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We had one of our usual power outages because of the ice storm. Church got canceled too. Our power went back on about 10 minutes ago. The wood stove was all set up so all we had to do was light the match. We were having home evening when suddenly there was a big boom. I saw the flash of light from the transformer that blew up down the street. It was interesting to call PGE to report the outage. They have everything automated with caller ID. Push one and the computer talks to you. It gives you your address, says when the power went out, how many people have called to report the outage, how many customers are affected by this particular outage, and an estimated time or power restoration. The menu options allow you to break out of the computer automation if you want to report a downed power line or report an emergency.

With the power out Hyrum and Willis went ice sledding down the hill. It was between 24 and 28 degrees all day. We spent a lot of time together sitting around the woodburning stove. Mom read several narrations to us out of a book I got for Christmas entitled, "Chicken noodle soup for the soul." We talked about playing a game of Trumpet, but could not get ourselves to do it. We did a make up your own story as a group thing. One person starts out by making a statement and then says, "because . . ." The

next person on your left has to finish the sentence, adds a little bit more and then says, "because . . ." And so the story goes until everyone is tired of it. We carried on an interesting tale for quite awhile. The story changes often as each person takes over the lead.

I went up to the White River Lodge on the back side of Mount Hood Friday night. We had 16 scouts and three adults. The lodge is totally uninsulated. We could see our breath inside the lodge when we first arrived. After the wood furnaces got stoked up, the building started to warm. I went to bed at 11:30 p.m. Most of the boys stayed up until 2:00 a.m. The boys were well behaved and it turned out to be a great trip for everyone. It was the most snow that I have seen in all the years I have been going up there. We got another four inches of snow over Friday night and it kept snowing through the morning and after we left. The snow turned into rain when we got down to Zigzag. The ice storm settled in last night. It kept on freezing rain on and off through the day.

With church canceled, I decided to home teach the Hegji's this afternoon. I put the chains on the Honda and drove over. I wanted to determine if I was going to work tomorrow. As it turned out traveling with the chains was no problem. I had to scrape a 1/2 inch of ice off the wind sheild. I also had to pour warm water on the door handle to get it open. We are expecting more ice or snow tonight and tomorrow. They announced on the radio that Lake Oswego school district will be closed tomorrow. The boys were happy, but Hannah was estatic. They don't even have to get up to listen to the radio in the morning. Sleep city here they come.

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