

Weight Family letter--November 1994

Dear Family,

We rented a cabin on Mt. Hood so we could go play in the snow. Hyrum and I came down with the flu the morning we were going to leave so Bryan and the others went up without us. They had a great time. It was the first day that we have been able to use the sleds that Hannah gave the family for Christmas last year. Bryan brought home a snowball for Hyrum in the ice chest so he could enjoy the snow a little bit.

The flu passed through the whole family. Hannah developed a sinus infection and was treated for that. Willis' finger got an infection in it and he had to be treated with antibiotics as it was beginning to move into his lymph system. The Dr. showed me the small red line of infection that was moving up his finger and into his hand. I was kind of embarrassed taking him into the Dr. I figured that he was going to tell me it was no big deal but I learned that finger infections can be quite dangerous. Anyway, Willis' finger is all healed up now and hopefully we are through with Dr. visits for awhile.

Willis celebrated his 9th birthday this past week. He wanted an ice cream cake. I have a cake tin that has 6 bear shapes in it so I baked six bear cakes, sliced them in half and filled them with vanilla ice cream and then frosted them. When Willis saw me baking the bear cakes he said, "I hope a rat doesn't eat them this time!" (remember that story of when we had the rat problem and his bear cakes got eaten by the rat?)

Sarah is down in Springfield this evening. Jake's band is playing at his high school and she and a friend went down to hear them. She's frustrated having a boyfriend that lives so far away. She only gets to see him about once a month. (both sets of parents think it's a perfect arrangement!) She sang a Latin song at a classical festival this past week. The adjudicator told her she had "ping" and should be grateful--few people have it. I haven't quite figured out what she meant by that.

Hyrum built a boat that involved copper tubing, plastic tubing, and a candle. He made it out of balsa wood. Bryan gave him a hand on some parts and when it went in the water it made a put-put sound. I'm probably not explaining this very well but it was a neat boat. He took it to school to demonstrate it but it wouldn't work for him that day. He was a little frustrated that it wouldn't perform for him in class.

Hannah is giving a talk in the Young Women's program this Sunday. She is spending a lot of time on the piano and is teaching herself many new songs. She just finished her violin lesson and I've got to run her to her voice lesson now. She got the part of Gillie in a school play called "A Solid Gold Cadillac".

Bryan is getting ready for the First Presidency broadcast. He had some nice invitations printed for stake members to hand out to their friends. He's been busy raking leaves off the front lawn. Almost all the leaves have departed the tree limbs so this Saturday morning chore will soon be over. The weather man predicted snow down to our level for this week but we've only seen some flurries. The children hoped for more.

I've been sewing with some friends. There are three of us in this neighborhood who have daughters in the Portland Symphonic Girl's Choir so we got together to sew black skirts for their uniforms. Last year they could wear any black skirt but since they are going to tour Italy next summer the choir is requiring all the girls to have matching skirts.

Since most of us send cards out at Christmas time we won't publish the Hallmanac next month. We'll resume again in January. Thanks Mary for your letter. We hope your ankle is healing up quickly!

Below is the gift exchange for this Christmas:

Sherlene gives to Liz

Tracy gives to Virginia

David gives to Charlotte

Liz gives to Nancy

Virginia gives to Sherlene

Charlotte gives to Tracy

Nancy give to David

Here are the missionary addresses for those of you who would like to send cards to our missionaries:

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