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It is hard to believe that the location of the following story is Loveland, USA, but it is. And because the House of Neighborly Service called the attention of the Philo club to the hardship in a Loveland family, the seven children now have clothing to protect them from the cold and the entire family has food to eat.

The case was reported to Mrs. Bill Peterson at the House of Neighborly Service because the family in question has not lived in the state of Colorado long enough to be qualified for welfare assistance. And that is one reason why the House of Neighborly Service was formed in Loveland—to work with some organization that can help where the County Welfare department cannot help.

Mrs. Kenneth Knieval and Mrs. William Farnham of the Philo club were assigned to this case and their story is one that would bring moisture to anyone's eyes.

A Mexican family is living in a lean-to one room about the size of a garage. There are seven children in the family, ages 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The leanto is on the same lot as another home where a relative of the couple lives, but as there are eight children and the parents in that four room house there is not room for more.

The father of this family recently had an operation and apparently needs medical attention. As he is a veteran the House of Neighborly Service arranged for a service representative to investigate his case. When he does work he is a cook's assistant.

There is a bed for the parents but the children sleep on the floor. The mother has to do her washing outdoors. There are two chairs in the one-room home.

Although there might have been much cause for sorrow, Marjorie Knieval and Geneva Farnham say

they found this a family where the children appeared to be happy and they were very appreciative of the things provided by Philo. When the children were taken to the Elks hall to be fitted with clothing they walked the distance in stockings with holes in them as they had no shoes. One of the boys tried on a pair of jeans that was too small, but they had a hard time convincing him that they were too small. He just drew himself up so that they could be buttoned and was loathe to give them up. But another larger pair was found for him.

Philo members found clothing, shoes and blankets for the family.

The one-room home is heated with a small wood burning stove. There is a small oven that can be placed on the stove. There is one light bulb to provide light. Four of the seven children are in school.

It will be March 1 before the family has been in the state long

enough to be eligible for welfare help.

This is just one example of the fine work members of the Loveland Philo club do, not only at Christmas time, but the year around. They are working hard now on their Christmas gifts of clothing and groceries. If anyone wishes to help they can call the House of Neighborly Service, Mrs. Leland Huston or Mrs. Ernest Hartwell.

We think this fine work done by the Philo club members makes a fine Thanksgiving story, don't you?