ..... | 2      |
| 2 years                           | ..... | 1               | 3 years                  | ..... | 1      |
| 3 years                           | ..... | 5               | 4 years                  | ..... | 3      |
| 4 years                           | ..... | 1               | 5 years                  | ..... | 3      |
| 5 years                           | ..... | 6               | 6 years                  | ..... | 5      |
| 6 years                           | ..... | 6               | 7 years                  | ..... | 1      |
| 7 years                           | ..... | 2               | 8 years                  | ..... | 5      |
| 8 years                           | ..... | 8               | 9 years                  | ..... | 3      |
| 9 years                           | ..... | 6               | 10 years                 | ..... | 5      |
| 10 years                          | ..... | 1               | 11 years                 | ..... | 1      |
| 11 years                          | ..... | 4               | 12 years                 | ..... | 3      |
| 12 years                          | ..... | 2               | 13 years                 | ..... | 2      |
| 13 years                          | ..... | .....           | 14 years                 | ..... | 1      |
|                                   |       | 50              |                          | 19    | 31     |

**Age Distribution of Children Under Care July 1, 1937**

|                          |       |       |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| 6 years of age and under | ..... | 3     |
| 7 to 12 years of age     | ..... | 10    |
| 13 to 18 years of age    | ..... | 37    |
| Over 18 years of age     | ..... | ..... |
|                          |       | 50    |

**Analysis of Population of Nevada State Orphans' Home Year Ending**  
**July 1, 1938**

| AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY            |       | No. of Children | Age at time of admission | Male  | Female |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| Length of stay in number of years |       |                 |                          |       |        |
| 1 year (or less)                  | ..... | 19              | 3 years                  | ..... | 1      |
| 2 years                           | ..... | 6               | 4 years                  | ..... | 2      |
| 3 years                           | ..... | 1               | 5 years                  | ..... | 3      |
| 4 years                           | ..... | 3               | 6 years                  | ..... | 2      |
| 5 years                           | ..... | .....           | 7 years                  | ..... | 4      |
| 6 years                           | ..... | 7               | 8 years                  | ..... | 1      |
| 7 years                           | ..... | 3               | 9 years                  | ..... | 4      |
| 8 years                           | ..... | 2               | 10 years                 | ..... | 4      |
| 9 years                           | ..... | 5               | 11 years                 | ..... | 2      |
| 10 years                          | ..... | 5               | 12 years                 | ..... | 3      |
| 11 years                          | ..... | 1               | 13 years                 | ..... | 2      |
| 12 years                          | ..... | .....           |                          | ..... | 2      |
| 13 years                          | ..... | 1               |                          | ..... | 3      |
|                                   |       | 53              |                          | 23    | 30     |

**Age Distribution of Children Under Care July 1, 1938**

|                          |       |       |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| 6 years of age and under | ..... | 6     |
| 7 to 12 years of age     | ..... | 19    |
| 13 to 18 years of age    | ..... | 28    |
| Over 18 years of age     | ..... | ..... |
|                          |       | 53    |