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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Honorable R. L. Cochran,
Governor of Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

The Nebraska Public Library Commission has the honor to submit the following report covering the period August 26, 1935 to November 30, 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WEBSTER,
President.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

H. L. WEBSTER, Tekamah, *President*

MRS. P. L. CADY, Fremont, *Vice-President*

MRS. DAVID SIMMS, Hastings

ANNIE C. KRAMPH, North Platte

JOHN W. DELEHANT, Beatrice

STAFF

NELLIE M. CAREY, *Executive Secretary*

DOROTHY W. LESSENHOP, *Reference Librarian and Cataloger*

C. A. TILGER, *Shipping Clerk and General Assistant*

JESSIE ROBERTSON, *Traveling Library Assistant*

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Room 1508

Lincoln

The Capitol



NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION BOOKMOBILE
Purchased July 28, 1936

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History and Duties

The legislature of 1901 passed a law to establish the Nebraska Public Library Commission, making Nebraska the twentieth state to have such a Commission. The members of the Library Commission were the State Librarian, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor and the Librarian of the University of Nebraska, and one person who was appointed by the Governor for a term of five years. The duties of the Commission were to encourage and to assist in the formation of new libraries and to give advice and instruction as to the best means for establishing, organizing and administering such libraries; to purchase books and circulate them; and to collect annually reports from all libraries in the state together with such facts and statistics as might be deemed of public interest.

In 1933 the legislature abolished the Nebraska Public Library Commission and established in its place the Nebraska Public Library and provided that the Librarian of the University of Nebraska should be ex-officio Public Library Commissioner. During the biennium 1933-1935 the Nebraska Public Library carried on work similar to that previously done by the Library Commission, but was greatly handicapped by the very small appropriation of \$10,000 allowed for the two year period.

The law creating the Nebraska Public Library was repealed in 1935 and the Nebraska Public Library Commission reestablished. The Governor appointed five members, one to serve one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. Hereafter one new member will be appointed annually to serve for a term of five years. An appropriation of \$25,000 was made for the biennium.

Time Covered by This Report

Due to the changes made in the organization this report covers the period from August 26, 1935, the date on which the appropriation for the Nebraska Public Library Commission became available, to November 30, 1936, a little over fifteen months instead of the usual two year period. The law now provides that the Library Commission "make a report of its activities and the progress of its work on or before December fifteenth in each even numbered year." Although there was no appropriation for this work from July 1, 1935, to August 26, 1935, the office was kept open by the two members on the staff and books were circulated. For the sake of continuity in reports circulation statistics for this period are included in this report.

Location of Office

The Library Commission was formerly housed in the old Capitol Building, but was moved to the Social Science Building at the University of Nebraska in 1921. The law passed in 1935 specified that offices should be provided in the Capitol Building. In compliance with the law rooms were allotted on the first floor with storage space in the basement.

The preparation of the rooms and the construction of new equipment was made possible through a WPA project which called for \$3,917.81 Federal funds and \$727.80 sponsor's funds. Enough steel stacks were constructed to take care of the present collection of approximately 43,000 volumes and to allow for some growth. The drawing up of specifications which involved technical knowledge and the making of blue prints was done by engineers in the state road department and the work was supervised by the chief mechanic of that department. Old furniture owned by the Library Commission was refinished and several new pieces made. The transfer to the new quarters was made March 1, 1936.

Personnel

Members of the Library Commission appointed by the Governor July 1, 1935 were:

- H. L. Webster, Tekamah, one year
- Mrs. David Simms, Hastings, two years
- John W. Delehant, Beatrice, three years
- Mrs. P. L. Cady, Fremont, four years
- Annie C. Kramph, North Platte, five years

Mr. Webster was elected president and Mrs. Simms was elected secretary. One of the first duties of the Commission was to select an executive secretary. Nellie M. Carey, who had been for two years secretary of the former Library Commission and the executive assistant of the Nebraska Public Library, was elected. Dorothy W. Lessenhop, reference librarian and cataloger for the preceding five years, was asked to continue in that position. Increased work made it necessary during the first year to employ more assistants, and C. A. Tilger and Jessie Robertson, both of whom were trained librarians, were added to the staff. The regular staff was supplemented during the school year by student assistants employed under the NYA.

At the end of his one year term Mr. Webster was reappointed for a five year term and was reelected president of the Commission. Mrs. Cady was elected vice-president.

Program

The Library Commission has adopted a program looking forward to the complete coverage of the state with library service. Fifty per cent of the population of Nebraska are without local library service.

These people live in the country or in towns too small to support efficient public libraries. Other states have demonstrated that the most satisfactory way to get adequate local library service is through the development of larger tax areas for library support, such as the county or combination of counties into a region. Nebraska has only one

county which has given a county levy for the support of library service.

The immediate program is an educational one with a two fold purpose: first, to inform people in the state of the service which is available to them through the Nebraska Public Library Commission; second, to explain how the law in regard to the establishment of county or regional libraries would operate and to show the advantages of such a system.

Publicity

The publicity for the biennium has centered around the above named objectives. Members of the Library Commission explained the work of the Library Commission and the plans for library extension at the state library meeting held in Lincoln, October 16-18, 1935, at the district library meetings in April, 1936, and before other groups. The executive secretary appeared on the programs of the annual meeting of the Home Economics Section of Organized Agriculture in January 1936, the state meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs held in Beatrice, October 20-22, 1936 and the state meeting of the Parent-Teacher Congress in Norfolk, October 7-9, 1936, and made brief announcements regarding the service to teachers and rural schools before the rural sections of two of the district teachers' meetings. The reference librarian spoke on the subject of what the Library Commission and other libraries could contribute to the summer recreational projects at a state meeting of recreational leaders in Lincoln in April, 1936.

Articles about the Library Commission and its Bookmobile have appeared in a number of newspapers and magazines. A mimeographed news letter carrying library news and suggestions is sent out each month by the executive secretary to librarians and library trustees. Copies of the municipal and county and regional library laws were printed and distributed on request. A study course called "Equalization of Library Service" was prepared for the use of the Women's Rural Clubs under the direction of the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture.

Bookmobile

One of the most important aids in the program of the Library Commission has been the new Bookmobile purchased during the summer of 1936 and first displayed at the State Fair. The Library Commission is indebted to Mrs. R. L. Cochran for her interest in this project and to a group of Omaha business men for their gift of money which made the purchase of the book truck possible. The Bookmobile, which is a specially constructed half ton truck, is used for demonstration purposes and carries a carefully selected collection of three hundred books. It has done much to create interest in library extension.

Cooperation with other groups

Representatives from the Library Commission have had numerous conferences with representatives of other groups to discuss the extension of library service and have prepared for distribution lists of books

which could be borrowed from the Commission on such subjects as vocational guidance, social welfare, recreation and summer reading projects, etc.

An increasing number of organizations have adopted library service as one of their projects. The A.A.U.W., the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Nebraska Parent-Teacher Congress have appointed state library chairmen.

Participation in library meetings

The executive secretary attended the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, December 30, 1935-January 1, 1936, and the annual conference in Richmond, Virginia, May 11-16, 1936. She conducted a round table discussion of library problems at the eight district library meetings held in Nebraska in April, 1936. Members of the Library Commission and staff members attended the state library meeting in Lincoln, October 16-18, 1935. The executive secretary, reference librarian and one member of the Library Commission were present at the state library meeting in North Platte, October 21-23, 1936.

Field Work

One of the important duties of the Library Commission is to aid in the establishment of new libraries and to give information and help in library problems to those already established. This can be done best through visits to the communities interested and in conferences with the librarians and trustees. Since the staff does not include a field worker the executive secretary has done as much of this work as possible, and other members of the staff have assisted with the Bookmobile. Altogether seventy-four libraries have been visited during the period covered by this report. Visits were made in response to invitations to contact groups interested in library extension, to assist in the formation of new libraries, to make a survey to help a library determine lines for future development, to be present at the opening of a new library building, etc.

Correspondence

The Library Commission serves as a clearing house for library matters in the state and since the amount of field work which can be done is limited, a great deal of correspondence is involved. The Commission maintains an extensive file of material relating to libraries and this is sent out in response to requests for information on such problems as planning new library buildings or equipment, cataloging, selection of books, keeping records and other routine matters. A list of people desiring library positions is kept on file and furnished on request to librarians or library trustees.

Including the news letter, 17,679 letters and 3,366 postal cards were sent out during this period.

Library conditions in the state.

There are five new library buildings in Nebraska. The Lincoln Township Library building at Wausa was opened October 13, 1935. The Chappell Memorial Library and Art Gallery was dedicated July 18, 1936. A building at Cody is about completed and will be dedicated soon. A community building at Morrill which will house the library and a library building at Rushville will probably be completed this winter.

The Scottsbluff Public Library has increased its capacity by a large addition which was opened this summer. New rooms for children and young people were opened this fall in the basements of the North Platte and Lincoln Public Libraries. An old church building at Niobrara has been bought by the library board and fitted up for the library. Several other libraries which do not have their own buildings have moved to more commodious quarters.

Government funds and projects have made it possible for many libraries to make needed repairs and improvements in their buildings. There have been several changes in librarians due to resignations and retirements. In filling vacancies library boards in general are recognizing the fact that standards for librarians have raised and that so far as funds permit the person who is the best trained and fitted for the place should be employed. The voluntary certification plan adopted by the Nebraska Library Association has had some effect on improvement of library personnel. One hundred and eighty-three librarians have been granted certificates.

Several small increases in appropriations for library support have been reported. Some libraries which are receiving the maximum levy allowed by law find that with the decrease in property valuation the amount provided is too small for efficient library service. The maximum levy is one mill on the actual value of all taxable property, except for towns having a population of more than one thousand and less than five thousand, which may levy one and one-half mills for library service. There seems to be a definite need for finding some other source of income, either through a change in the law to raise the maximum levy, or through the formation of more township libraries or the establishment of county and regional libraries. Libraries may also enter into contracts with school districts.

Comparison with other states

Statistics released by the American Library Association show that Nebraska ranks as follows in library service as compared with the other states:

Circulation per capita of public libraries - - 25th with 3.31 volumes
Number of volumes per capita in public libraries - 24th with .85 volumes
Expenditures per capita for public library service - 29th with 22 cents
Per cent of population without local library service - - 22nd with 50%

Recommendations of state library planning board

The planning board appointed by the Nebraska Library Association to study the library needs in the state and to make recommendations

for the improvement of existing conditions, recommends, among other things the following:

Establishment of county and regional libraries to further the extension of library service and to supplement the work of the Nebraska Public Library Commission.

Revival of appropriation for library service in the state penal and welfare institutions and the appointment of a trained librarian supervisor.

A state law requiring the certification of librarians of public libraries.

Improvement of school libraries by following standards recommended by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the certification of school librarians and the appointment of a trained library supervisor of school libraries.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Volumes in Library

Volumes in library August 26, 1935	40,597
Volumes worn out and discarded	848
Volumes added	4,218
Volumes in library November 30, 1936	43,967

Record of Loans*

Borrowers	Requests Filled	Volumes
Groups of residents	46	2,779
Public libraries	939	36,889
Schools	1,165	41,419
Study clubs	307	719
Other organizations	30	1,324
Individuals	5,792	11,889
	8,279	95,019
Total	8,279	95,019

* Includes circulation from July 1, 1935 to August 26, 1935

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 7,700.20
Supplies	541.93
Expense	1,989.93
Materials	644.45
Books, magazines, etc.	6,361.27
	\$17,237.78
Total	\$17,237.78
Appropriation	\$25,000.00
Balance December 1, 1936	\$ 7,762.22

STATE LIBRARIES

Department	Location	Volumes	Director
Legislative Reference Bureau -----	Lincoln -----	35,000*	Edna D. Bullock
Nebraska Public Library Commission -----	Lincoln -----	43,967	Nellie M. Carey
State Historical Society -----	Lincoln -----	60,000	Mrs. C. S. Paine
State Library -----	Lincoln -----	103,181	George H. Turner

* Chiefly pamphlets and clippings

U. S. GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL LIBRARY

Department	Location	Volumes	Director
Veterans' Administration Hospital -----	Lincoln -----	2,561	Doris Rowland

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Alliance High School -----	Alliance -----	1,800	Juanita Lang
Beatrice Schools -----	Beatrice -----	2,000	Margaret Rutledge
Junior High School			Mrs. Eula Merwin
Senior High School			Inez Dean
Broken Bow High School -----	Broken Bow -----	2,740	H. O. A. Keinath
Concordia Teachers College -----	Seward -----	6,200	Sister Therese Marie
College of St. Mary -----	Omaha -----		Mrs. Lucile M. Reynolds
Creighton University -----	Omaha -----	46,378	Dorthea Jensen
Dana College -----	Elair -----	2,600	William B. Hunt
Doane College -----	Crete -----	27,322	Mrs. A. Munch
Duchesne College -----	Omaha -----	8,382	Robert L. Pullen
Fairbury High School -----	Fairbury -----	3,000	Mrs. Floy DeWald
Falls City High School -----	Falls City -----		Wilma Sargent
Fremont High School -----	Fremont -----	1,600	

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES (Continued)

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Grand Island Schools			
R. J. Barr Junior High School	Grand Island	2 904	Catharine Glade
Senior High School	Grand Island	4,286	Alice E. Paine
Walnut Junior High School	Grand Island		Florence Reese
Hastings College	Hastings	21,782	Marguerite Nesbit
Hastings High Schools	Hastings	5,600	Glen H. James
Hebron Junior College	Hebron		Josephine Schultz
Holdrege High School	Holdrege	3100	Mrs. Belva L. Melvin
Hooper High School	Hooper	1,025	Mrs. S. L. Whitcomb
Kearney Schools			
Junior High School	Kearney	1,700	Katharine Major
Senior High School	Kearney	2,713	Lucile Hrubesky
Lincoln Schools			
Bethany High School	Lincoln		Mrs. Gladys Van Camp
College View High School	Lincoln	1,600	Elma Buchanan
Everett Junior High School	Lincoln	1,875	Frieda Schmeling
Havelock Junior High School	Lincoln	696	Lillian Griffiths
Irving Junior High School	Lincoln	2,563	Aimee Johnston
Jackson High School	Lincoln		Ann Munson
Lincoln High School	Lincoln	6,371	Emma E. Snyder
Whittier Junior High School	Lincoln	3,500	Anna H. Bethune
Lexington High School	Lexington	2,000	Jesse B. Thorpe
Luther College	Wahoo	6,000	Emma Peterson
McCook Junior College	McCook	1,400	Mrs. Noreen Anderson
Midland College	Fremont	15,179	Dorothy H. Dysinger
Nebraska Central College	Central City		Milo H. Crosby
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln	28,118	Mrs. Ethol Langdon Bishop
Norfolk Senior High School	Norfolk	4,200	Lora Heald
North Platte Senior High School	North Platte	4,000	Lucille Cooper
Omaha Schools			
Benson High School	Omaha	5,293	Elsa Smith
Central High School	Omaha	25,000	Zora Shields

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES (Continued)

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
North High School -----	Omaha -----	7,009	Catherine Nichol
South High School -----	Omaha -----	10,861	Ivae Walker
Technical High School -----	Omaha -----	18,732	May Ingles
Omaha Municipal University -----	Omaha -----	24,342	Inez Chesnut
Scottsbluff H. S. and Junior College -----	Scottsbluff -----	3,000	Ethel Pflug
Sidney High School -----	Sidney -----	2,600	Verna Robinson
State Teachers College -----	Chadron -----	21,158	Harriet Wirick
State Teachers College -----	Kearney -----	32,973	Anna V. Jennings
State Teachers College -----	Peru -----	44,380	Grace Mary Petersen
State Teachers College -----	Wayne -----	20,205	Josephine Silvers
Union College -----	Lincoln -----	20,500	D. G. Hiltz
University of Nebraska -----	Lincoln -----	305,999	Gilbert H. Doane
York High School -----	York -----	2,191	Jessie Stewart
York College -----	York -----	12,910	Edith M. Cone

LIBRARIES NOT TAX-SUPPORTED

There are in Nebraska a large number of libraries not included in the list of tax-supported libraries. These libraries are usually sponsored and maintained by some club or organization. The list may not be complete due to the difficulty of securing reports. A few other libraries not mentioned are in the process of organization. Some of these libraries receive a small amount from the town and in other cases rooms, heat and light are furnished.

Avoca	Dorchester	Nehawka
Bartlett	Douglas	Nemaha
Bassett	Dunning	Niobrara
Battle Creek	Edgar	Nora
Beaver City	Edison	Oak
Beaver Crossing	Elm Creek	Oconto
Belden	Ericson	Ohioa
Belvidere	Eustis	Orchard
Benkelman	Exeter	Palmer
Berwyn	Giltner	Palmyra
Big Springs	Grant	Paxton
Bingham	Greenwood	Pilger
Bloomington	Gresham	Platte Center
Boelus	Gretna	Primrose
Broadwater	Haigler	Ralston
Brock	Halsey	Republican City
Brownville	Hardy	Rising City
Bruning	Hayes Center	Roseland
Brunswick	Heartwell	Ruskin
Burchard	Herman	Salem
Campbell	Howells	Shelby
Carleton	Hubbell	Shubert
Chambers	Hyannis	Stapleton
Chester	Indianola	Swanton
Clarkson	Ithaca	Taylor
Cody	Keystone	Thedford
Concord	Lindsay	Tobias
Cook	Litchfield	Tryon
Crab Orchard	Loretto	Uehling
Creston	Madrid	Verdon
Crookston	Mason City	Waco
Dalton	Maxwell	Wauneta
Dannebrog	Mead	Western
Davenport	Melbeta	Whitney
Daykin	Minatare	Wilber
Deshler	Murray	Wilsonville
		Wolbach

TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES

Population (1930 Census)	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Registered borrowers	Circulation	Receipts			Expenditures		
						Public funds	Other funds	Total including balance	Books, periodicals, binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total
Over 30,000 population											
75,933	Lincoln	Lulu Horne	120,224	28,263	745,549	\$52,971.38	\$6,681.88	\$74,802.47	\$14,696.42	\$30,926.82	\$58,985.95
214,006	Omaha	Bertha Baumer	197,169	47,849	688,583	70,000.00	1,834.88	71,834.88	15,471.52	41,427.02	71,834.88
10,001-30,000 population											
10,297	Beatrice	Madge Evans	23,364	4,917	122,325	7,000.00	623.12	7,623.12	2,731.41	2,596.68	6,649.51
11,407	Fremont	Mildred Palmer	17,009	3,470	81,961	6,300.00	600.01	7,488.81	1,521.19	1,950.75	6,873.25
18,041	Grand Island	Daisy Houck	20,312	4,666	89,235	9,000.00	---	9,000.00	2,128.53	4,048.00	8,897.43
15,490	Hastings	Mrs. Ellen D. Smith	20,037	7,178	108,045	7,000.00	---	7,756.19	2,225.75	3,316.25	7,209.26
10,717	Norfolk	Laura Darland	12,859	4,027	51,548	---	---	---	---	---	---
12,051	North Platte	Eleanor M. Wheeler	10,827	4,833	88,508	3,922.83	420.00	4,464.95	779.02	2,602.50	4,075.42
4,001-10,000 population											
6,669	Alliance	Mrs. Blanche Prettyman	12,983	4,882	60,522	4,000.00	---	4,000.00	838.38	1,200.00	3,886.37
4,606	Chadron	Mrs. Loie Skiles	10,576	2,003	47,269	2,690.00	255.93	3,357.93	739.79	1,184.50	2,638.65
6,898	Columbus	Rose Riddell	13,034	4,625	53,202	4,000.00	---	4,000.00	1,053.35	1,540.00	3,027.24
6,192	Fairbury	Mrs. Naom' Ellsworth	12,684	3,071	69,742	4,177.27	505.42	4,682.69	1,468.40	1,450.30	4,185.44
5,787	Falls City	Mary Hutchings	20,639	1,705	67,198	3,800.00	324.25	4,124.25	1,153.36	1,487.30	4,305.10
8,575	Kearney	Mrs. Mary E. O'Brian	13,289	5,000	47,576	5,000.00	199.94	6,700.97	808.81	1,876.25	3,959.20
6,688	McCook	Millicent M. Slaby	9,181	4,848	36,266	2,901.50	21.30	3,847.11	753.91	1,258.05	2,926.86
7,230	Nebraska City	Anne Stevenson	13,443	1,875	32,249	3,222.79	527.05	5,538.00	1,383.47	1,457.60	3,815.10
8,465	Scottsbluff	Mrs. Nellie Wilson	18,470	4,205	73,899	3,883.00	---	3,886.46	1,198.22	2,264.50	3,886.46
5,712	York	Ada Haggard	16,076	2,000	25,895	3,802.80	---	4,979.33	700.83	1,440.00	3,440.02
2,501-4,000 population											
3,068	Auburn	Lorene Anderson	8,884	3,261	32,890	2,105.82	105.82	2,331.16	296.74	903.50	1,957.70
2,715	Aurora	Lillian Moore	10,446	---	---	1,450.00	130.28	1,930.61	597.77	755.00	2,380.30
2,791	Blair	May McQuarrie	6,506	3,088	28,316	1,400.00	225.13	1,740.07	381.37	720.00	1,776.09
2,715	Broken Bow	Ether Longfellow	6,353	738	25,568	2,633.00	332.33	2,965.33	988.77	657.50	2,261.73
2,865	Crete	Mrs. C. F. Baker	10,664	3,785	20,869	1,300.45	121.64	1,422.09	318.77	732.80	1,647.32
2,531	Gering	Mrs. Nellie M. Perrine	7,044	2,549	45,490	739.53	261.49	1,834.74	892.00	600.00	1,523.37
3,263	Holdrege	Hettie Backman	9,385	1,326	44,983	1,858.21	338.84	2,225.78	661.25	720.00	2,187.41
2,962	Lexington	Mary I. Cooper	7,187	---	18,341	1,738.62	99.76	1,836.58	520.04	780.00	1,986.85
3,973	Plattsmouth	C. Olive Jones	20,629	1,598	43,335	3,000.00	204.78	3,204.78	754.88	1,676.50	3,144.33
2,588	Schuyler	Mrs. Alice Carl	7,233	1,945	10,617	---	---	---	141.06	660.00	1,160.89

† Township library
* Includes township population

TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES—(Continued)

Population (1930 Census)	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Registered borrowers	Circulation	Receipts			Expenditures		
						Public funds	Other funds	Total including balance	Books, periodicals, binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total
2,737	Seward	Mrs. Emma Bredekamp	6,796	1,819	26,390	1,700.00	-----	1,700.00	496.03	600.00	1 685.35
3,306	Sidney	Mrs. Constance Corbett	-----	-----	15,961	2,000.00	-----	-----	715.49	660.00	2,297.03
9,927	South Sioux City	Mrs. Marie W. Murphy	5,137	2,362	18,061	1,392.08	41.00	1,873.69	312.38	300.00	903.85
3,014	Superior	Mrs. Lucy Conn	12,360	1,600	44 134	1,724.91	179.95	1,964.86	206.36	930.00	1,561.97
2,689	Wahoo	Mrs. Grace Oldham	9,762	-----	19,566	1,800.00	-----	1,800.00	428.32	760.00	1,636.72
2,680	Wymore	Gladys Pirie	7,922	2,367	49,494	1,906.09	174.26	2,114.28	501.00	1,081.60	2,039.91
1,601-2,500 population											
1,378	Ainsworth	Mrs. F. R. Galbraith	5,005	925	10,042	579.00	119.25	832 57	175.32	341.50	629.38
2,172	Albion	Mrs. Jennie Graddon	6,222	-----	16,030	1,400.00	-----	1,816.75	60.00	500.00	710.00
1,235*	Alma†	Mrs. Jennie E. Egelston	5,079	-----	10,002	1,470.36	88.82	1,559.19	215.24	600.00	1,232.23
1,238*	Anselmo†	Mrs. Mildred English	1,420	250	2,884	100.00	50.00	450.00	65.00	96.00	198.00
1,523*	Ansley†	Mrs. F. L. Dewey	4,434	1,121	-----	350.00	-----	-----	275.00	144.00	419.00
1,017	Arapahoe	Mrs. L. Stevens	4,260	1,200	12,363	400.00	65.85	479.43	80.81	165.00	299.89
1,137*	Arcadia†	Grace Hagood	6,075	735	12,351	600.00	-----	1,701.27	260.70	480.00	1,181.80
1,676*	Arnold†	Mrs. Emily Wehrley	3,735	810	9,000	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00	317.00	360.00	1,000.00
1,786	Ashland	Mrs. Margaret Parrish	4,545	970	14,951	940.00	96.53	1,254.69	310.60	330.00	959.11
1,761	Atkinson	Mrs. Sylvia Richards	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1,559	Bayard	Mrs. Jennie Latham	3,038	367	14,284	481.92	81.24	729.76	188.37	240.00	670.67
1,103*	Beemer†	Mrs. Ben F. Martin	1,242	200	4,263	100.00	2.60	310.00	122.03	62.85	221.43
1,017	Bellevue	Mrs. Julia Stark	1,357	-----	-----	114.35	10.00	124.35	119.35	-----	124.35
1,435	Bloomfield	Mrs. E. L. Durbin	3,711	846	24,243	1,228.94	17.00	1,404.47	83.89	511.50	877.58
1,421	Bridgeport	Louise Estill	4,086	1,480	17,097	1,066.58	32.90	1,318.02	223.68	478.00	1,054.16
1,156	Burwell	Mrs. Jessie Igenfritz	2,975	1,064	17,421	697.34	46.28	753.24	208.14	360.00	753.24
1,433*	Callaway†	Mrs. Lora Stephenson	1,782	140	3,763	60.00	91.83	209.50	88.50	77.50	164.15
2,474	Central City	Mrs. Eva Hord	9,937	-----	22,207	1,200.00	-----	1,200.00	260.47	660.00	1,015.06
1,061	Chappell	Mrs. Laurabelle Ferris	3,567	1,049	10,103	695.87	66.15	1,026.87	289.36	360.00	709.15
1,481*	Clarks†	Mrs. Cleo Schank	4,331	764	4,002	1,000.00	-----	1,088.30	70.82	370.00	819.25
1,813	Cozad	Edith Allen	4,608	1,500	14,300	1,500.00	-----	1,500.00	495.83	320.40	1,500.00
1,703	Crawford	Mrs. Maude Smeak	4,135	1,042	15,593	503.84	92.25	669.09	198.72	275.00	550.37
1,388	Creighton	Mrs. Adela Horn	2,788	-----	5,916	625.71	-----	626.71	56.15	240.00	505.72
1,365*	Crofton†	Mrs. Emil Eliasson	1,793	340	8,130	150.00	-----	150.00	81.00	120.00	200.00
2,333	David City	Mrs. Laura V. Paul	10,907	1,699	26,494	2,100.00	101.60	2,201.60	808.77	840.00	2,212.49

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1,103	Franklin	Mrs. Della M. Carter	8,594	433	14,016	907.38	84.26	1,024.69	129.30	600.00	870.70
1,214	Friend	Rotha Doner	3,133	1,095	9,726	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00	292.75	300.00	1,004.52
1,680	Fullerton	Mrs. P. M. Jorgensen	6,046	1,669	24,805	1,000.00	38.70	1,038.70	248.86	385.00	822.23
1,662	Geneva	Mrs. Isabel Bixby	6,871	1,600	19,503	1,454.00	135.00	1,594.94	141.62	900.00	1,517.37
1,089	Genoa	Ella Munson	2,403	358	9,085	400.00	-----	585.70	255.50	156.00	439.60
1,363*	Gibbon†	Mrs. Lou H. McLaren	4,047	614	6,345	1,000.00	61.20	1,061.20	218.98	360.00	938.73
1,958	Gordon	Mrs. Grace Hummel	5,046	1,101	10,155	998.40	-----	1,360.88	390.66	360.00	1,339.01
2,322	Gothenburg	S. Frances Botkin	4,274	2,178	9,359	2,000.00	-----	2,000.00	115.65	1,080.00	1,732.83
1,568	Hartington	Mrs. Kate Bryant	-----	-----	-----	1,158.29	-----	1,158.29	155.72	240.00	1,158.29
1,804	Hebron	Mrs. May McBeth	6,417	1,432	8,892	1,500.00	-----	1,500.00	94.98	605.00	826.35
1,025	Hemingford	Bienne Rohrbaugh	1,695	175	2,294	446.00	26.18	472.18	36.86	72.50	278.80
1,435	Humboldt	Mrs. Ruby Reid	5,069	873	15,013	657.52	167.18	885.92	229.24	420.00	777.04
1,711	Kimball	Mrs. Alice G. Irwin	5,238	-----	15,013	1,000.00	127.45	1,127.45	600.39	627.00	1,266.20
2,054*	Loup City†	Harriet Gallaway	8,931	1,752	38,464	1,765.00	-----	1,875.25	262.23	720.00	1,885.96
1,842	Madison	Mrs. Anna D. Johnson	7,905	1,395	27,238	1,831.47	80.22	2,448.88	540.26	1,006.00	1,916.61
1,322*	Merna†	Mrs. James L. Ridenour	9,115	310	7,705	468.84	41.92	979.60	153.79	360.00	858.31
1,716	Minden	Florence Curtis	4,574	1,384	18,077	960.00	117.46	1,017.46	519.44	360.00	1,000.09
2,058	Mitchell	Mrs. Isabel Lane	6,065	1,400	17,583	800.00	50.00	850.00	180.60	360.00	623.59
1,180*	Mullen†	Mrs. Mary A. R. Neal	2,856	-----	3,437	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1,649	Neligh	Mrs. Bess Galloway	6,458	-----	23,262	1,250.00	238.12	1,588.12	430.14	526.50	1,891.63
1,146	Newman Grove	Mrs. Margaret Dillman	3,316	611	13,493	-----	-----	-----	180.23	307.25	724.65
1,108	North Bend	Laura Roump	3,246	700	9,819	1,150.00	-----	1,191.20	204.00	571.00	855.00
1,143*	North Loup†	-----	3,764	-----	2,112	50.00	100.00	221.97	190.00	-----	215.00
1,433	Oakland	Lydia Hill	6,621	986	18,996	1,060.00	105.38	1,741.82	544.72	253.35	1,189.61
1,631	Ogallala	Mrs. O. Parker	2,875	1,250	6,300	558.15	136.97	831.61	494.30	163.00	696.72
2,019	O'Neill	Mary McLaughlin	5,625	1,822	7,677	1,200.00	-----	1,200.00	250.00	600.00	1,200.00
2,226	Ord	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1,439*	Osceola†	Dorothy M. Mahn	6,490	482	9,809	1,000.00	873.17	2,341.31	178.51	480.00	1,644.02
1,654	Osceola	Mrs. J. C. Marquis	3,213	526	5,990	189.63	34.58	318.74	107.48	94.10	223.04
1,573	Pawnee City	Mary E. French	4,700	1,500	31,937	1,103.00	363.00	1,463.00	630.00	600.00	1,463.00
1,006	Pender	Jeanne Racely	5,383	-----	4,860	100.00	-----	-----	103.64	26.00	129.64
1,271	Pierce	Mrs. J. A. Andrew	4,000	-----	3,560	712.14	5.55	693.53	90.85	300.00	534.06

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1,216	Plainview	Lillian Lerum	5,019	680	18,420	1,153.00	75.91	1,438.31	501.93	480.00	1,263.43
1,145	Randolph	Mrs. C. A. Kerr	4,064	765	10,453	700.00	75.98	775.98	204.38	225.00	664.20
1,559	Ravenna	Nellie V. Clark	6,227	1,327	20,050	1,041.80	-----	-----	152.26	600.00	1,226.04
1,519	Red Cloud	Yola Swartz	6,479	1,390	18,635	1,500.00	-----	1,500.00	150.00	720.00	1,280.00
1,006	Rushville	Mrs. Marie Pettit	3,813	1,300	37,000	200.00	15.00	720.00	-----	180.00	860.00
1,030	St. Edward	Gertie Anderson	2,991	-----	10,269	400.00	53.75	557.48	133.21	300.00	463.16
1,621	St. Paul	Mrs. Ina M. Luick	3,680	200	7,350	232.20	-----	232.20	283.35	101.75	228.16
1,644*	Sargent†	Mrs. Flora A. Cropper	3,240	1,071	11,853	900.00	17.00	917.00	191.73	210.00	875.15
1,066	Scribner	Annette Peters	2,290	-----	-----	600.00	51.20	673.19	62.80	270.00	550.57
1,434*	Shelton†	Mrs. Jessie M. Burkerd	5,713	525	9,263	900.00	22.58	1,169.37	69.64	360.00	620.76
1,254*	Spencer†	Mrs. Hildor M. Ogren	3,541	734	9,436	700.00	44.32	872.88	28.23	225.00	585.88
1,479	Stanton	Mrs. J. D. Elmore	8,367	-----	8,367	-----	-----	1,498.00	136.80	480.00	1,223.15
1,320	Stromburg	Peggy Halden	2,500	850	5,100	600.00	-----	650.00	44.40	300.00	473.18
1,540	Sutton	Sibyl B. Jarrett	2,549	1,600	6,588	-----	20.00	1,119.34	108.90	480.00	1,119.34
1,829	Tecumseh	Mrs. R. W. Campbell	7,400	700	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	480.00	-----
1,804	Tekamah	Mrs. Lucile L. Clark	5,650	1,500	14,362	960.00	120.47	1,570.22	180.14	300.00	1,030.44
1,106	Tilden	Anna Stanton	2,110	1,444	13,812	800.00	36.31	836.31	114.00	360.00	849.00
1,005*	Ulysses†	Mrs. M. F. Withers	3,850	305	8,042	600.00	214.13	939.49	70.63	176.45	838.35
1,672	Valentine	Mrs. Emma A. Sheldon	4,500	-----	7,977	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1,039	Valley	Mrs. Anna Howard	3,180	1,031	12,500	570.00	-----	725.00	205.00	520.00	725.00
1,112	Wakefield	E. Ruth Collins	6,442	710	9,633	922.14	95.12	1,017.26	336.67	300.00	1,048.06
1,162	Walthill	Mrs. Harry L. Keefe	-----	401	-----	103.67	-----	103.67	55.67	-----	125.67
1,209*	Wausa†	Rose Banks	3,581	735	10,662	700.00	-----	991.84	225.33	360.00	960.26
2,381	Wayne	Mrs. E. S. Blair	6,880	1,397	21,655	1,863.06	178.15	2,049.92	562.36	1,560.00	2,615.60
1,029	Weeping Water	Mildred Hart	7,143	470	12,893	509.75	289.00	798.75	113.70	300.00	850.00
2,225	West Point	Minnie L. Frahm	4,700	1,100	12,450	1,100.00	-----	1,100.00	290.31	480.00	956.27
1,327	Wisner	Clara Nickelson	2,810	300	8,690	200.00	73.64	446.05	153.19	180.00	374.19
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535	Adams	Mrs. Florence Disher	3,541	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
421	Alexandria	Merna H. Polage	1,885	350	1,550	87.47	-----	242.00	153.00	93.00	242.97
622	Arlington	Mrs. Carl D. Keller	2,573	242	5,591	300.00	16.04	316.04	203.89	139.89	387.49
891*	Axtell†	Mrs. C. B. Dosssett	1,204	400	3,929	300.00	-----	419.55	120.80	150.00	284.66

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669	Blue Hill	Mrs. Florence A. Bogue	1,451	425	3,320	136.87	25.76	366.99	122.58	126.00	330.43
401	Carroll	Mrs. C. E. Jones	2,030	200	4,501	275.00	---	275.00	47.00	75.00	251.00
743	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. E. L. Melvin	---	498	12,284	400.00	34.61	434.51	179.26	208.00	123.78
933	Clay Center	Bertha F. Jessup	3,731	---	5,768	457.76	---	662.13	---	480.00	---
730*	Comstock†	Marian Stevens	2,058	435	5,963	335.54	---	466.52	59.26	186.00	399.33
820	Culbertson	Mrs. E. M. McBee	---	630	7,929	500.00	56.35	635.76	104.23	91.00	525.74
417	Dakota City	Mrs. E. Neiswanger	2,163	316	3,721	105.53	10.40	133.81	51.92	29.50	103.59
534	DeWitt	Mrs. Hazel Bent	3,169	---	7,695	266.58	33.26	349.96	132.44	99.25	311.02
405	Diller	Bianco Delano	1,767	---	8,446	100.00	---	---	---	---	---
693	Dodge	Mrs. Roy Ludden	1,060	357	2,441	78.66	131.98	257.78	98.96	60.00	191.16
917	Elgin	Mrs. R. D. Wilcox	2,398	323	11,490	150.00	100.60	391.61	135.71	120.00	384.18
411	Elkhorn	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
515	Elmwood	Mrs. Earl E. Horton	797	---	2,662	591.30	448.00	1,079.05	---	54.00	675.36
509	Elwood	Mrs. Luella B. Dow	2,840	---	6,178	250.00	6.80	263.60	253.76	---	263.39
891	Emerson	Mrs. F. L. Gibson	1,385	409	3,787	450.00	---	450.00	90.00	120.00	450.00
825*	Ewing†	Florence Ponton	631	470	830	250.00	25.00	275.00	20.00	180.00	275.00
757	Fairfield	Mrs. Alma E. Ewing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
740	Fairmont	Zola R. Shoemaker	3,391	700	7,036	250.00	64.00	314.00	---	78.00	189.00
690	Guide Rock	Katherine Guy	3,386	380	5,591	494.91	86.74	685.40	74.94	300.00	661.45
865	Harvard	Mrs. C. F. Kightlinger	3,050	750	7,628	979.76	---	979.76	53.66	240.00	946.56
853	Hay Springs	Mrs. Mary C. Goff	4,189	---	2,070	111.48	---	141.29	12.21	111.00	129.93
985	Hooper	Mrs. H. F. Waterman	2,890	800	6,645	264.90	26.50	295.20	65.50	180.00	283.00
946	Imperial	Mrs. Norma Heebner	3,148	214	8,164	414.94	131.20	810.62	160.44	260.00	627.14
864	Laurel	R. L. Lathrop	1,537	634	2,134	243.31	---	497.49	12.90	240.00	251.90
692	Leigh	Mrs. J. J. Tesar	1,185	315	3,512	325.00	---	456.86	245.42	72.00	444.10
187	Lewiston	Mrs. Edith Hotham	1,047	---	4,458	100.00	68.33	170.31	101.70	52.00	164.80
436	Lodge Pole	Mrs. Frank Englert	805	---	805	100.00	29.45	137.19	26.77	39.00	66.27
937	Long Pine	Mrs. M. J. Potter	875	---	4,349	102.00	26.00	157.73	44.69	96.00	140.69
969	Louisville	Mrs. E. D. Stevenson	3,198	---	2,353	225.00	---	225.00	24.93	96.00	223.93
985	Lyons	Frankie L. Smith	3,821	276	7,361	450.00	64.75	518.38	85.86	192.00	490.76
362	Merriman	Mrs. Esther F. Leach	997	117	2,193	211.36	35.39	289.05	77.70	105.00	207.20
832	Milford	Mrs. B. Hillier	2,030	266	11,406	350.00	---	350.00	142.50	204.00	346.50

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576*	Monroe†	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
756	Morrill	Alma Wickman	3,318	424	6,764	265.10	161.98	2,180.08	169.19	180.00	439.92	
903	Nelson	Alice E. Ruddell	2,600	690	7,950	205.98	203.65	487.72	70.40	101.20	297.04	
663	Oakdale	Gertrude B. Gove	5,167	-----	-----	150.00	20.00	204.20	59.50	104.00	187.60	
843	Oshkosh	Mattie Aufdengarten	2,544	542	9,133	131.12	36.63	685.85	94.08	60.00	167.85	
718	Papillion	Mrs. Ernest Ross	2,022	683	3,832	120.00	67.26	207.49	34.70	120.00	155.50	
532	Polk	Mrs. J. E. McDaniel	1,170	-----	-----	-----	-----	305.00	108.76	96.00	304.76	
920	Ponca	Mrs. M. Lipe	5,435	500	4,595	350.00	-----	436.41	42.40	182.45	436.41	
515	Potter	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
474	Scotia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
389	Shickley	Mathilda Lichti	2,512	160	4,514	200.00	16.63	217.76	120.13	52.50	189.38	
908*	Silver Creek†	Lucille Abel	3,542	547	7,925	1,500.00	59.66	1,776.55	386.55	360.00	1,413.83	
839	Spalding	Mrs. Frank Dunning	2,704	-----	10,801	172.13	125.00	333.61	7.28	180.00	301.80	
419	Springfield	Verlia Bolen	1,034	-----	3,321	162.86	-----	162.86	10.00	144.00	162.86	
702	Sterling	Mrs. Mary Hollenback	-----	207	6,332	350.00	-----	350.00	18.15	240.00	282.15	
663	Stratton	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
763	Stuart	Marguerite Smith	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
753	Sutherland	Marie Dunn	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
947	Syracuse	Anne Seelhoff	2,768	-----	6,546	428.64	17.56	1,036.06	272.44	170.00	876.17	
673	Table Rock	Mrs. Allie Wood	1,433	190	2,458	270.48	23.17	513.55	94.32	74.00	252.66	
474	Talmage	Sophia Moller	1,664	294	3,744	299.78	15.47	325.54	89.99	180.00	249.02	
865	Trenton	Mrs. A. T. McCoy	2,925	277	6,882	100.00	59.97	159.97	100.30	-----	153.17	
523	Valparaiso	Mrs. Madge Porter	2,014	-----	-----	125.00	30.00	183.00	59.81	100.00	181.10	
432	Waterloo	Mrs. W. H. Jacobson	1,500	186	1,500	100.00	-----	100.00	44.25	52.00	100.00	
723*	Wilcox†	Mrs. Emma J. Cox	786	102	1,058	100.00	16.61	244.17	59.88	92.40	187.05	
483	Winside	Mrs. Etta Perrin	2,455	500	4,676	265.72	31.51	490.14	109.17	180.00	327.01	
751	Wood River	Sabra J. Abbott	4,057	450	10,477	402.63	-----	402.63	99.84	180.00	435.58	

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