

Tommy Jackson Is Eagle Scout

Tommy Jackson, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Jackson, Windsor Road, Monday night was presented the Eagle Scout Award at

a special Boy Scout Court of Honor at the Scout Hut. Mrs. Jackson pinned the coveted award on her son's shirt as scout executives and friends of the Jacksons looked on.

Bill Stewart, district scouter, presented the pin to Mrs. Jackson.

Joseph Betts, national scout representative, was in attendance at the meeting.

Frank Holmes and Elbert Copeland also had part in the program.

The new Eagle Scout is a member of Edenton Troop 158 and his scoutmaster is John H. Woolard.

Tommy, who is 15, spent three years in Cub Scouts and received the Webelos Award. This is the highest Cub Scout rank. He has been active in Boy Scouts for almost five

years. The Eagle Scout has earned 28 merit badges—21 are required for consideration for Eagle.

The God and Country award has been approved for Tommy and will be presented at St. Paul Episcopal Church at a regular worship service in the near future.

Tommy is a member of Order of the Arrow and has attended several Pispico Scout Reservation Camps. During the summer of 1968 he attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

McMullan Street

By Murrell Smith

In the lemon tinges of early morning the street is like a splendid cathedral; golden autumn and a wearied sun turns the early morning street into a temple of turquoise and emeralds.

Well-dressed little boys and girls are off to school as the rising sun turns their blue and gray garments yellow—women home from the mill are dipping chunks of biscuits into their coffee.

The new day after first carrying us off and dazzling us turns raw and misty with a gray chill and a smell of rain in the air.

The whistle from the cotton mill cries a long wail; inside or outside everyone moves quickly. Some are going to the mill fresh from a good night's sleep; those that have worked all night trod home on suffering legs.

A little further up the street from the cotton mill office a plump, well-fed woman with red cheeks and short crinkly hair with loose strands and bare feet watched the flow of traffic. And the walking of people day in and day out—always the same, sitting on the front porch tending to everybody's business—year after year.

The working conditions had brought many up from the country and up from the ground and all of them are proud of their sweat.

Over the years many things had happened like the sun curled under a dark cloth, but the warm rays from Mr. McMullan's face flows from his eyes and gray hair.

In the distance long steel rails pass.

In ourselves the circling of years are running, running over us like the licking of shore with a watery tongue.

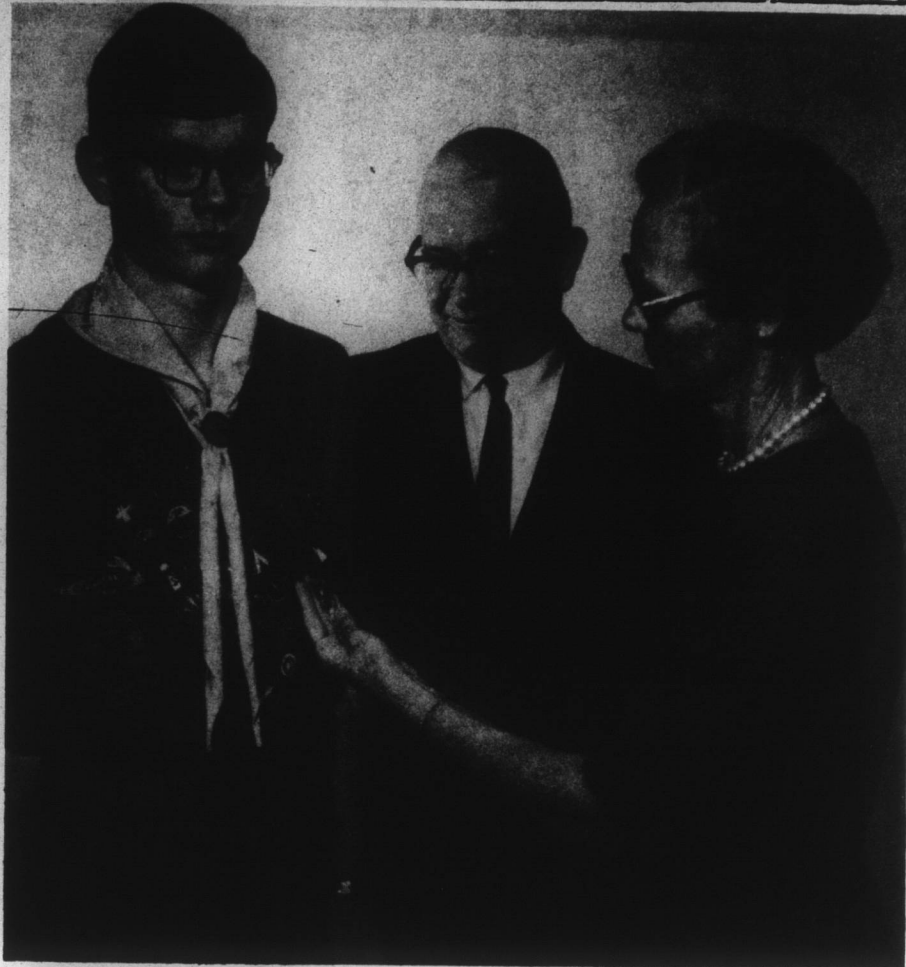
I long once more for pink young girls and beautiful surrounding.

I reflect the memories on our street, the chanting of roosters and the yapping of dogs, the noisy trucks and the corners of houses, on the roofs of our silvery warm houses looms the big windows of the cotton mill reflecting tatters of light upon the street and the glowing rooftops that dot the street.

The endearing beautiful sun under the same endearing sky lying at my feet with gifts of gold tells me customs of old will still be observed, people that have fallen will rise again, people that have strayed will return again. Nowadays during the calm dust we sit near our windows and watch the mist on the elm trees or the fancies that come in our souls.

The mill village church on McMullan Street is enfolded in a new garment of bricks and a new roof overlapping in dark pebbly shingles. Every Sunday people keep coming and coming until there's not enough room to turn around in, and Rev. Alexander's voice fills the whole village.

On our street there's not enough thanks for Mr. McMullan. No person could write, no one could tell—gratefulness. The swirling of rain, sleet, heat and snow beats down upon our street lying in a beautiful silhouette of elms. I remember the homecom-



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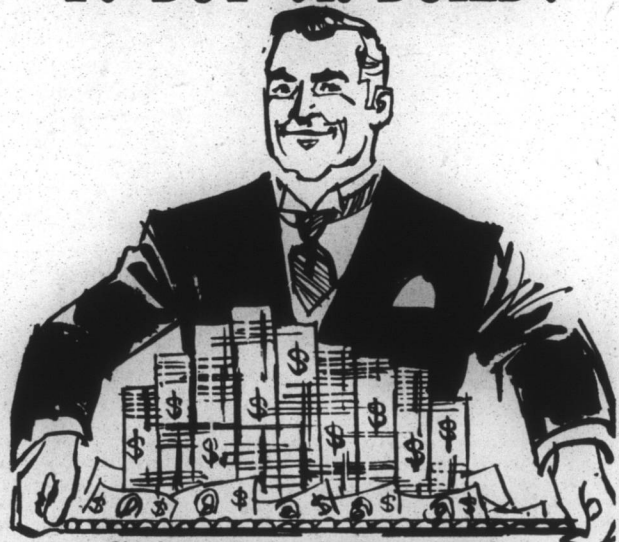
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