

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The wind howled outside, confusing the falling snow with the drifting mounds until the landscape was a white, whirling blur. The windowpane felt cold, but inside the air was warm and there was no need for a sweater. The glow of the lamps added to the feeling of warmth, security, and comfort. It was pleasant to settle back and forget the blizzard outside.

Suddenly, the lights flickered and went out. The house was quiet: the refrigerator was no longer clicking on and off, the furnace blower had ceased to whirl, the radio, television and clocks had all stopped. The bubbling pot of stew stopped cooking on the stove and the biscuits in the oven fell. Even the washing machine and dishwasher had stopped only half way through their automatic cycles. No water flowed from the tap because the well pump was electric.

Some major concerns:

- How will we stay warm?
- How will we see in the dark?
- How will we get water to the house?
- How will we eat?
- How will we wash our clothes?
- How will we get supplies to our home with the snow drifts around it?
- What will we do?
- How will we cook?

In this day and age of technology, we take many conveniences for granted. What would happen if we had to go back to the olden days?