

National Boy Scouts Will Mark Lincoln Highway Across Country

New York, Aug. 25.—Boy Scouts in twelve states along the route of the Lincoln Highway will mark that famous automobile road from the Atlantic to the Pacific on September 1. The day has been fixed by the national officials of the Boy Scouts of America for a simultaneous setting of the more than 3000 new, uniform, four-foot high concrete markers, provided by the Lincoln Highway Association at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The markers will be set by local Boy Scouts under the auspices of the Scout councils along the highway. In Indiana, one of the states through which the Lincoln Highway passes, a date for the setting of the markers will be fixed later, since the officials of the Lincoln Highway Association have not yet arrived at an arrangement for the location of the markers.

Adopt Highway

The Boy Scouts have "adopted" the Lincoln Highway in the sense that they are to keep an eye on the markers and report maintenance requirements to the Lincoln Highway Association. Combined efforts of the two organizations, it is believed, will result in a highway probably as well marked as any in the country and in line with the program which is being slowly developed for the adequate marking of all great national roadways.

Utility and beauty are combined in the new markers. On the face of each is a small metal bas relief of Lincoln's head. Below this plaque, between broad bands of red and blue appears the letter "L". On the sides, clearly discernible to the passing motorist, are broad arrows, curved or straight, to indicate whether the highway bends or proceeds straightaway.

Close together in the more thickly settled parts of the country, the markers will average a little more than a mile apart all the way from the Eastern terminus of the highway at Holland Tunnels, New York city,

to Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, 3100 miles apart.

Safety Tour

The setting of the markers is a sequel to another Boy Scout summer activity in connection with the Lincoln Highway, a highway safety demonstration tour, by Scouts in their own covered wagon which left New York on July 6, and was concluded on August 8, at San Francisco, exactly on schedule, at once a tribute to the modern highway, to good driving and good automobiles. This tour was designed to arouse interest in highway safety and to draw attention to the project for marking the highway.

Each day the covered wagon tourists, four Boy Scouts selected for outstanding abilities and qualifications, gave demonstrations of highway safety methods and first aid at cities, towns and auto camps en route, under the direction of Remo M. Lombardi, a national Boy Scout official.

The boys camped en route. Their vehicle, a Reo speed wagon, with a special prairie schooner top, was loaned for the trip by the Reo Motor Car Company. Driven by a Boy Scout, Reese T. Davis, it carried the tour, with a huge amount of baggage, all the way across the country without a flat tire or a break down.

'FIVE-GALLON' HABIT

Filling stations report that a large majority of motorists still have the "five-gallon habit"—that is, they buy gasoline regularly five gallons at a time. Many motorists, however, have gotten away from this practice, according to Louis C. Shaw, general service manager of the National Automobile Club. They find, says Shaw, that filling the tank is a big time saver, an assurance against running out of gas, and provides excellent blast at the rear of the car. Such advantages are at least worth considering.