

## **To the Top of Ben Lomond**

The tallest mountain that can be seen from the Ogden area is Ben Lomond. It is located near the northern range of mountains that are in this chain. Interestingly, these mountain ranges go in intersecting cusps along the Wasatch Front, and wherever these cusps intersect, there will be hot springs. One occurs at the mouth of Ogden Canyon, and another at Beck's hot springs, which is located at the northern end of Salt Lake City, as it continues southward at various places along the chain.

Our Boy Scout troop in the Marriott Ward decided to climb the back face of this mountain. It was to be an overnight adventure. Our parents and friends congregated together at the bottom level of the mountain where they would camp, sleep, and eat while we hiked.

At daybreak we began our journey. The older boys had set the pace for the climb and the route that we were to take, but they became lost. They hadn't taken any water because they had made this climb before and thought that there was a place that they could get water. This never happened, but we did have sandwiches to eat.

By the use of flashlights, we finally reached the top of the mountain after dark and were now going to go to sleep just over the back edge. The older boys had not taken enough bedding for the cold wind that we were encountering and wanted to take one of our blankets. We only had two, one for me and one for Eugene. But these older boys insisted that we should let them have one of ours and took it away from us. There were a lot of tough kids in Marriott that were lacking in personal goodness. We came down a lot faster than we went up and soon were joyfully reunited with our parents.