

NEW MANAGER.... Joseph V. D'Ambrisi has been named manager of the engineering division of the Torrance refinery of Mobil Oil Co. He joined Mobil in 1950 and prior to this appointment was man-ager of the technical de-partment of the company's refinery at Buffalo, N. Y. A graduate of Villanova A graduate of Villanova College, he is married and has four children.

Torrance To Teach New Math

Newest addition to the school curriculum, statewide, this fall will be modern math in first, second, and seventh grades in Torrance, teachers will go one step farther. Torrance teachers will sup-

plement classroom arithmetic at every grade level with modern math materials. State texts will be provided for grades 1, 2 and 7 this fall and for the other grades a year from now.

Although this will be the first time that modern math will be offered districtwide, it won't be the first time it has been offered in a Tor-rance classroom. Torrance students have sampled the new math in regular classes and pilot projects for the past two years according to Dr. Donald Duncan, curricu-Dr. Donaid Dunc. lum consultant.

MODERN MATH is described by Duncan as an improve ment in teaching techniques. "The students still learn the basic arithemetic facts and processes as they have in the past but with a better understanding of why they do what they do," Duncan said.

"Understanding of the structure of mathematics is emphasized rather than memorization of rules," he explained

In addition to learning the basic fundamentals of arithmetic, modern math students are taught many topics not previously taught until later in their school career, Duncan pointed out.

Equations with missing fac tors, simple geometry, other number systems and sets are some of the topics now taught earlier, he stated.

EXPERIENCE in Torrance has shown that modern math increases students' interest and accomplishment, Duncan concluded.

Parents who wish to know more about modern math will be offered courses at Torrance schools this fall.



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