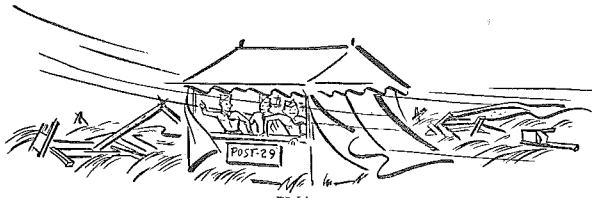
boys had a little trouble keeping warm, even in sleeping bags.

The next morning, as we were eating breakfast, my son Ennis remarked, "I can't help thinking how cold I was an hour ago. But I can't wait for the next time."

That was the spirit of the whole gang, and with that spirit I don't see how America can miss. It seemed to me prophetic that on the hallowed site where Washington and his heroic army kept faith in spite of suffering and hardship, a young patriot of our day, representing 3 1/3 million members of the Boy Scouts of America, should say, in effect, "The job may get a bit rough at times, but we love it."

L. S. Bonney, Drexel Hill, Pa.



BUILT TO LAST. Post 29, Canandaigua, New York, was out to raise money for the Post treasury at the Ontario County Fair. One Crew was parking cars, another was managing a booth. In fact, they built their own booth, a really rugged one, in striking contrast to the flimsy canvas frames and false fronts of most of the structures. The boys took some kidding about it.

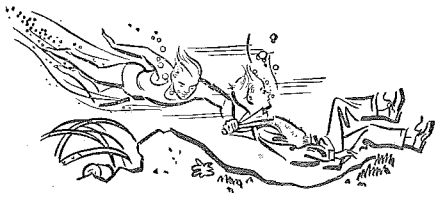
The weatherman didn't cooperate. Rain and more rain, and finally a tornado. First the smaller tents went, then the big canvas. Pandemonium really broke loose when the ferris-wheel tipped over on a collapsed tent.

In the midst of the destruction one booth stood, staunch and firm, the sturdy handiwork of Post 29. And as the wind subsided those green uniforms were much in evidence as Explorers helped lift canvas, extricate victims, render first aid, locate missing persons.

As Post 29 reviewed their experience they found that in spite of the weather, they had made $140 of the $200 they had hoped for. They had gained a considerable reputation as "booth-builders," and had rendered valuable emergency service. The thing which saddened them was the report that the Fair Board was facing a deficit of over $400,000, and so there would be no Fair next year.

The Fair had come to be a community tradition, and everybody realized what a blow to community morale its loss would be. It was apparent, someone pointed out, that if there was to be a Fair next year a lot of help would have to come from outside sources. Another member pointed out that really the Post owed a lot to the Fair. And someone else wanted to know, "Why shouldn't our Post start the ball rolling in a project to rally outside support for the Fair?" The vote was unanimous, and a check from Post 29 was sent to the Fair Board. It was the first check, but not the last, for the idea struck fire. Other organizations in the community rallied to the cause, and checks and offers of other help are pouring in. Ontario County *will* have a Fair next year. Post 29 is happy about the whole thing.

Robert Miller, Post Advisor, Post 29, Canandaigua, N. Y.



IT'S A GOOD TEAM. Two boys were somewhere in the murky 20-foot water at the base of the dam. Explorer Delmas Bennett of Post 38, Conneaut, Ohio, after repeated surface dives, came up with one victim, Richard Gerren.

As Delmas, now near the point of exhaustion, continued diving for a second boy, the unconscious Richard was lifted onto the dam and another "member of the team" went into action. Mrs. Donald Baker, a member of the Mothers' Auxiliary of Post 38, took over and administered artificial respiration. By the time Delmas recovered the second victim, Mrs. Baker had Richard breathing normally.

Delmas was awarded the Gold Medal for Lifesaving, and he richly deserved it. We are proud of him as a product of Scout training. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Baker's part in the rescue was a result of Scout training too. At a Post 38 parents' night program some weeks previous, she had watched a demonstration of the new method of artificial respiration. It must have been a good demonstration, and she a good observer, for when the need arose, she used the method to save a life.

SUCCESS STORY

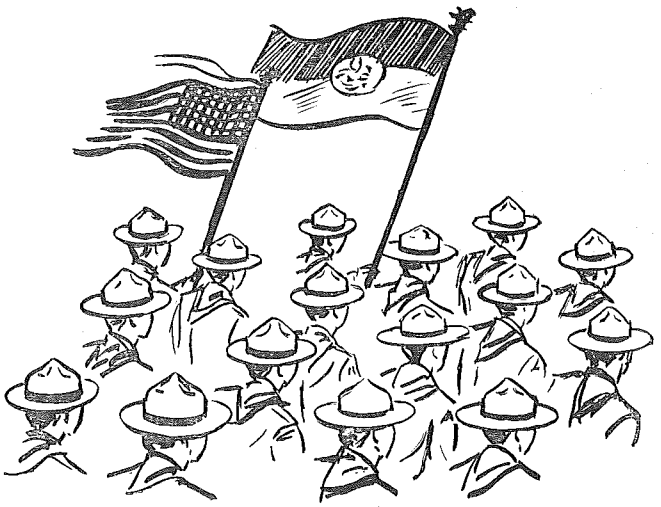
THERE IS NOTHING NEW about large industrial organizations sponsoring Scout Troops. But a special ceremony staged at the Boy Scout Lodge of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company last fall offered the occasion to review a rather fine story of a company's long and growing interest.

First of all, it's the story of a man, Paul Litchfield, and how he was first introduced to Scouting. It was in 1913, and he was on board the *Empress of Britain*, crossing the Atlantic to attend the Coronation ceremony of King George V. After the liner was a couple of days out at sea, a heavy fog shrouded everything and the ship crept along for hours with fog horns sounding steadily. The morale of the passengers hit an all-time low when they learned that they would reach London too late for the Coronation. Just about the time their spirits were at the bottom, a Troop of Scouts from Alberta, Canada, who had been quartered below came dashing up to the deck where Mr. Litchfield and many other distinguished citizens were located, and began singing songs and doing all the skills and stunts for which Scouts have become famous.

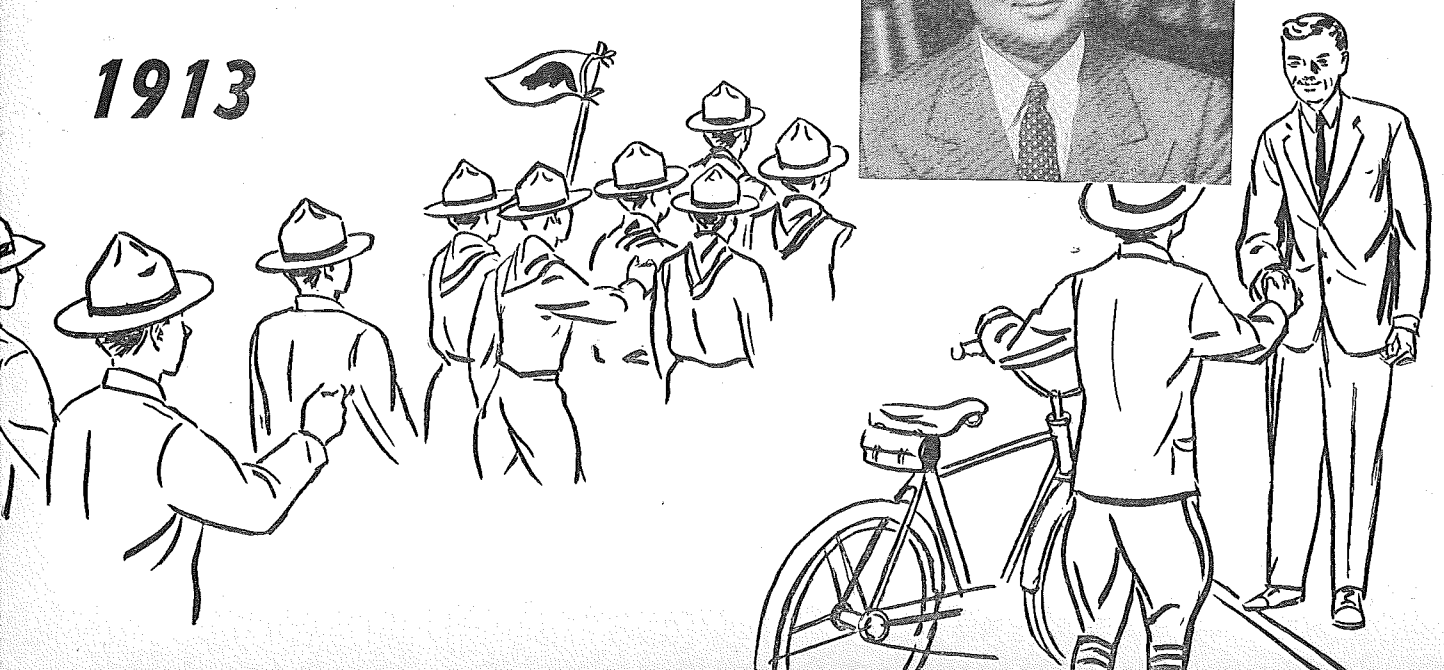
Mr. Litchfield said the morale of the whole group was lifted instantly and that time went rapidly from there on into port. He made up his mind then and there, that when he got home he was going to do everything possible, personally and through his company, to promote an organization which stood for the qualities he had seen exemplified by those Canadian Scouts.

That was in 1913, and on October 4, 1953, several hundred Scouts of Goodyear-sponsored Troops gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of that company's first Scout Troop, and to see Mr. Litchfield receive the 40 Year Veteran pin.

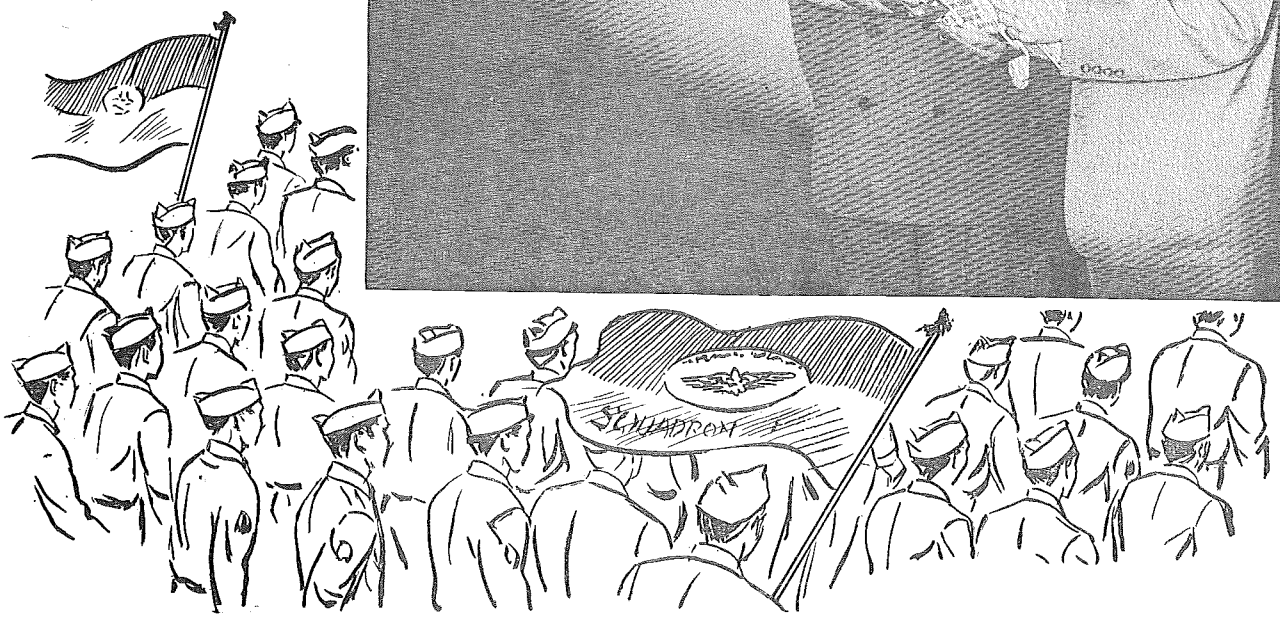
The Boy Scouts of America was a fledgling movement and Goodyear a struggling young company in the throes of a serious strike, when Mr. Litchfield, then a factory manager, set out to organize a Scout Troop for the sons of his employees.



E. J. Thomas, President of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.



Paul W. Litchfield and Paul Shamberger, V-Pres. Akron Council.



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Those sons were growing up, and would soon be coming in for jobs, he figured. What better training than that which he had seen demonstrated on the *Empress of Britain?* He called together a group of his foremen and Troop 16 became the first industrial-sponsored Scout Troop. (Incidentally, three of the fifteen charter members of that Troop still work at Goodyear.)

In 1917, Litchfield persuaded his company to build a Scout lodge for its Troops and a construction project was the result. It was during the building of this lodge that Mr. Litchfield first met the boy who was to take his place as president of Goodyear, E. J. Thomas. Young Thomas had pedaled his bike over from East Akron to see how work was progressing. He recognized Litchfield, asked for, and got a job.

During the 37 years Litchfield and Thomas have been together in the company, Scouting has been one of their chief interests. Both are members of our National Executive Board and have served in many capacities in the Akron Area Council, in Region IV and nationally.

Organizing the first industry-sponsored Scout Troop was not the only pioneering Litchfield did in Scouting. Before Pearl Harbor he had begun to do some serious thinking about the part Scouts could play in an age when air power was becoming world power. He was convinced that older Scouts needed new interests, and demanded recognition such as they got upon graduating from grade school. Litchfield told Scout leaders, "When I was a boy we all learned to swim. This is the age of flying. Let's teach our boys about airplanes."

The National Council approved of a trial of the plan, and for the next seven months a committee of Goodyear men sat down night after night to develop a program. In 1942 the National Council liked what it saw and the Air Scouts program was born.

The company now has more than 1000 Scouts under its wings in 36 Units scattered all over the world, and has ably demonstrated what a big industrial organization can do with Scouting, for the sons of its workers and for the communities where its plants are located. It's another evidence of the way Scouting is used by American institutions to improve community life.