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Public School Costs Increase the Past Year

Total Is \$19,840,190, But Is Still Eight Million Dollars Below the 1931 Figure.

All public schools in the state, with a decrease in the number of school children, a decrease in enrollment and daily attendance, except in high schools, a decrease in number of teachers, spent for all purposes \$19,840,190.14 during the 1936 school year, an increase of \$1,497,030.58. State Superintendent Taylor's annual compilation of public school finances from 7,207 districts, a decrease of seven districts since one year ago, shows that including \$2,399,692 on hand at the beginning of the year total receipts for the year were \$22,992,727, compared with \$22,053,643 the previous year. In 1931 receipts totaled \$32,501,611. Expenditures in 1931 totaled \$28,114,616 as compared with \$19,840,190 this year.

Current expenses this year were \$17,175,354 compared with \$16,329,599 last year and \$23,942,378 in 1931. The total expense of instruction this year was \$12,134,827, compared with \$11,794,057 last year and \$17,000,000 six year ago.

Capital outlay this year totaled \$1,384,664, compared with \$573,565 the previous year, which was the highest since 1931 when this item was \$2,282,258.

New buildings and lands and other capital outlay of city and village schools this year cost \$1,221,466 and for rural schools \$127,197, compared with a total of \$470,771 for city and village schools last year and \$102,794 for rural schools.

Less for Debt Service.

Debt service as an item of expense this year was \$1,270,998 for city and village and \$19,805 for rural schools, compared with \$1,392,284 for city and village and \$21,462 for rural districts last year.

The grand total receipts of schools including balances on hand the first of the year, \$22,992,727, are made up of \$17,665,969 for city and village and \$5,327,666 for rural schools.

Tax receipts of schools for the year totaled \$14,612,142, compared with \$14,555,148 the previous year. This year city and village schools derived from taxes \$11,004,864, and rural schools received \$2,575,240 from taxes. In 1931 city and village schools received \$22,000,000 of tax money.

Apportionment of state funds to city and village schools this year was \$572,029 and to rural schools \$578,118. From allotment for vocational education, city and village schools

PUTTING IT UP TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus, I crave your aid,
In delivering, if you can,
To a lone and lorn Nebraska maid
A handsome, bright young man.

The one I mostly have in mind
Must be loving, tender and true;
I've sought for long, but failed to find
Just the type of youth who'd do.

He must be heart-whole, city bred,
Fairly free from fault or vice;
A lad of spirit—a shrewd, level head—
One with money would be real nice.

I don't want a "sissy," nor one too bright,
Nor one altogether too green;
But a blend of the two would be about right—
A kind-a betwixt and between.

He mustn't swill highballs, nor smoke cigars,
Nor indulge in swear words or low slang—
Nor be sporty enough to "book" foolish bets,
Nor be out late o' nights with "the gang."

Now Santa, I trust that this plea
Will be read
And replace any former laid plan;
If you can't fill the order, just send instead
Anything in the shape of a man.

I know that I ought to sign this
With my name—
But that would be most ill-advised—
For there's so many girls here whose
Manner are the same,
That your error would not be advertised.

Films Sign Young Opera Star



Betty Jane Schultz, Fred Bartow and Judge O'Connell

Her recent debut as a star of Chicago grand opera at the age of 15 so impressed critics that pretty Betty Jane Schultz has received contracts which insure her of \$50,000 income for the coming year. Newest offer came from a film company represented by Fred Bartow, background, whose contract was approved by Judge O'Connell of probate court, seated.

alone derived \$158,205. City and village schools received \$1,896,523 from tuition and rural schools received \$19,153 from the same source. City and village schools received \$119,279 from state general fund appropriations and rurals received \$35,270.

Teachers and Wages.

The total number of class room teachers in the schools is now 12,989, compared with 13,852 last year, a decrease of 863. The average yearly salary of men teachers in city and village schools dropped the past year from \$1,483.33 to \$1,433.50; women increased a few cents, from \$957.47 to \$957.69; rural men increased from \$473.93 to \$497.27. Rural women increased from \$462.46 to \$467.93.

The number of men teachers in cities and villages increased from 1,518 to 1,652; women from 6,937 to 6,133 to 5,958, and the number from 375 to 335; women from 5,922 to 5,901.

While there are nine more school districts than before, the number of school houses increased from 7,553 to 7,559, but the record shows that 50 new buildings were built during the year.

The number of one room rural schools increased from 6,036 to 6,051. The number of all rural schools dropped from 6,123 to 5,958, and the num-

ber of teachers in rural schools decreased from 6,297 to 6,236.

The number of normal training high schools, public and private, dropped from 207 to 189, and the number of students enrolled in normal training courses dropped from 3,846 to 3,566.

School children of school age in the state, from 5 to 21 years, dropped from 415,834 to 405,508. The average daily attendance at all schools dropped from 274,272 to 265,630. Total enrollment in the state dropped from 312,355 to 307,975.

In public high schools, accredited and non-accredited, the enrollment increased from 76,277 to 78,552, and in accredited high schools from 72,853 to 77,539.

WHAT DEPRESSION COST

Washington, Dec. 22.—An international labor office study estimates the world depression from 1930 to 1934 cost at least 149 billion dollars. This is more than seven times as much money as there is in the United States. "A fateful figure equal to the total cost of the World war," said Wladimir Woytinsky, author of the study.

Want ads secure prompt return of lost articles.

Nehawka

Harry Stutt of Avoca was a visitor in Nehawka last Monday, looking after some business matters.

Clarence Hansen was called to Omaha Tuesday of this week to look after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Nielson were guests of friends for the day on Christmas at Avoca, their old time home.

Thomas Mason, the mail carrier, has been very busy during the afternoons in delivering wood to Union, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth.

Dick Chriswiser was in Plattsmouth last Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Martha Chriswiser, returning to Nehawka Monday morning.

Glen Rutlege, publisher of the Nehawka Enterprise was in Plattsmouth last Monday looking after some business matters for a short time.

Glen Whiteman, making his home near Lorton was looking after some business matters in Nehawka last Monday, also visiting with his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buchols of Avoca, were visiting for the day last Sunday at the home of the parents of Mrs. Buchols, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kruger.

Bobbie McDonald and wife were enjoying a visit at Manley for the day Christmas, guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. McDonald.

Lyle Kruger and son Lawrence are chopping wood at the home of Nelson Berger, thus defeating the present dull spell since the closing down of the stone quarries.

John Johnson of Weeping Water, who has been engaged in the blacksmith business for a number of years but who sold his shop, was a visitor in Nehawka Monday of this week.

Mrs. Albertina Ost was hostess on Christmas day at her home and had as her guests for the occasion her son, W. A. Ost and family as well as Andrew Anderson and family of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buchols who injured one of his hands recently, has not been able to work on that account and with the wife is spending the present week with relatives in Avoca.

James McVey and family are spending Christmas at the home of the parents of Mrs. McVey near Avoca, where they are having the members of the Neumeister family for a Christmas gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Vermer Lundberg entertained at their home in Nehawka on Christmas and had as their guests the members of the family of both Mr. and Mrs. Lundberg, where an excellent time was enjoyed by all.

Frank Trotter, who has not been feeling the best for the past week was able to be about and visiting with his friends down town Monday of this week. His many friends are hoping he will soon be enjoying his usual health.

The family of John Yeiser of Omaha were expecting to visit with Mr.

and Mrs. A. F. Sturm on Christmas day and celebrate with them but the sickness of both Jack and Andy Yeiser prevented their coming, so the celebration was off.

Jacob Wessell was entertaining the entire family at the home on the farm on Christmas day, having all the children and the families there for the occasion which was a very fine crowd and a very happy occasion with one of the very best of dinners.

Among those attending school elsewhere, home for the holidays are Bernell Adams, who is attending the state university, Laverne Steffens who attends Doane college at Crete and Robert and Ellis Schlichtmeier who are students at Wesleyan University at Lincoln.

Makes Change in Business.

Harvey Falkhurst who was formerly in business in Union, disposed of his business and interests here to Wm. Fernbrook of Syracuse who came here and took charge of the business which was a liquor store and attempted to conduct the business on the permit given to Mr. Falkhurst, but was forbidden by the law. The place was locked up pending obtaining the proper permit.

Entertained for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wessell were host and hostess on Thursday of this week, entertaining for Christmas with a very fine dinner and had as their guests for the occasion Carl Wessell and family of Nehawka and Arno Wessell and family of Des Moines, Iowa.

Moves to Plattsmouth.

On last Saturday Wm. Senf who has been making his home in Nehawka for some time since he left the farm last Saturday moved to Plattsmouth where he expects to make his home in the future. Fred Miller with his truck moved the goods of L. M. McVey to the place just vacated by Mr. Senf. Mr. McVey will expect to make his home there until spring when he will move on a farm north of town.

Mrs. Krecklow Still Poorly.

Mrs. J. J. Krecklow who was taken to the hospital in Omaha for treatment and an operation some time ago is still at the institution, although somewhat improved. Her sister, Mrs.

Bessie Wiemer of Greenwood is here caring for the children during the time Mrs. Krecklow is in the hospital.

Celebrated Fiftieth Birthday.

Mrs. George C. Sheldon on last Friday surprised her husband by giving a Christmas birthday surprise party for him, having a large number of his friends present for the celebration of the passing of his 50th birthday anniversary. The friends made a merry evening and when departing extended the wish for many many more such happy occasions.

Interesting Program Sunday Evening

At the Methodist church in Nehawka was held last Sunday evening a very fine program which was conducted by the ladies of the church and was a general mixed program with plenty of mirth and wit and as well much substantial entertainment consisting of songs, readings and plays. Rev. Wm. Lenker, pastor of the church, reviewed the book, "The Fourth Wiseman" which was a most

interesting portion of the evening's entertainment.

Visited Here for Day.

Miss Bessie Tucker who is a teacher in a college at Norwalk, Ill., while on her way to Holbrook, Neb., to spend the Christmas season with her mother, stopped in Nehawka for a week end visit with her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Steffens nee Doris Magney, spending Sunday here and departing for the west Monday morning.

Board of Directors Meet.

The board of directors of the Nehawka Farmers Oil company met at the office of the company with Manager R. C. Pollard on Monday afternoon of this week when they listened to the reports of the manager as to the amount of business done the past year and also allotted the dividends which they were able to declare.

Plattsmouth merchants will assist you in stretching your Christmas gift money by giving you real bargains.

We Wish All Our Patrons and Friends a Most

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company
You can buy only good appliances here



We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual, and take this opportunity to thank you most heartily and to extend our greetings for your happiness.

OUR 1936 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

are best expressed in words of appreciation of the continued courage, confidence and co-operation of loyal members and friends of the Building, Savings and Loan Plan.

Merry Christmas In Happy Homes

W. W. Metz - Wm. H. Pitzer - John C. Miller - H. F. Meyer
Marshall Pitzer - John H. Petring - E. J. von Gillern
Oliver Stevenson - J. C. Thygeson
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