

Immigration Has Little Local Impact

0.6% Watauga Population Of Foreign Stock

(Special to the Democrat)

New York, June 8—To what extent will Watauga County and the foreign-born segment of its population be affected by the country's new immigration law, which is to go into effect on July 1st?

How many of the people who have taken up residence in the local area were born in other parts of the world or are the children of foreign-born parents?

On July 1st, the national or-

gins quota system, which has governed the pattern of immigration to this country for the last 43 years, will be discontinued.

Its purpose was to preserve the ethnic balance that existed in the United States in 1920. People were admitted from foreign countries thereafter at a rate proportional to the number from those countries who were already living here.

On July 1st the whole procedure will change. There will

be no more quotas. Instead, within certain limitations, admission will be on a first-come first-served basis, with preference given to close relatives of people now living here.

As to Watauga County's population, the latest data from the Census Bureau shows that some 0.6 percent are of "foreign stock."

This includes persons who were born abroad as well as persons of foreign parentage who were born in this country.

Elsewhere in the South Atlantic States, those of foreign stock total 6.6 percent and, in the State of North Carolina, 1.5 percent.

Conversely, the great bulk of Watauga County's population, 99.4 per cent of it, consists of native-born Americans with a background of at least three generations here.

Under the new system, priorities will be given, in addition to close relatives of American citizens, to members of the professions, arts and sciences and to other needed workers.

Although immigration was at a high level in the past year, when 361,972 people entered, it didn't compare with what occurred in some earlier years.

The peak was reached just before World War I, when new arrivals came in at the rate of a million a year.

The figures show that in each 10-year period, from 1850 to 1920, the immigrants accounted for not less than a fourth of our population rise and, in some periods, to more than one-half.

Fiddlers Convention Scheduled By Jaycees

The Boone Jaycees will sponsor the first Watauga County Old-Time Fiddlers Convention at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13, in the gymnasium at Watauga High School.

Country and bluegrass bands from throughout western North Carolina will be featured. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1.50 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

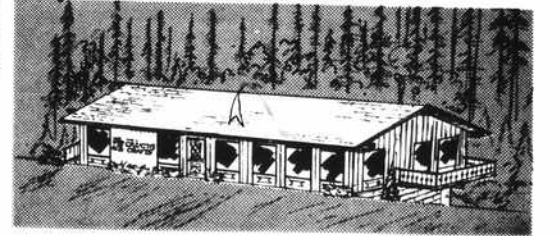
Master of ceremonies will be Grady Cole, famed Charlotte (N. C.) radio announcer. The

top group will be awarded \$100 and second and third prize will be \$35 and \$15 respectively. Bands may be entered with Tom Slade, Box 72, Boone, telephone 264-2411.

Door prizes at the Jaycees event will include \$50 worth of records.

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Governor Says \$10,168,706 Of Appalachia Funds Has Been Expended During 3 Years

Governor Dan Moore released figures today showing that \$10,168,706 in Appalachian funds had been approved or recommended to support 58 major economic development projects in the 29-county area of Appalachia North Carolina during the past three years.

The figures, compiled by the State Planning Task Force Division of the State Department of Administration, reflect grants for local projects, ranging from vocational education facilities to construction of airports.

Governor Moore, in releasing the figures, said each of the projects was a direct result of local initiative in the Appalachian area.

"In each instance," explained the Governor, "the projects were initiated by local effort and supported by local funds. Additional funds from Federal, State and private sources were available to support the local effort."

"This is an excellent example of how local, Federal and State Governments can work together toward total development of the area," continued the Governor. "Local initiative, however, is essential."

Each of the Appalachia grants was made available under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, which is seeking to promote economic development in the 13-state Appalachian region through a combined Federal, State and local program of investment.

The largest portion of the Appalachia grants, \$3,494, 896, was approved or recommended for vocational education projects.

The second largest portion of the grants, \$2,818,640, was directed at construction and expansion of sewage treatment facilities in the area.

A total of \$2,073,449 has been approved or recommended for the construction or expansion of hospitals in the region.

The remaining Appalachia funds have been approved or recommended for higher education, \$658,333; libraries, \$431,-

435; State parks, \$378,076; airports, \$227,004; and \$81,912 to supplement the National Defense Education Act, which supports projects in specific educational areas.

Including funds from State, local and private sources as well as the Federal grants, a total of \$43,558,796 was involved in the total cost of the projects.

Each of the projects was endorsed by one of seven economic development commissions serving the 29-county area, and recommended by Governor Moore before being forwarded to the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D. C., for final approval.

In addition to the Federal grants for the 58 projects, a total of \$49,500,000 has been allocated for the construction of North Carolina's portion of the Appalachian Developmental Highway System. An additional \$981,400 has been approved or recommended for access roads.

An additional \$1,000,000 has been approved for North Carolina's Land Stabilization, Con-

servation and Erosion Control Program involving 12 watersheds in the 20-county Appalachian area of the State.

Another \$350,000 has been approved by the Appalachian Regional Commission for administrative expenses in the operation of the seven economic development commissions as well as for research and demonstration projects in the 29-county area of Appalachian North Carolina.

"The new facilities that have been created," continued Governor Moore, "will not only help provide the services necessary for our citizens at the present time, but they will play a major role in promoting future growth in the area."

"We must continue to seek ways to promote growth throughout the region. I am hopeful that my conference on Appalachian development can provide all of us with an opportunity to exchange information and ideas on the future development of the area."

The Governor's Conference on

Appalachian Developments is scheduled for Asheville-Biltmore College on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25-26.

\$5,846 Worth Of Wool Is Sold In Boone June 12

Sheep producers from Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Caldwell counties sold 13,663 pounds of clear wool, 82 pounds rejects and 969 pounds of tags for \$5,864.25 at Boone Wednesday, June 12.

W. C. Richardson, Agricultural Extension Agent in Watauga County, says the wool was sold to Nichols and Company, Boston, Mass. H. D. Quisenberry, in charge of Livestock Marketing for the N. C. Department of Agriculture, graded the wool. Of the total pounds, 99.3 per cent graded clear.

State Legion Meeting Is Set For Charlotte

The 50th Annual Convention of the North Carolina American Legion is scheduled for Charlotte June 20-23 with over 2,000 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Forty and Eight members expected to attend.

Commander Robert A. (Bob) Tart of Benson will preside over the Legion program, Mrs. Griffin P. Smith of Shelby the Auxiliary, and Reid Crawford of Hickory the Forty and Eight.

Thursday, the opening day, will consist of Committee Meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet Friday morning at 9 a. m.

The General Session opens at 1 p. m. Friday, June 21st, with the welcoming address by the Honorable Stan Brookshire, Mayor of Charlotte, with the response by immediate Past Department Commander Robert M. (Bob) Davis of Salisbury.

Speakers during the Convention will include Mr. Paul Weber, Staff Liaison, American Legion Life Insurance Plan, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Phillip B. Belt, Representative, Civil Service Commission, Raleigh. Distinguished guests will include Milton Patrick of Skiatook,

Okla.; Lewis McCray, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Claude Horton, Department Commander of South Carolina; Mr. Thomas Gear, Department Commander of Virginia; and Mr. Winston Wiggs, American Legion National Field Representative, Atlanta, Ga.

A parade will be held at noon Saturday followed by the election of officers for the coming year during the Saturday afternoon session.

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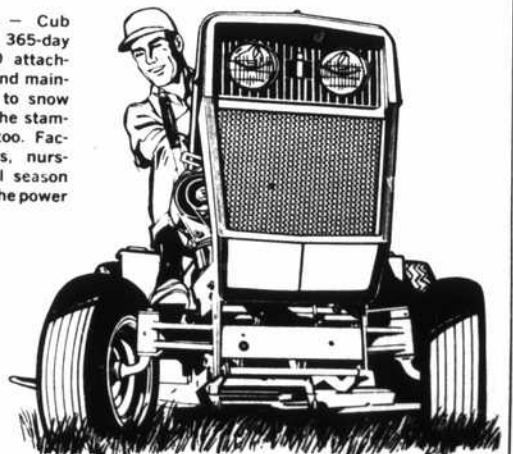
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