



## To Robert Lesslie Scout Award

A good boy who is outstanding in all Scout, church and school work—interested first in helping others before helping himself. It was a summary description which Scoutmaster James R. Glenn of Troop 60, Mount Holly, gave of Robert Lesslie, winner of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Scouting Award for 1965.

Gaston county's most outstanding Scout this year is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lesslie of Mount Holly. The father is a researcher for Southern Dye Company.

The Firestone company's highest award for Scouting was announced at the annual Scout honors dinner in the Recreation Center here May 20.

Selected from among 40 nominees for the high honor, Robert received from Firestone Textiles general manager Harold Mercer the coveted Silver Medallion, a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, and a check for \$15.50 to apply on expenses of a stay at Schiele Scout Reservation in Polk County.

Young Lesslie is the 20th Gastonia-area boy to win the top Firestone recognition. This is also the 20th year that other Scouts have been honored here.

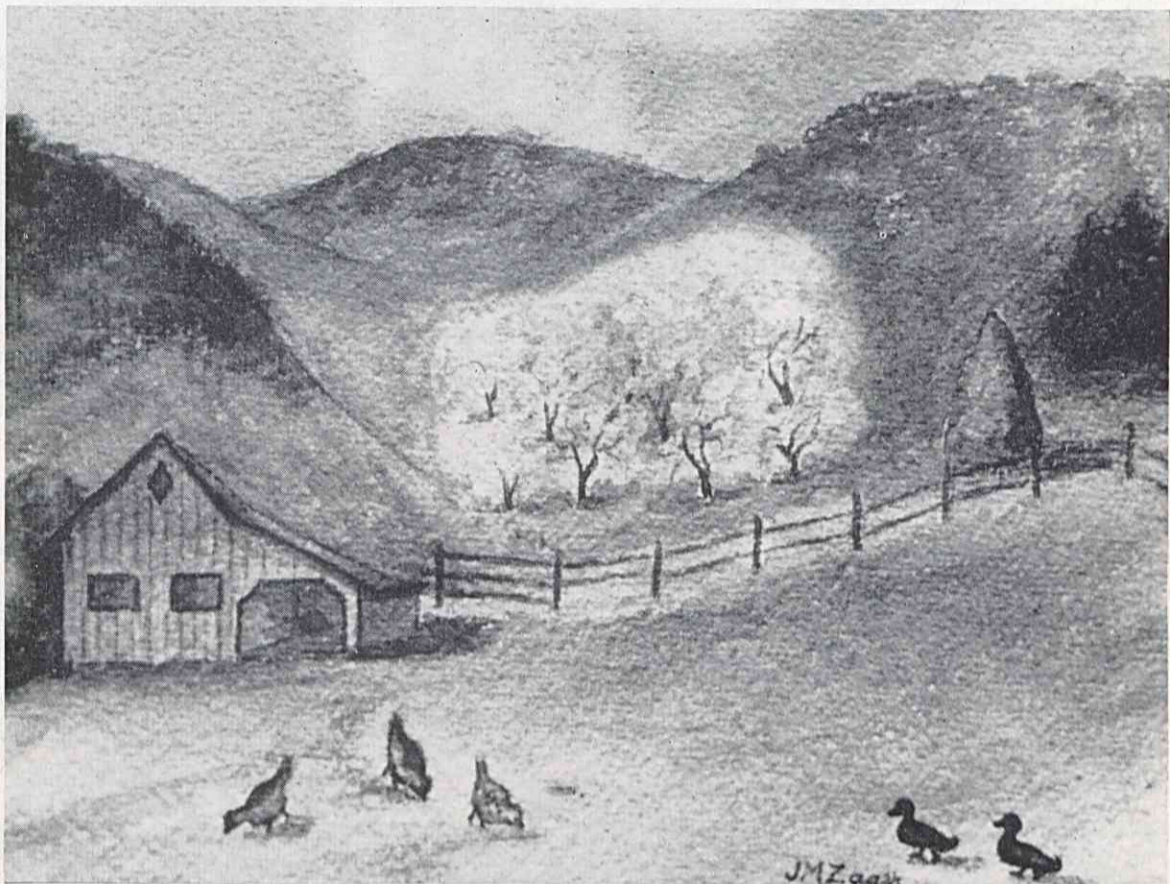
He was 14 years old in January. In Scouting since Sept. 1962, he has an excellent church, school and Scout history. An Eagle Scout, his special project during the Firestone competition was earning the God and Country Award. During the contest period he earned 17 merit badges.

He is in the ninth grade at Mount Holly High School. He attends First Presbyterian Church in his hometown.

Following the annual Scouting Awards dinner, presentation of Lesslie's honors was followed by awards to 39 other Scouts who had qualified for Certificates of Merit. They also received a Firestone check for \$15.50 toward expenses of a trip to Schiele Scout Reservation, or for Scouting equipment. They are:

**GASTONIA** • Troop 4: Glen Wells. Troop 9: Mike Jordan, Kenneth Johnson, Robert Grindle, Wayne Bradley, Steve

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LOOKING  
AROUND  
From Camp Firestone

### Country Scene; Hillside Garden

The company's employee-family retreat on Lake James offers alpine rest and recreation in the heart of the Southern Blue Ridge "Holiday Highlands."

Camp Firestone at Bridgewater has variety recreation "away from the city's din" and is an ideal place to start out on sightseeing tours of mountain country well known for majestic natural beauty and famed tourist attractions.

Asheville artist J. M. Zager offers a barnyard drawing to Firestone News as representative of country life down many a road in Western North Carolina.

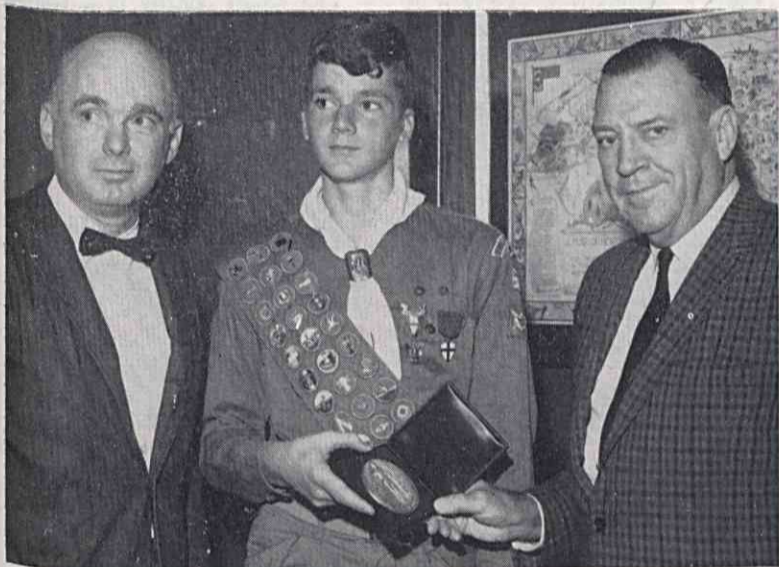
In the Firestone News photo, a statue of Francis of Assisi overlooks Daniel Boone Native Garden at Boone. A showplace of plant life native to the Southern mountains, the Garden features a rockery, rustic bridge, pool, and Squire Boone Cabin, remi-



niscent of the famous Wilderness Scout family.

Nearby is a recreation park and the amphitheater where the outdoor drama "Horn in

the West" begins its season late this month. Up the road three miles is Tweetsie Railroad with its frontier village and "magic mountain."



**PRESENTATION** • Thomas Lesslie (left) with his son Robert, who received the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Scouting Award from plant general manager Harold Mercer. Robert, taking part in a band concert the night of the awards dinner, came the next day for the presentation.

## 1558 Vehicles Went Through Check-Lanes

Fate Adams with his 1930 Ford was first in line to have his well-kept vehicle OK'd in the 10-point mechanical exam at Firestone's auto-safety check-lanes.

And 1557 other vehicles—most of them newer than Adams' flivver—were processed in the annual free inspection for employee families and the community.

Operated May 17-21, the service was sponsored nationally by Firestone, cooperating with Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee, the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators and Look Magazine. Locally the checklanes were sponsored by Firestone Textiles,

the Industrial Management Club, Junior Civitan Club, Demolays and Key Club.

Beside the 10-point mechanical checkup on vehicles, motorists got free printed materials on highway safety and good driver attitudes and performance. Vehicles passing inspection got the Circle of Safety windshield sticker.

Working at the lanes during the week were Alvin Riley, Ralph Johnson and S. E. Crawford, industrial relations; Jess Parks Jr. and Jerry Howie, shop; Luther Brown, time study; Paul Griffin, Firestone Stores; and Dean Mitchell and Ed Scott, high-school auto mechanics students.

## Another Honor For Safe Production

Record another high mark in the proud history of Firestone Textiles' performance in industrial safety. For the 18th consecutive year, the plant has been recognized by the North Carolina Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor for the injury-control record here.

The honor is symbolized by an engraved bar to be added to the safety plaque which the plant received three years ago. Presentation was made at the annual Chamber of Commerce Safety Awards Banquet in Masonic Temple May 10.

NC State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane handed over the

award to Firestone, at the same time making safety presentations to 33 other firms in Gaston County.

Master of ceremonies at the awards program was Alvin Riley, Firestone industrial relations manager, and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce safety committee.

**BEFORE** Mr. Crane made the presentations, L. B. McAbee, Firestone assistant division manager, spoke on leadership and attitudes in industrial safety.

"Safety depends much on what seed we plant daily for the harvest," he said.

Entertainment for the program was by the "Firestone Non-Skids," a barbershop quartet featuring Firestone family members C. E. Moss, C. E. Moss, Jr., Winston Crawford and Cramer Little.

Commenting on all phases of safety in North Carolina, Commissioner Crane noted that the

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