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Marshal Foch says:

*"If I had my life to live all over again,
I should not trouble about words. I
would go where the deeds are done
and you would see the results."*

COLORADO STATE HOME FOR CHILDREN

FACTS
CONCERNING THE STATE HOME FOR CHILDREN

This is the only state institution for the care of the dependent, neglected, and maltreated children of Colorado.

It is supported by state appropriations.

No church collections are solicited.

No county or individual contributions are received.

The children are all committed by the Juvenile or County Courts of the various counties of the state.

The county pays the court costs and the expense of transportation for the children to the Home.

There are desirable children now in the Home, to be placed in good families upon adoption or special contract.

The court and other expenses for adoption papers are paid by the individuals securing them.

The State Agents receive no commission on children received, or on those placed in private homes.

The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

"The said Board are hereby made the legal guardians of the persons and estates of all children admitted to said Home, pursuant to law, which guardianship shall continue during the minority of such children, except in cases where, under this act, the guardianship may be cancelled by resolution adopted by said Board." (From Section 5 of Chapter 26, Session Laws, 1895.)

For placing a child no remuneration is required or received of the counties or individuals who are charitably disposed.

Parents are not encouraged to part with their children.

According to Chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895, all children free from chronic or contagious disease, who are dependent upon the public for support, and those who are neglected, maltreated, or in evil environment, are eligible as inmates of the State Home.

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BOARD OF CONTROL

Anna McNamara Whitaker, President.....	Denver
Peter Hagner Holme, Vice-President.....	Denver
Anna Reynolds Morse, Secretary.....	Denver
Permelia Curtis Porter.....	Denver
Shelby Paxton Thomas.....	Denver

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

John L. McMenamin.....	Superintendent
Edith G. Cole.....	Assistant Superintendent
W. B. Rankin.....	State Agent
M. E. Logan }.....	Assistant State Agents
Lorna C. Rominger }	
Emma Cassady.....	Office Secretary

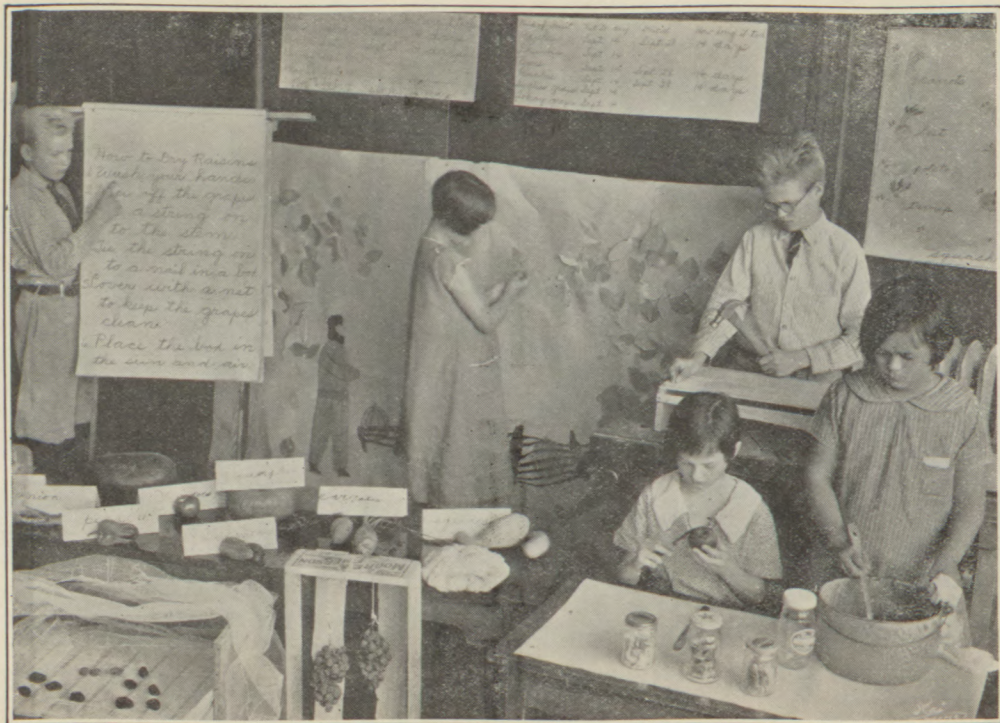
MEDICAL STAFF

William Wiley Jones, M. D.....	{ Attending Physician Pediatrist
George B. Packard, Jr., M. D.....	
Sanford Withers, M. D.....	Surgeon
E. B. Swerdfeger, M. D.....	Radiologist
Atha Thomas, M. D.....	Ear, Nose and Throat
	Orthopedic Surgeon
Attending Dentists.....	{ Roy A. Phillips, D. D. S. Ray M. Phillips, D. D. S. Charles K. Phillips, D. D. S.

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A GROUP OF THE CHILDREN AT WORK IN OUR DORA REYNOLDS SCHOOL
(THE HOME SCHOOL)

LIST OF PERSONS THAT HAVE SERVED ON BOARD

	Served From	To
Mrs. Dora E. Reynolds.....	1895	1916
Mrs. Sarah L. Curtis.....	1895	1916
Mrs. Louise L. Arkins.....	1895	1906
Mrs. Anna M. Cochran.....	1895	1899
Mrs. Caldwell Yeaman.....	1895	1896
Mr. Tyson Dines.....	1896	1907
Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes.....	1899	1905
Mrs. Mary A. Ingersoll.....	1905	1911
Mrs. Helen L. Grenfell.....	1906	1909
Mr. John F. Shafroth.....	1906	1907
Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes.....	1907	1913
Mr. Edward J. Wilcox.....	1907	1913
Mr. John T. Barnett.....	1913	1915
Mrs. Clara L. Hunter.....	1911	1919
Mr. William V. Hodges.....	1915	1919
Mrs. Margaret Patterson Campbell.....	1913	1929
Mrs. Permelia Curtis Porter.....	1916	Present Time
Mrs. Anna Reynolds Morse.....	1916	Present Time
Mrs. Anna McNamara Whitaker.....	1919	Present Time
Mr. Peter Hegner Holme.....	1919	Present Time
Mrs. Shelby Paxton Thomas.....	1930	Present Time

LIST OF SUPERINTENDENTS

- Dr. Rose Kidd Beere, from 1895 to January 1, 1898.
H. W. Cowan, from January 1, 1898, to September 1, 1912.
Dr. O. P. Wright, from September 1, 1912, to September 17, 1912.
W. B. Rankin, Acting Superintendent, September 17, 1912, to October 14, 1912, and from November 14, 1924, to December 31, 1924.
C. A. Donnelly, from October 14, 1912, to November 14, 1924.
John L. McMenamin, from January 1, 1925, to present time.



TWO OF THREE CHILDREN ADOPTED
IN ONE HOME

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

2305 South Washington Street,
Denver, Colo., July 1, 1931

To the Honorable
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Governor of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir: On behalf of the Board of Control of the Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, I have the honor to submit to you herewith the Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Board of Control and the Superintendent for the period December 1, 1928 to June 30, 1931.

The Board takes this occasion to state that, during this period, as in those preceding, we have received most courteous co-operation from all officers, employes, institutions and other departments of the State of Colorado with whom our work has brought us in contact.

Very respectfully yours,
ANNA McNAMARA WHITAKER,
President, State Board of Control.

On January 7, 1929, Margaret Patterson Campbell passed away. Mrs. Campbell's presence on the Board of Control had a double significance. Aware of the ideals of those who founded the Institution, because of her service with them—1913-1929—she became a connecting link between the old and the new. The memory of her fine mind, her humane judgment, her benign and tolerant spirit lingers still with those who had the privilege of her counsel.

Governor Adams appointed Mrs. Shelby Paxton Thomas to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mrs. Campbell.

IN APPRECIATION

On May 19, 1930, the Home was officially advised that it had been made beneficiary, with six other Denver Institutions, of the residuary estate of the late Camilla S. Edbrooke. It is estimated that our proportion will amount to about \$7000.00 when full settlement has been effected; to date we have received \$5,818.60.



A FUTURE ATHLETIC
INSTRUCTOR

ONE OF OUR BOYS IN
BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF.



A LITTLE ROSE BUD-
THE FOSTER PARENTS
WILL NOT GIVE AWAY.



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER
1, 1928 TO JUNE 30, 1931. 31 MONTHS.

	12-1-1928 to 11-30-1929	12-1-1929 to 11-30-1930	12-1-1930 to 7-30-1931	Total for 31 Months
Salaries	\$29,992.66	\$ 32,227.70	\$19,382.36	\$ 81,602.72
Provisions	10,928.39	13,245.14	8,966.14	33,139.67
Clothing	6,755.46	7,308.82	5,152.59	19,216.87
Household Furnishings	2,588.05	4,275.92	1,966.77	8,830.74
Furniture and Fixtures	1,860.67	3,810.09	2,924.01	8,594.77
Light and Power	1,612.77	1,782.86	1,038.58	4,434.21
Fuel	4,927.52	4,609.73	3,735.22	13,272.47
State Agency	3,174.44	3,565.46	1,902.96	8,642.86
Drugs, Instruments, Hospital	3,885.86	6,250.89	3,973.78	14,110.53
General Expense	2,788.45	5,041.92	1,759.79	9,590.16
School Supplies	186.05	293.94	287.94	767.93
Postage, Stationery, P.g., Office Expense	573.39	881.70	1,734.49	3,189.58
Telephone	393.68	446.84	226.59	1,067.11
Insurance	873.37	341.48	130.73	1,345.58
Laundry	756.94	808.42	483.98	2,049.34
Water	2,580.12	2,176.85	1,187.22	5,944.19
Undertaker	308.00	725.10	591.07	1,624.17
Provender	5,875.66	8,200.27	1,608.07	15,684.00
Building Improvements and Repairs (Fund)	6,914.24	7,060.63	25.13	14,000.00
Building Repairs		1,543.35	2,058.32	3,601.67
Farm and Garden	458.43	1,044.88	193.99	1,697.30
Implements and Tools	1,833.02	717.66	110.36	2,661.04
Stock	158.50			158.50
Totals	\$89,425.67	\$106,359.65	\$59,440.09	\$255,225.41

To Appropriation Feb. 11, 1929	\$ 30,000.00
To Appropriation April 23, 1929	185,500.00
	<u>\$215,500.00</u>
To Appropriation for Estimated Deficit April 14, 1931	\$ 39,991.98
	<u>\$255,491.98</u>
Total Expenditures for period of 31 months, Dec. 1, 1928 to June 30, 1931	\$255,225.41
Returned to Treasurer, June 30, 1931	\$ 266.57

DIRECT COST

Average standing population in Home during period.....	268
Cost per child per year.....	\$368.82
Cost per child per day.....	1.01

In addition to the average standing population of 268 children during this period, we had, under supervision of the Home an average of 750 in foster homes on trial adoption, special contract, special indenture, and trial parent.

Our three traveling agents covered 182,425 miles in calling on these children, making 6518 visits—an average of four visits per child per year.

The direct cost of this follow-up work, for salaries and traveling expenses was \$20,055.61, and the indirect cost probably as much more, for transportation of children to and from foster homes, outfitting with clothing, medical attention, etc. Therefore, the actual cost per child per year in the Home is approximately \$25.00 per child per month.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION, COST, ETC.,
THIRTY-ONE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

Under jurisdiction, beginning fiscal year—December 1, 1928.....	752
Admitted during period.....	1092
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Total cared for directly.....	1844
Total Maintenance (for 2 years and 7 months).....	\$255,225.41.
Cost per capita for total cared for directly.....	53.58
Dismissed permanently (attained majority, self-supporting, re- turned to parent, returned to county, married, died, adopted).....	806
Dismissed tentatively (trial adoption, trial parent, at work, etc.)....	740
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Total dismissed.....	1546
Average placed per month.....	60
Total enrollment at end of Thirty-one months—June 30, 1931.....	1038

SUMMARY FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Number received to June 30, 1931.....		5065
In Homes on trial.....	381	
In Homes adopted.....	1775	
In Homes special contract (free homes).....	359	
Returned to parents.....	556	
Married, attained majority, self-supporting.....	1056	
Died.....	301	
Returned to counties.....	290	
Returned to guardian.....	2	
Returned to counties (temporary commitments).....	47	
Present in Home—June 30, 1931.....	298	5065

COMBINED STATISTICS FOR THIRTY-ONE
MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

	Boys	Girls	Total
Total number new admissions.....	612	480	1092
Number formally adopted.....	262	258	520
Number declared self-supporting.....	79	19	98
Number returned to counties.....	32	30	62
Number that became of age.....		6	6
Number married.....		16	16
Number died.....	36	22	58
Average age of those adopted.....	1.71 Yrs.	1.47 Yrs.	1.6 Yrs.
Average age of those present in Home —June 30, 1931.....	9.4 Yrs.	10.6 Yrs.	9.67 Yrs.

STATE AGENCY—THREE AGENTS
FOR THIRTY-ONE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

Number of Visits—

To children in foster homes.....	6,518
To applicants for children.....	1,122
To references, prospects, county officers, and others in con- nection with the placements of children.....	13,549
Total.....	21,189

Mileage—

By railroad.....	Miles 99,261
By automobile and bus.....	Miles 83,164
Total.....	Miles 182,425

EXPENSES: (Not including salaries of agents).....	\$ 3,688.96
Salaries of agents.....	11,366.65
Total.....	\$20,055.61

The low cost of traveling expenses for our agents is due, in large part, to free railroad transportation furnished the agents. All railroads operating in Colorado, with the exception of two, the Union Pacific and Denver and Salt Lake R. R. gives us annual passes, and the latter gives us trip passes on request.

STATISTICS FOR THIRTY-ONE MONTHS PERIOD
ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

	Boys	Girls	Total
New Admissions	612	580	1092
Completed Adoptions	262	258	520
Number on "Special Contract" (Free Homes) June 30, 1931	198	135	333
Number on Special Indenture (Relatives other than parents) June 30, 1931	12	14	26
Number declared self-supporting by Board of Control during 31 Months	79	19	98
Number on trial for adoption—June 30, 1931	163	147	310
Number on trial with parents—June 30, 1931	39	15	54
Number returned to counties from which originally committed during 31 months	32	30	62
Number formally returned to parents by resolution of Board of Control	31	15	46
Number attaining majority in Home		6	6
Number died in Institution under one year of age	19	9	28
Number died in Institution over one year of age	3	2	5
Number died in private homes under one year of age	10	9	19
Number died in private homes over one year of age	4	2	6
Married		16	16
Average age of those received	4.6 Yrs.	4.9 Yrs.	4.7 Yrs.
Average age of those adopted	1.71 Yrs.	1.47 Yrs.	1.6 Yrs.
Average age of those in Home—June 30, 1931	9.4 Yrs.	10.6 Yrs.	9.67 Yrs.
Average daily attendance for period ending June 30, 1931			268
Number present in Home—June 30, 1931	178	120	298

The total admissions—1092—for the the thirty-one months period—an average of 423 per year—is the largest in the history of the Home.

For the 28 years ending December 1, 1924, a total of 2900, or an average of 104 per year had been received.

For the next four years—December 1, 1924 to December 1, 1928, a total of 1073 or an average of 268 per year.

While the number of children received during this period has increased 341% over the average received for the preceding 32 years, yet the total cost of maintaining the Home has increased only 11.6% over the past ten years.

CHILDREN IN THE HOME JUNE 30, 1931

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 months	8	5	13
6 to 12 months	2	2	4
1 to 2 years	1	2	3
2 to 3 years	3	1	4
3 to 4 years	3	2	5
4 to 5 years	4	2	6
5 to 6 years	4	1	5
6 to 7 years	13	3	16
7 to 8 years	19	4	23
8 to 9 years	19	9	28
9 to 10 years	19	15	34
10 to 11 years	21	18	39
11 to 12 years	16	15	31
12 to 13 years	18	7	25
13 to 14 years	12	7	19
14 to 15 years	8	9	17
15 to 16 years	6	4	10
16 to 17 years	1	6	7
17 to 18 years	0	3	3
18 to 19 years	0	3	3
19 to 20 years	1	2	3
Total	178	120	298
Average ages	9.4 Yrs.	10.6 Yrs.	9.67 Yrs.

CHILDREN RECEIVED DURING THIRTY-ONE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 months	252	215	467
6 to 12 months	27	32	59
1 to 2 years	25	23	48
2 to 3 years	25	17	42
3 to 4 years	16	16	32
4 to 5 years	20	6	26
5 to 6 years	18	12	30
6 to 7 years	29	20	49
7 to 8 years	29	17	46
8 to 9 years	22	18	40
9 to 10 years	23	19	42
10 to 11 years	20	26	46
11 to 12 years	24	8	32
12 to 13 years	29	12	41
13 to 14 years	18	12	30
14 to 15 years	26	15	41
15 to 16 years	8	8	16
16 to 17 years	1	4	5
Total	612	480	1092
Average ages	4.6 Yrs.	4.86 Yrs.	4.7 Yrs.

CHILDREN FORMALLY ADOPTED DURING THIRTY-
ONE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 months	29	28	57
6 to 12 months	100	128	228
1 to 2 years	68	54	122
2 to 3 years	27	20	47
3 to 4 years	10	8	18
4 to 5 years	5	7	12
5 to 6 years	9	1	10
6 to 7 years	4	3	7
7 to 8 years	2	5	7
8 to 9 years	1	1	2
9 to 10 years	2	2	4
10 to 11 years	2	1	3
11 to 12 years	1	0	1
12 to 13 years	1	0	1
13 to 14 years	0	0	0
14 to 15 years	0	0	0
15 to 16 years	0	0	0
16 to 17 years	1	0	1
Totals	262	258	520
Average ages	1.71 Yrs.	1.47 Yrs.	1.6 Yrs.

PARENTAL STATUS OF 949 CHILDREN UNDER
JURISDICTION OF HOME ON JUNE 30, 1930.

Both natural parents in their own home	191
Both parents dead	33
Father dead	57
Mother dead	107
Illegitimate birth	276
Parents divorced	25
Parents separated	114
Both parents deserting	41
Father deserting	82
Mother deserting	19
No information	4
Total	949

RACES OF ABOVE CHILDREN

White (including 54 Spanish-Americans)	922
Negro	22
American Indian	5
Total	949

NATIVITY OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO HOME
THIRTY-ONE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1931

Arkansas	4	
California	9	
COLORADO	904	81%
Idaho	2	
Illinois	8	
Iowa	3	
Kansas	29	
Kentucky	1	
Minnesota	6	
Missouri	23	
Montana	5	
Nebraska	26	
New Mexico	8	
New York	1	
North Dakota	1	
Oklahoma	17	
Pennsylvania	3	
South Dakota	5	
Texas	8	
Utah	4	
Vermont	1	
Wyoming	6	
Canada	5	
Mexico	2	
Panama	3	
Unknown	8	
Total	1092	

NUMBER OF CHILDREN COMMITTED FROM AND
ADOPTED IN THE VARIOUS COUNTIES

	Committed			Adopted		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Adams	7	4	11	2	2	4
Alamosa	0	0	0	1	2	3
Arapahoe	22	16	38	13	7	20
Archuleta	0	0	0	1	0	1
Baca	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bent	0	0	0	2	2	4
Boulder	4	1	5	8	7	15
Chaffee	7	4	11	3	4	7
Cheyenne	1	0	1	0	4	4
Clear Creek	1	1	2	0	1	1
Conejos	0	0	0	4	2	6
Costilla	0	0	0	0	2	2
Crowley	0	0	0	3	0	3
Custer	1	0	1	0	0	0

COLORADO STATE HOME FOR CHILDREN

	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Delta	6	8	14	8	2	10
Denver	410	303	713	89	102	191
Dolores	0	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas	0	1	1	1	0	1
Eagle	0	0	0	2	0	2
Elbert	0	0	0	2	0	2
El Paso	12	15	27	14	16	30
Fremont	5	1	6	4	2	6
Garfield	3	0	3	2	0	2
Gilpin	0	0	0	0	1	1
Grand	0	0	0	0	2	2
Gunnison	5	3	8	0	0	0
Hinsdale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huerfano	2	2	4	2	1	3
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jefferson	5	4	9	5	6	11
Kiowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kit Carson	1	1	2	1	0	1
Lake	1	1	2	0	2	2
La Plata	0	0	0	1	12	13
Larimer	2	2	4	6	4	10
Las Animas	5	6	11	5	4	9
Lincoln	1	3	4	1	2	3
Logan	4	7	11	5	5	10
Mesa	12	25	37	9	8	17
Mineral	0	0	0	0	3	3
Moffat	5	3	8	2	0	2
Montezuma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montrose	8	3	11	5	2	7
Morgan	14	12	26	4	7	11
Otero	17	6	23	1	1	2
Ouray	1	3	4	0	0	0
Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	0	1	1	1	2	3
Pitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prowers	0	1	1	4	3	7
Pueblo	9	8	17	8	4	12
Rio Blanco	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rio Grande	2	2	4	3	4	7
Routt	4	7	11	1	2	3
Saguache	6	5	11	1	1	2
San Juan	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Miguel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick	5	10	15	5	2	7
Summit	0	0	0	0	2	2
Teller	0	0	0	1	2	3
Washington	2	0	2	2	3	5
Weld	22	11	33	15	12	27
Yuma	0	0	0	2	2	4

OTHER STATES

Arizona				1	0	1
Idaho				1	0	1
Illinois				1	2	3
Iowa				1	0	1
Kansas				1	1	2
Montana				0	1	1
Nebraska				1	1	2
Texas				0	1	1
Utah				0	1	1
Wyoming				6	1	7

Totals	612	480	1092	262	258	520
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