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THE BRADFORD-ROBINSON Ptg. Co., DENVER



TWENTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
BOARD OF CONTROL
of the
COLORADO STATE HOME
for
**Dependent and
Neglected Children**



From
July 1, 1941
to
June 30, 1943

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

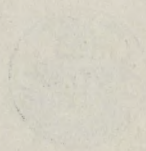
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FACTS CONCERNING THE STATE HOME FOR CHILDREN

This is the only State Institution for the care of the dependent, neglected, and maltreated children of Colorado.

No church collections or individual contributions are solicited.

It is supported by State appropriations.

No county 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 cost and 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 the children received, or on those placed in private homes.

The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

This Board is required by law to meet four times a year, however, in this two-year period thirty-four regular meetings were recorded. This does not include any special meetings.

“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 by 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, of sound mind and body, placeable in family homes, who are dependent upon the public for support, and who are neglected, maltreated, or in evil environment, are eligible as inmates of the State Home.

BOARD OF CONTROL

Anna McNamara Whitaker, President.....	Denver
Ben T. Poxson (from Sept. 1939), Vice President.....	Denver
Shelby Paxton Thomas, Secretary.....	Denver
Permelia Curtis Porter.....	Denver
Anna Reynolds Garrey.....	Denver

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Ralph B. Horner.....	Superintendent
Emma Cassady.....	Coordinator

MEDICAL STAFF

William Wiley Jones, M.D.....	} Attending Physician Pediatrist
George B. Packard, Jr., M.D.....		Surgeon
Rex Murphy, M.D.....	Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Atha Thomas, M.D.....	Orthopedic Surgeon
R. W. Danielson, M.D.....	Ophthalmologist
Attending Dentists.....	} Roy A. Phillips, D.D.S. Ray M. Phillips, D.D.S. Charles K. Phillips, D.D.S.

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 Garrey.....	1916	Present Time
Mrs. Anna McNamara Whitaker.....	1919	Present Time
Mr. Peter Hagner Holme.....	1919	1932
Mrs. Shelby Paxton Thomas.....	1930	Present Time
Mr. Robert L. Stearns.....	1933	April, 1939
Mr. Ben T. Poxson.....	Sept. 21, 1939	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 May 31, 1937.
- Ralph B. Horner, from June 1, 1937, to present time.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

2305 South Washington Street,
Denver, Colo., July 1, 1943.

To the Honorable

JOHN C. VIVIAN,
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 Twenty-fourth Biennial Report of the Board of Control and the Superintendent for the period July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1943.

The Board takes this occasion to state that, during this period, as in those preceding, we have received most courteous cooperation from all officers, employees, 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.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

During this Biennial period the legislature passed a law pertaining to Birth Certificates. This bill now enables the adopting parents to receive a birth certificate for the child, issued in their own name. The original certificate is to be sealed and filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, to be opened only on order of the court. This eliminates the word illegitimate or the necessity of Certificate of Identification.

Also passed by the legislature a bill creating a Board of Standards of Child Care. This Board, appointed by the Governor, includes a member of the State Home Board.

RALPH B. HORNER

This biennial period sees the end of the term of Ralph B. Horner, who has been recalled to active duty in the Navy, after serving six and one-half years as Superintendent of this Home. He has worked untiringly for the children under his care without thought of self, and unmindful of day or night. He has proved himself a scrupulous administrator, a champion of the helpless, and a true friend of the children.

Members of the Board of Control wish to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the unselfish and faithful service rendered to the State by Commander Horner.

RECREATION

During this biennium, recreational facilities at the Home were extended through a gift of a moving picture machine, whereby a picture is shown every Saturday night.

A Boy Scout Troop has been formed for boys between twelve and fifteen years and is supervised by Scout Master Dwight L. Skinner. Boys are encouraged to take part in all Scout activities.

Miscellaneous entertainments conducted by various civic organizations and individuals at picture shows downtown, circuses, theatre and other special entertainments. We are indebted to the American Legion, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, The Young America League, Shriners, Police Department and Denver Tramway. The last named having furnished free transportation on many occasions.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children
2305 South Washington Street, Denver, Colorado

MAINTENANCE

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD

JULY 1, 1941 TO JUNE 30, 1943

Average daily attendance, 267.

DISBURSEMENTS:	1941	1942	Total
Salaries	\$ 39,783.26	\$ 41,549.51	\$ 81,332.77
Provisions	28,182.39	26,802.86	54,985.25
Clothing	8,700.06	7,555.06	16,255.12
Household Furnishings.....	5,186.48	3,116.76	8,303.24
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,401.96	2,399.63	4,801.59
Light and Power.....	2,297.66	2,172.73	4,470.39
Automobiles	1,158.68	3,558.86	4,717.54
Insurance	1,335.46	572.45	1,907.91
Coal	5,746.99	6,330.91	12,077.90
Gas	1,057.12	1,032.83	2,089.95
State Agency.....	4,142.82	1,511.90	5,654.72
Drugs, etc.....	3,957.12	3,507.33	7,464.45
Hospital	1,230.45	2,235.14	3,465.59
General Expense.....	648.00	691.68	1,339.68
School	868.96	454.33	1,323.29
Office Expense.....	961.34	700.48	1,661.82
Telephone and Telegraph.....	430.79	398.09	828.88
Laundry	790.38	1,167.46	1,957.84
Water	1,690.21	2,887.42	4,577.63
Burial	75.00	145.00	220.00
Implements and Tools.....	239.82	59.30	299.12
Provender	6,696.08	7,028.37	13,724.45
Horse Feed.....	1,651.70	.....	1,651.70
Pig Feed.....	280.90	343.93	624.83
Animals, Miscellaneous.....	517.62	551.10	1,068.72
Farm and Garden.....	1,390.92	562.68	1,953.60
Building Repairs, etc.....	3,363.05	3,614.03	6,977.08
Heating Plant Repairs.....	425.22	311.09	736.31
Dairy Supplies.....	393.50	505.47	898.97
Total Operating Cost.....	\$125,603.94	\$121,766.40	\$247,370.34
Returned to General State Funds	2,629.66
			<u>\$250,000.00</u>

RECEIPTS:

Appropriation July 1, 1941.....	\$250,000.00
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COST PER CAPITA

	Year	Month	Day
Based on average yearly population in Home and supervised outside of Home.....948	\$130.46	\$ 10.87	\$0.36

BUILDING PROGRAM

The Ten-Year Building Program of this Institution was completed in 1943, with the following Expenditures and Receipts on June 30, 1943.

EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS
Laundry Equipment.....\$ 8,549.45	To June 1940.....\$19,174.00
Superintendent's House, Grounds and Furnishings 13,668.90	To June 1941..... 7,689.91
Heating Plant..... 57,647.58	To June 1942..... 20,587.07
Kitchen Equipment..... 2,711.80	To June 1943..... 34,418.53
New Roof on Gymnasium.. 511.13	\$81,869.51
\$83,088.86	
Interest paid to June 30, 1943 1,210.24	
\$84,299.10	
Receipts to June 30, 1943.. 81,869.51	
Overdraft\$ 2,429.59	

On June 30, 1943, the total outstanding Warrants amounted to \$7,826.70, of which \$4,000 will be called in July 1943. The balance will be paid in August and September 1943, with interest amounting to \$181.73. These will finish all payments of the Ten-Year Building Program.

DAIRY

The Dairy produced 587,460 pounds of milk during the biennium. The milk is used exclusively for the children and for cooking. Each child averages a quart of milk per day.

FIELD AGENCY

For the Biennial Period—July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1943

Number of Visits:

To children in foster homes.....	4,004
To applicants for children.....	778
To references, prospects, county officers, and others in connection with the placement of children.....	2,902
	7,684

Mileage:

Automobiles	96,350	
Expense of agents (not including salaries).....		\$4,957.20
Average number of children on calling lists.....	680	
Number of applications secured.....	899	
Approved	718	80%
Disapproved	181	20%

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

The Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children
2305 South Washington Street, Denver, Colorado

Children Under Jurisdiction for the Biennial Period

July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1943

Under Jurisdiction 6-30-41.....1,010

	6-30-41 to 6-30-42			6-30-42 to 6-30-43			Total 2 Yrs.
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
Adopted	133	109	242	143	122	265	507
Attained Majority.....	28	21	49	16	17	33	82
Self-Supporting	26	..	26	36	1	37	63
Married .....	..	15	15	..	14	14	29
Returned to Parent.....	3	3	6	1	..	1	7
Returned to County.....	6	6	12	22	9	31	43
Died in Private Home.....	..	..	..	..	3	3	3
Died in Institution.....	1	2	3	5	..	5	8
Returned to Guardian.....	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	197	157	354	223	166	389	743
Cleared			354			389	743
Balance							267
New Admissions since 6-30-41	161	140	301	185	167	352	653
Under Jurisdiction 6-30-43.....							920
Trial Adoption.....	108	79	187	116	96	212	
Special Contract.....	159	141	300	142	135	277	
Trial Parent.....	40	32	72	41	44	85	
Special Indenture.....	40	28	68	39	27	66	
Left Private Home.....	7	5	12	6	3	9	
Escaped	11	3	14	9	3	12	
In Other Institutions.....	17	22	39	20	26	46	
In Home.....	151	114	265	122	91	213	
	533	424	957	496	424	920	920
Average number of children under supervision outside of Institution during biennium.....							681
Average daily attendance.....							267
Average placed per month.....							44
				Boys	Girls		Total
Died in Institution under one year of age.....				3	2		5
Died in Institution over one year of age.....				2	1		3
Died in private homes under one year of age.....				..	3		3

CHILDREN ADMITTED DURING BIENNIUM

	1941-1942			1942-1943			Total		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months.....	120	99	219	133	115	248	253	214	467
6 Mos. to 1 Year...	8	4	12	2	5	7	10	9	19
1 Year to 2 Years..	5	2	7	5	1	6	10	3	13
2 Yrs. to 3 Years..	1	1	2	4	5	9	5	6	11
3 Yrs. to 4 Years..	1	5	6	1	6	7	2	11	13
4 Yrs. to 5 years..	1	3	4	4	3	7	5	6	11
5 Yrs. to 6 Years..	1	1	2	5	3	8	6	4	10
6 Yrs. to 7 Years..	3	1	4	3	2	5	6	3	9
7 Yrs. to 8 Years..	3	3	6	3	1	4	6	4	10
8 Yrs. to 9 Years..	4	1	5	7	5	12	11	6	17
9 Yrs. to 10 Years..	2	3	5	1	4	5	3	7	10
10 Yrs. to 11 Years..	1	5	6	5	6	11	6	11	17
11 Yrs. to 12 Years..	4	3	7	5	2	7	9	5	14
12 Yrs. to 13 Years..	4	4	8	5	3	8	9	7	16
13 Yrs. to 14 Years..	2	1	3	2	..	2	4	1	5
14 Yrs. to 15 Years..	1	3	4	..	5	5	1	8	9
15 Yrs. to 16 Years..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	2
	<u>161</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>653</u>

CHILDREN IN HOME JUNE 30, 1943

	1941-1942			1942-1943		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months.....	3	2	5	1	4	5
6 Months to 1 Year.....	3	..	3	4	1	5
1 Year to 2 Years.....	3	1	4	3	2	5
2 Years to 3 Years.....	4	2	6	4	..	4
3 Years to 4 Years.....	1	4	5	2	5	7
4 Years to 5 Years.....	4	2	6	1	1	2
5 Years to 6 Years.....	1	1	2	2	..	2
6 Years to 7 Years.....	4	1	5	5	1	6
7 Years to 8 Years.....	4	8	12	6	2	8
8 Years to 9 Years.....	3	2	5	8	4	12
9 Years to 10 Years.....	11	6	17	7	4	11
10 Years to 11 Years.....	9	5	14	9	7	16
11 Years to 12 Years.....	26	13	39	7	3	10
12 Years to 13 Years.....	19	11	30	28	8	36
13 Years to 14 Years.....	15	12	27	12	10	22
14 Years to 15 Years.....	16	17	33	7	11	18
15 Years to 16 Years.....	10	15	25	7	12	19
16 Years to 17 Years.....	10	6	16	4	8	12
17 Years to 18 Years.....	2	2	4	3	4	7
18 Years to 19 Years.....	2	4	6	1	3	4
19 Years to 20 Years.....	..	..	..	1	1	2
20 Years to 21 Years.....	1	..	1	..	..	..
	<u>151</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>213</u>

CHILDREN RECEIVED FROM COUNTIES

County	1941-1942			1942-1943		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Adams	2	2	2	2	..	2
Archuleta	3	3	3	..	..	..
Arapahoe	4	..	4	5	..	5
Boulder .....	..	..	..	2	1	3
Costilla	1	..	1	..	..	..
Clear Creek.....	1	1	2	..	..	..
Denver	128	99	227	147	134	281
Eagle	3	3	6	..	..	..
Elbert .....	..	..	..	..	1	1
El Paso.....	2	1	3	8	2	10
Fremont .....	..	..	..	..	1	1
Garfield .....	..	..	..	2	1	3
Huerfano .....	..	..	..	2	..	2
Jefferson	1	..	1	..	2	2
Las Animas.....	2	3	5	..	6	6
Larimer	3	3	6	..	..	..
Logan .....	..	6	6	..	1	1
Mesa	2	9	11	..	3	3
Montrose .....	..	..	..	2	2	4
Montezuma .....	..	..	..	..	2	2
Morgan .....	..	..	..	1	2	3
Moffat .....	..	..	..	..	1	1
Otero .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Phillips .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Pueblo	7	2	9	5	5	10
Prowers	1	..	1	..	..	..
Rio Grande.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Weld	4	6	10	6	3	9
Yuma	2	2	4	..	..	..
	<u>161</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>352</u>

NATIVITY OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO HOME
DURING BIENNIAL PERIOD

July 1, 1941—June 30, 1943

Arkansas	1
California	2
Colorado	630
Florida	4
Idaho	2
Kansas	2
New Mexico.....	1
Missouri	6
Oklahoma	3
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Total	<u>653</u>

PARENTAL STATUS OF 653 CHILDREN ADMITTED TO
HOME DURING BIENNIAL PERIOD

July 1, 1941—June 30, 1943

Both Parents in Their Own Home.....	42
Both Parents Dead.....	4
Father Dead.....	15
Mother Dead	21
Illegitimate	480
Parents Divorced	3
Parents Separated	32
Both Parents Deserting.....	13
Father Deserting.....	10
Mother Deserting.....	14
Father in Prison.....	15
No Information.....	4
	<u>653</u>

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CHILDREN ADOPTED IN COUNTIES

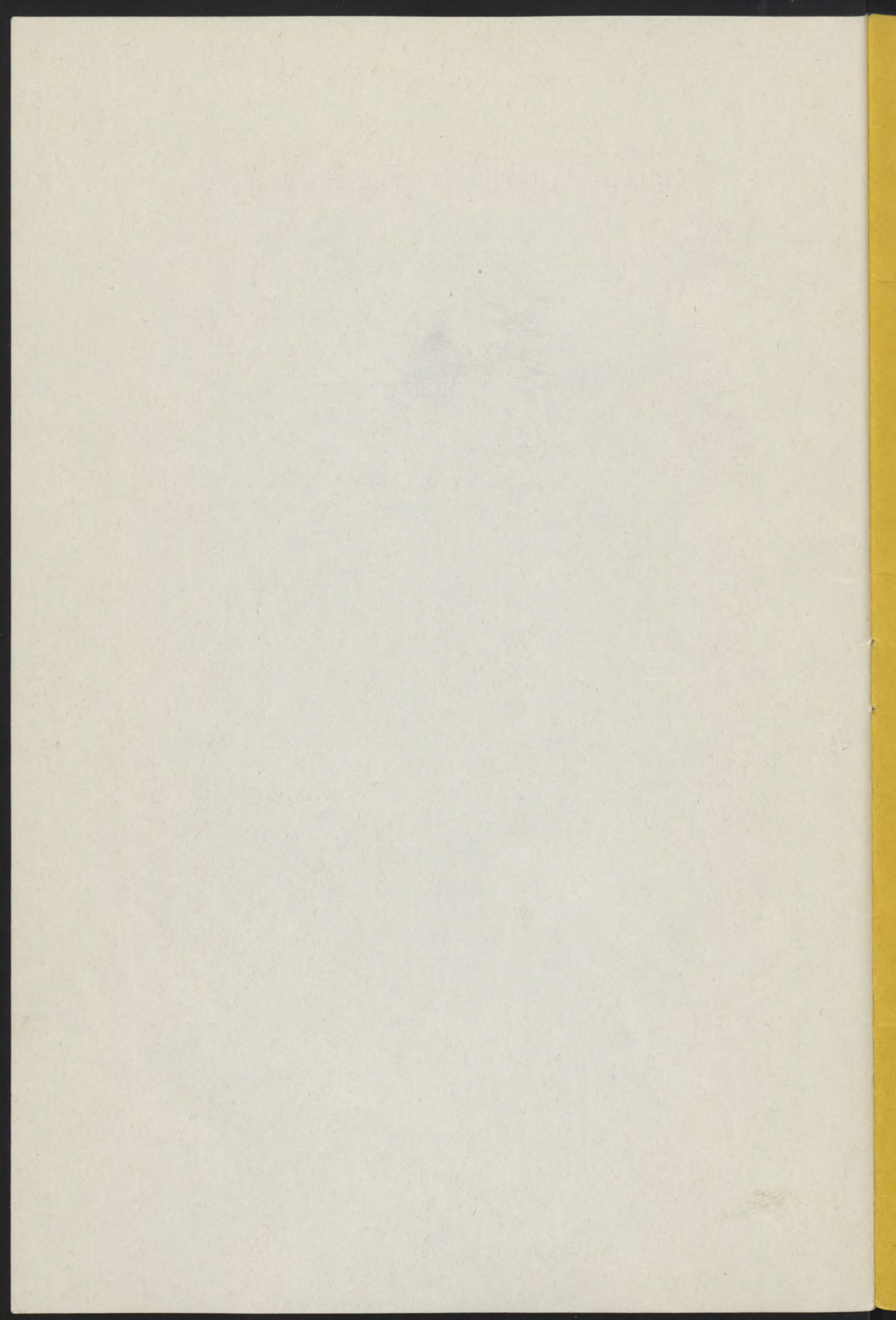
County	1941-1942			1942-1943		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Adams	4	1	5	1	2	3
Alamosa	1	..	1	1	3	4
Arapahoe	6	4	10	10	3	13
Baca	1	..	1	1	..	1
Boulder	3	2	5	2	5	7
Chaffee .....	..	1	1	..	1	1
Cheyenne .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clear Creek	1	..	1	..	..	..
Conejos .....	..	1	1	1	..	1
Costilla .....	..	1	1	..	..	..
Crowley .....	..	..	..	2	..	2
Custer .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Delta	2	1	3	1	1	2
Denver	61	56	117	58	62	120
Dolores	1	1	2	..	..	..
Douglas .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Eagle	1	2	3	1	1	2
Elbert .....	..	..	..	..	1	1
El Paso	8	3	11	10	4	14
Fremont .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
Garfield	2	1	3	1	2	3
Grand .....	..	2	2	2	1	3
Gunnison	1	..	1	..	1	1
Huerfano	2	2	4	3	2	5
Jackson	2	..	2	..	..	..
Jefferson	2	3	5	2	..	2
Kit Carson	1	1	2	..	..	..
Lake	1	..	1	1	2	3
La Plata	3	..	3	1	..	1
Larimer	3	2	5	1	3	4
Las Animas .....	..	..	..	2	1	3
Lincoln	1	..	1	1	..	1
Logan	2	3	5	2	1	3
Mesa	2	2	4	5	7	12
Moffat	2	..	2	..	..	..
Montezuma	1	..	1	..	1	1
Montrose	1	..	1	3	1	4
Morgan	2	1	3	3	1	4
Otero	1	1	2	1	1	2
Ouray .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Park .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phillips .....	..	2	2	1	..	1
Pitkin .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prowers	1	1	2	..	..	..
Pueblo	5	3	8	5	5	10
Rio Blanco	1	..	1	..	..	..
Rio Grande .....	..	1	1	2	1	3
Routt	2	1	3	1	1	2
Saguache	1	..	1	..	..	..
San Juan	1	..	1	..	..	..
San Miguel .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sedgwick .....	..	2	2	..	..	..
Teller	1	..	1	1	1	2
Washington .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weld	2	7	9	11	5	16
Yuma .....	..	..	..	2	..	2
Out of State	132	108	240	142	120	262
	1	1	2	1	2	3
Total Completed Adoptions for Biennium	133	109	242	143	122	265
Total Completed Adoptions for Biennium						507

CHILDREN ADOPTED OUTSIDE THE STATE

State	1941-1942			1942-1943		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
California	1	1		1	2	3
New York.....	1	..	1	..	..	..
Louisiana .....	..	..	..	1	..	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

AGES OF CHILDREN ADOPTED

	1941-1942			1942-1943			Total		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months.....	8	9	17	9	5	14	17	14	31
6 to 12 Months.....	72	65	137	91	87	178	163	152	315
1 to 2 Years.....	14	8	22	20	10	30	34	18	52
2 to 3 Years.....	8	3	11	2	3	5	10	6	16
3 to 4 Years.....	6	1	7	3	..	3	9	1	10
4 to 5 Years.....	3	2	5	2	1	3	5	3	8
5 to 6 Years.....	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	5
6 to 7 Years.....	3	..	3	1	3	4	4	3	7
7 to 8 Years.....	3	2	5	1	..	1	4	2	6
8 to 9 Years.....	2	4	6	3	2	5	5	6	11
9 to 10 Years.....	3	4	7	..	2	2	3	6	9
10 to 11 Years.....	..	..	..	2	4	6	2	4	6
11 to 12 Years.....	2	1	3	2	..	2	4	1	5
12 to 13 Years.....	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	2
13 to 14 Years.....	1	2	3	1	..	1	2	2	4
14 to 15 Years.....	2	2	4	4	1	5	6	3	9
15 to 16 Years.....	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
16 to 17 Years.....	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4
17 to 18 Years.....	4	..	4	..	1	1	4	1	5
18 to 19 Years.....
19 to 20 Years.....	..	1	1	1	1
	<u>133</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>507</u>





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