



SCHOOL BUS WORK . . . Ted Stafford, a Torrance Schools bus driver, works on the public address system in his bus. During the summer, drivers repair motors, paint chassis, reupholster torn seats, and flush radiators to get the buses ready for a new school year. The public address system is used on field study trips.

Maintenance Crews Work To Get Classrooms Ready

With 33,000 Torrance youngsters due to return to class Sept. 15, school maintenance crews are working full blast to complete annual summer cleanup and repair projects this week.

Each year, under the supervision of LeRoy Aldershof, director of operations, maintenance employees utilize the vacation months to get into empty classrooms and schoolyards for rehabilitation and refurbishing projects.

Yearly summer chores include such jobs as painting, washing and waxing classrooms, blacktopping playgrounds, seeding lawns, building benches, filling fire extinguishers, constructing cabinets, changing rusty water in cafeteria and restroom pipes, checking gas lines and heaters, and fixing everything from typewriters to tape recorders.

THIS SUMMER, four schools were painted outside, while nine got new paint inside. Sepulveda, Flavian, Meadow Park and Anza schools received exterior paint jobs. Getting new paint jobs inside were: Seaside, Waltheria, Steele, Arlington, Fern, Towers, Madison, and Perry Elementary Schools and North High School. The district offices were also painted.

Eleven school playgrounds got new coats of blacktop over the vacation. They included: Arlington, Fern, Greenwood, Meadow Park, Anza, Columbia, Waltheria, Sepulveda, Hillside, and Wood. Schoolyards are blacktopped every six years.

Fences at Seaside, Fern, and Greenwood schools were galvanized. By recoating the 16-year-old fences, the district hopes to get another 12 to 15 years service out of them.

TYPICAL OF summer fix-up jobs at the district's 39 schools were the work orders for July at one high school. During that single month maintenance men were asked to repair audio-visual equipment, fix a classroom door holder, repair tiles in the boys' room and locker room, check the bleachers, repair tables, fix the bells in the

Principals Draw New Assignments

Three new principals and a new vice principal have been assigned to Los Angeles City Schools in the southwest area, according to Jack P. Crowther, superintendent of schools.

Crowther said Richard H. Nida would become principal at Narbonne High, while John H. Small will become the new vice principal.

Duncan J. Powers has been named new principal of the new Andrew Carnegie Junior High, opening for the first time this year. Gardena Elementary School will welcome Miss May Williard Haslam as principal.

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Teachers Will Report Early for Orientation

Preparations for the return of 34,000 students to Torrance classrooms Sept. 15 will get under way Sept. 8, as 217 new teachers report to work.

Orientation sessions for new teachers will take place Wednesday and Friday, Sept. 8 and 10. Thursday, Sept. 9, is a legal holiday. Admissions Day, and all schools will be closed.

On Monday, Sept. 13, some 1,000 returning teachers will join the newcomers for two days of intensive preparations.

DURING orientation sessions, principals will explain school procedures and policies to the new teachers and will arrange for them to tour the district's facilities — administration building, Educational Materials Building, and service facilities.

The newcomers will be guests of honor at a luncheon to be given by the Torrance Education Association at South High School cafeteria at noon Friday, Sept. 10.

WHEN THE REST of the teachers arrive, they will get classrooms ready for the returning students. Highlight-

ing the orientation sessions will be a general meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at West High gymnasium. Featured speaker will be Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. A recognition breakfast for persons who have completed 10 years employment with the school district will take place at South High School cafeteria at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Special meetings will be held for instrumental music teachers, elementary school Spanish teachers, remedial reading teachers, elementary home economics and industrial arts teachers, and school nurses, and special services personnel on Monday and Tuesday.

Newest City School Opens

Carnegie Junior High School, located at 21820 Bonita St., will open its doors for the first time Monday, Sept. 13, as school resumes in the Los Angeles City School System.

Duncan J. Powers, principal of the new school, expects an initial enrollment of 1,526 for the newest school in the Los Angeles City System.

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