

\$30 Million in County Street Work Under Way

Los Angeles County is keeping ahead of its record-breaking growth with a record-breaking highway construction program, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors' Roads Committee, has released the County Road Department's 1966-67 report which reflects a huge increase over fiscal 1965-66.

"During the 12-month period of 1966-67, major construction contracts valued at \$29,340,000 were in progress," Chace said. "This is a 25 per cent increase over the previous year."

AS OF JUNE 30, there were 52 highway construction projects under way and 166 minor road contracts had been completed, Chace said.

"This extensive road program is necessary to keep abreast of the demands

caused by the constant increase of county motor vehicle registrations," Chace said. There are 4.2 million vehicles registered in the county, compared to 3.2 million registered in 1962. This reflects a 31 per cent increase during a five-year period.

"IN THE SAME period, the average Southland motorist increased his annual mileage from 10,000 miles to an estimated 14,000 miles—up 40 per cent," Chace said. The county highway program included various projects other than road building. Such projects were bridge construction, grade separations, traffic signals and lighting installations.

Chace pointed out that an important part of the county's road program was played by land developers and subdividers. During 1966-67, developers and subdividers provided land for and built 79 miles of new county highways valued at \$11.4 million—a substantial savings to the taxpayer.

A TOTAL of \$16.4 million was given to incorporated cities from the county road fund for the improvement and maintenance of streets. This policy is unique to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, one of the few in the state to allocate funds for use by cities.

"The board policy stems from the fact that to maintain an efficient and safe highway system, cities must have funds to keep their roads in order and consistent with those in adjacent city or county areas," Chace said.

"The county road-building program will continue to keep pace with the tremendous growth in traffic to provide Southern California motorists the best and safest highways possible," he said.

60 Students Earn 'A' Reports at North High

Sixty North High students received straight A averages during the spring semester, according to Dr. Richard Guengerich, principal.

Freshman students who received perfect report cards included: Joann Gilliyatt, Lucianne Hayashida, Bonnie Hope, Evelyn Loo, Barbara Pederson, Ruth Roberts, Deborah Walton, Joyce Yamashita, Roger Allred, Thomas Anderson, Robert Burnett, Kenneth Johnston, Danny Kobayashi, Steven Kreigh, Raymond Lem, Paul Matoba, Steven Melnick, Gary Rotolo, Bruce Tamana, Ronald Terrazas.

Sophomores were: Joanne Elgersma, Susan Melnick, Christine Phillips, Joanne Rogers, William Alpenfels, Haskial Hason, Michael Kerberlein, Richard Lindel, Michael McMahon, Leslie Nelson, Nathan Ucuozglu.

Juniors included: Nancy Dickson, Janice Johnson, Eva Lippman, Catherine Maddaford, Laura Sugita, Virginia Woodis, Alexander Costa,

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Youth Authority Camps, Schools Are Expensive

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — Keeping young people in schools and camps of the California youth authority is no inexpensive proposition, statistics of the CYA showed for 1966.

The report showed the average yearly cost per occupied bed in the CYA schools and camps was \$4,029 in the 1965-66 fiscal year. The cost was even higher for girls, where the cost was \$5,875 for the same year.

Some of the statistics released in the annual report included:

First commitments to the CYA during 1966 totaled 5,470, which was down 12 per cent from 1965 and was the lowest number of first commitments received since 1962. There were 4,197 parole violator returns during 1966, which was an increase of 6 per cent over 1965.

OF ALL FIRST commitments, 54 per cent were in the 15-17 age group, 28 per cent in the 18-21 year group, 12 per cent in the 12-14 year age group and the remaining 2 per cent were 11 years of age or younger.

The ethnic group composition of first commitments, 1965, 45 per cent had violated their parole within 15 months of parole exposure.

FOR BOYS, burglary was the most frequent single commitment offense, accounting for 18 per cent of boy first commitments, followed in order by auto theft, assault and battery and theft other than auto. For girls, incorrigible and run-away was the most common offense, accounting for 32 per cent of girl first commitments, followed by foster home failure, assault and battery and theft other than auto.

The CYA report showed that, of the 14,033 wards released to parole during 1962 and 1963, 61 per cent had violated their parole by Dec. 31, 1966. Of the 9,720 wards released to parole during

Suspect in Arson Held For Hearing

Accused arsonist Thomas Fairbanks of Gardena remained in custody after being bound over to the Superior Court following a preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Bail for Fairbanks was maintained at \$55,000. He will be arraigned in Department A of Southwest Superior Court Aug. 1 for allegedly setting fire to a Torrance home, using gasoline. Fairbanks is a former county fireman.

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