

\$12 Billion Deficit in State Streets and Roads

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One of the troublesome things about automobiles is that they need streets and roads to run on. And it takes time, effort, and money—especially money—to build streets and roads. Two years ago, in response to a legislative resolution, the department of public works conducted an extensive investigation, with the aid of an advisory committee of county and city officials, into the existing and future deficiencies in our California local streets and roads. It was then estimated that more than \$12 billion would be required just to eliminate these deficiencies within the next twenty years.

HOW TO RAISE that enormous amount, which is in addition to the money needed to improve and maintain the

Be on Watch For Goblins On Streets!

Parents and motorists were cautioned by Sheriff Peter Pitchess yesterday to be extra careful on Halloween.

Thousands of little goblins will take to the streets at sundown Wednesday for the annual neighborhood rounds of "trick or treat," the sheriff noted.

"Small children should have parental supervision at all times, and motorists should be alert for excited children, who may dash into the street without warning."

Every available deputy sheriff, together with experienced reserve officers, will be on duty the night of Oct. 31 to protect children and guard against property damage.

"Malicious destruction of property will not be tolerated," Sheriff Pitchess stated. "Halloween is a night for fun and frolic, not for spiteful mischief."

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will cooperate with the Department of Parks and Recreation, in coordination of activities at recreation centers throughout the county.

ECC Faculty Endorsing Richardson

Action taken by the El Camino College Faculty Assn. resulted in the endorsement of Dr. Ralph Richardson for the superintendent of public instruction.

Other action included a resolution opposing Proposition 24, and a resolution endorsing Proposition 1A, the school and public building bond issue.

Teacher confidence was listed as a principal reason for endorsing Richardson. Other reasons cited in the resolution included a review of the two candidate's records, educational philosophies, and capabilities.

The Faculty Assn. action is unilateral to the organization of teachers and administrators and is distinct from any action by the Board of Trustees of the college.

White Front in Sixth Location

Sol Cantor, president of Interstate Department Stores, and Harry Epstein, general manager of White Front Stores (a subsidiary of Interstate) announce the opening of their sixth White Front location in San Bernardino, 499 Orange Show Road.

state highway system, proved to be a really tough one to answer. Various suggestions were made, such as increasing the "in-lieu" tax on cars by one-half, or raising the state gas tax by another cent or two, but none got very far in our 1961 session.

The Senate fact-finding committee on transportation and public utilities appointed a citizens advisory committee of experts to study the problem of financing city streets and county roads. Recently the Senate committee met to hear

the final report of this advisory group.

THE ADVISORY report found that in some geographical areas, engineering deficiencies are of such magnitude as to have a serious impact on the safe and rapid movement of traffic. In other areas, though much needs to be done, the urgency is not so critical.

The advisory committee also found that there is considerable variation between local agencies in the degree to which they have used their

taxing powers to meet their local street needs. Some have levied enough to cover a considerable part of their needs, while others have done nothing at all. The advisory group concluded that there is justification for additional financing to speed up local road improvements.

The report noted that any program for additional funds should provide revenues which can be put to good use, but will not add an unreasonable burden. Accordingly, it was recommended that the Legis-

lature consider additional state financing for local streets and roads in an amount equal to what one cent of gas tax would produce, or some \$60 million per year. The report indicated that a raise of less than a full cent per gallon in the gas tax, plus equivalent raises in other highway user taxes—principally diesel fuel—would produce the recommended amount.

THE ADVISORY group also recommended a tight system of controls over the allocation of additional funds to local

agencies in order to achieve three objectives: a reasonable degree of local effort in matching state money; use of funds only for rights of way and construction of roads recognized as feeders of the state highway system; and flexibility of allocations between a county and the cities within it, so as to make the best use of available money.

These recommendations and findings will undoubtedly influence strongly our work on highway problems at the 1963 session.

Local Realtors On State Board

State broker directors representing the Torrance-Lomita board for 1963 are realtors Alvin Grancel, Delbert Vaughn, Jack Schmidt of Paradise Realty, and Henry Mahler of Admiral Realty. Sales-

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