

TRACT SCHOOLING PROBLEMS SOLVED

LOS ALAMITOS — The problem of schooling hundreds of pupils of fast-developing Rossmoor homes tract is all settled according to Jack L. Weaver, Superintendent of the Los Alamitos District.

The Los Alamitos District, just off half-day sessions last spring, will return to twice a day classes so the big added enrollment may be accommodated, Weaver said.

Prepare for 400

The Laurel and Los Alamitos Schools, now able to handle 630 pupils, will be prepared to take on 400 children from Rossmoor in October.

Bids will be opened this month for construction of additions at Los Alamitos School so that the influx from Rossmoor as the tract expands can be handled through the 1957-58 term, Principal Robert Bayless said.

A year from now the first of seven schools to be built in the Rossmoor subdivision will be finished and the crisis will be over, Bayless stated.

Reports that Long Beach Unified District might annex the Rossmoor tract were fairly well dissipated last week with an announcement from Long Beach Superintendent Douglas A. Newcomb, that it had been decided annexation

of the area to his district would not be feasible.

Ross Cortese, developer of the tract had suggested that a temporary annexation to the Long Beach Unified District might be effected until a separate Rossmoor District could be formed. The Long Beach and Los Alamitos Districts meet at the county boundary.

Newcomb said he knows of no provision for making temporary annexations and added that Long Beach has no school facilities for absorbing Rossmoor's expected 5700 students.

State Code Factor

Linton T. Simmons, Orange County Superintendent, also expressed the view that Long Beach would likely fail if it tried to annex Rossmoor. He said the State Education Code requires such an annexation to be less than 5% of assessed valuation of the district from which it is separating, providing the district has a bonded indebtedness. The Rossmoor tract's valuation is expected to surpass that of the Los Alamitos District by a big margin.

Los Alamitos already has set the machinery in motion for building seven schools in the tract, now in its early stages of development.