

Dear Mrs. Farnham,

Altho I cannot attend the last meeting in our old club rooms, I would like to share some of the memories of Philo "meetings and doings" from the old days.

Of course every year a committee improved the rooms, made curtains, painted, added to the dish and silver collection by saving coupons. I am sure there is more than enough for the garage sale!

As always, most effort was spent on our charity work and service to the community. Money was not plentiful after the war, so the baskets at Christmas were filled with home made goodies and gifts. We collected dolls and for many years, Jean Christensen laundered them and returned them to be dressed by all members who could sew. We boxed them in shoe boxes fixed up like doll beds with pillow, sheets, and blankets. We had many happy fall meetings getting ready for Santa.

For many years I was on the charity committee. I recall going out to the potato fields east of Loveland in the fall to pick up potatoes after the harvesting. Jule and Walt Clark, Mary Jane and Bob Mcceary, my husband and I would work all day picking and sacking the culls for our winter baskets. We were the only source of help for the needy but other clubs such as the Elks, churches, fireman, were always ready to lend help thru our club.

Philo organized rides for our handicapped children who were taken to Lural School in Ft. Collins for school. Lois Nicholson devoted many days to this service. Philo helped furnish the first school we had here in Loveland for our handicapped children. It was in a small rented home near a grade school. When I worked as school nurse I learned that there was no problem too big for Philo when it came to our children in Loveland.

Truly, Philo has lived up to our motto: LOVE, HARMONY, KINDNESS, and FORBEARANCE.

I am an inactive member now, but I am very proud to have been a member of Philo all these years.

Best wishes for your continued good work and on your move to the new location.

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