

Over 100 Families Receive Boxes Distributed by Philo

Noon Friday saw the climax of the Philo-Elks clubs Christmas project, when Yule boxes were delivered to nearly one hundred needy families in the Loveland-Berthoud area. Over four hundred children were represented in these families.

Philo members, working in pairs, each called on two or more families last week to determine their needs. Then they trimmed large boxes with gaily colored Christmas paper and took them to the basement of the Elks Club, where the clothing and toys had been gathered, sorted, and readied for the Christmas giving.

Each box was packed with food for a nice Christmas dinner, including chickens, fresh fruits, vegetables, egg noodles, margarine, bread, sugar jello, cake mix, canned milk, candy, and new and used clothing, shoes and toys as per the needs of each family contacted. The clothing, toys, and non-perishables were assembled in the boxes Wednesday and Thursday, and the perishables were added Friday morning. The boxes were then delivered to the families personally by the Philo members with the aid of scouts, and drivers of trucks who volunteered to help.

The response from the community was most generous this year, and more clothing and toys were available for the boxes than had been anticipated by the committee. Mrs. William Peterson, chairman and the other members of the philanthropy committee of Philo, Mrs. Richard Schmid, Mrs. W. A. Warnock, Mrs. Ed Npgent, and Mrs. Lee Huston wish to publicly thank all who donated time, money, and food and clothing to this project, in the event that names of donors might be overlooked in the sending of the personal thank you notes. "It is this spirit of cooperation and sharing that makes this program possible."

Can You Believe This?

Is there a dire need for help for some Loveland families at Christmas time?

Philo club members investigating families before boxes were distributed found one instance that was hard to believe. They also found numerous others.

The leg of the father of the family was recently broken, making it impossible for him to hold his regular job. When the Philo members arrived at the home the last fuel had been burned and the children were cold. Several of them were barefooted as they had no shoes.

The family had not asked for relief as the father had worked until his accident.

There are nine children in the family and an addition is expected on Dec. 27th.

The parents and nine children are sleeping in two beds. The father was not home as he was out on a truck helping someone else where he could, although his leg is still in a cast.

The Philo club help made this family's Christmas a happy one.

When a Loveland man heard of the need for fuel he paid for a truck load of coal which he hauled to the home.