

be removed upon the completion of the planned highway system, which I am advised should come about by 1971.

The old National Pike — which is now Route 40 — is one of the oldest and most famous highways in the United States. It was a main artery of communication between the eastern seaboard and the Ohio Valley many years before our Republic was founded. It was also a beautiful high road. It is our aspiration, and our intent, to recapture the traditional beauty and the traditional utility of the National Pike in the plans we have for the construction of highways in this area in the immediate future.

As I have said, the Creator has smiled upon your fair land and has showered his gifts upon these mountains, and valleys and plains. The handicaps and the adversities it has suffered are the result of man's neglect and man's myopia. Our gratitude for God's gifts can best be expressed by supplanting neglect by solicitude, and short-sightedness by broad vision.

STATEMENT ON APPROVAL OF APPALACHIAN GRANT
FOR GARRETT COUNTY

ANNAPOLIS

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The Appalachian Regional Commission today approved a grant of \$111,688 in federal Appalachian funds toward the expansion and remodeling of the Ruth Enlow Library in Garrett County, Governor J. Millard Tawes announced today.

In announcing the grant, Governor Tawes stated, "This project will contribute significantly to the improvement of the cultural and human resources of Garrett County. Expansion of the library will enable it to serve more effectively all residents of the county as well as outside visitors and to support new vocational educational facilities being established at each of the area's two high schools. I therefore warmly welcome the Commission's action in approving this project."

The Commission action now goes to the Secretary of Commerce for final approval and to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for implementation under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. The total cost of the project is \$223,376, of which \$67,012 will be provided under the Library Services Act,