

DuPont Official Slated to Speak To Kiwanis Club

Harlan L. P. Wendell of the Du Pont Company will speak on the subject, "Progress Must Be Created," at tonight's meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Wendell is manager of the Pacific district of the Extension Division of Du Pont's Public Relations Dept.

He will document the story of American progress and point up the factors which create that progress. He will show by examples how Americans have unlocked the door to production.

In September, 1953, Wendell was appointed public relations advisor to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the Eisenhower Cabinet. He was given a year's leave of absence, without pay, from Du Pont to accept that position.

Wendell joined the Du Pont Company in 1948 at one of the manufacturing plants. He has been an assistant editor of the company employ publication, head of the plant publication service, and a member of the Information Division.

He was graduated from Yale University and received a Master's Degree in business administration from Harvard. During World War II, he enlisted as a private in the Marine Corps, and later became a lieutenant.

He is a member of the National Press Club in Washington, D. C., and has been active in civic affairs in Wilmington, Dela.



STORM DRAIN UNDER WAY . . . Groundbreaking for the \$1,000,000 Normandie Ave. storm drain which will provide flood relief to a large part of the Gardena Valley, saw Torrance Mayor Albert Ison (right) giving Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) a hand with the shovel. On the left is Torrance City Manager George Stevens.

Advance Gifts Goal Revealed In Chest Meet

An advance gifts goal of \$5070 in the 1955-56 Torrance Community Chest campaign was revealed at the Harbor Area advance gifts kick-off meeting held Wednesday in San Pedro.

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, advance gifts chairman for the Torrance Red Feather appeal on behalf of 168 agencies, and members of his committee attended the rally, held at the offices of Pacific Telephone Co.

Names of the advance gifts committee members were also released this week by Dr. Bay, who said that his committee will solicit special individual contributions, principally from members of professional groups in Torrance. Named were:

Dr. Arthur Berke, Egdon J. Bowen, Marvin P. Brain, Reid L. Bundy, Clarence E. Clark, Frank Dominguez, John Gerster, Vincent K. Hobson, Herma Tillim, and Vern Lovelady.

Other committee members are Bob Owens, Jim Post, Lillian Sanderson, Robert H. Tolson, Harold Tresize, Jack Dabbs, Dr. Raymond A. Larson, John Schmidt, Mrs. Ella Schwartz, and Dr. Ernest Tarr.

He is the husband of the former Nancy Whyte, long-time HERALD employee and daughter of the late Grover S. and Pluma Whyte, former publishers of the HERALD. Mrs. Work accompanied her husband to Chicago and addressed the meeting on "Building Classified Advertising." Born in Pacific Palisades, he graduated from Pomona College and holds a master's degree in journalism from UCLA. He also holds special certificates from the Mexico City College and the National University of Mexico. Recently initiated into Kappa Tau Alpha, national journalism scholastic fraternity, he is also a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

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Arthur Sues President of College Hall
Arthur Sues, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sues, 1734 W. 234 St. has recently been elected president of Toyon Hall at the University of California, Santa Barbara College. Toyon Hall is one of 13 residence halls comprising the Las Casitas Residence Hall area on the new seashore campus.

The presidents of the various halls and units of the new \$1,385,000 women's residence hall will form the Residence Hall Assn. Council which will govern the functions of the residence halls.



ROBERT WORK

Robert Work Heads Paper Association

Robert E. Work, editor and associate publisher of the Los Angeles Daily Journal, was elected president of the Associated Court and Commercial Newspapers of the United States at the group's recent convention meeting in Chicago.

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Kiwanians To Attend Convention

Approximately 15 members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club will represent the local group at the 1955 convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii district in San Diego next week, it was announced here Saturday by President Gerald M. Eastham.

Convention chairman for the club will be Chuck Ragsdale, Dr. Eastham announced.

Those at the convention will hear Joseph O. Tally Jr., trustee of Kiwanis International and a widely known North Carolina attorney, as the featured speaker. Also on hand will be H. Park Arnold, of Glendale. Arnold, too, is a trustee of the service organization.

Harold M. Heimbaugh, Los Angeles attorney and governor of the local district, will preside at the four-day meeting.

TRUCK TAXES

An average truck in the U.S. pays more than four times as much to state governments as average passenger cars for licenses, and at least twice as much for its fuel taxes.

HULL SAYS

More Schooling Given Than Required by Law

Torrance schools are in most cases providing considerably more time in class for their students than is required by law, Superintendent J. H. Hull told the HERALD Friday. Commenting on demands that all double sessions be ended immediately, he noted that the state requires a minimum of 200 minutes per day for children in the first three grades, and 240 minutes for children in upper grades. Torrance students on regular session get 240 minutes in the primary grades and from 300 to 330 minutes in upper grades he said.

SAME SUBJECTS GIVEN ON DOUBLE SESSIONS

Torrance schools are offering the same number of subjects in double sessions as in regular sessions, school officials said Friday, except that the same time is arranged differently.

Although there are variations from school to school, primary grades get roughly the same amount of time in class, they said. The first three grades generally begin at 9 a.m. and get out at 2 p.m., with an hour for lunch, or regular session, while on double session, classes are from 8 to 12.

Grades four and above may lose more time, since many start at 9 a.m. and let out at 3:15 p.m., with an hour for lunch on regular session. On double session, they also run from 8 to 12.

Typical schedules for primary grades on both regular and double sessions might be as follows:

THIRD GRADE, REGULAR SESSION:
9 a.m., flag salute, class business, civics, hearing, 20 minutes; 9:30 and 9:40, reading group, 20 minutes each; 10, recess, 10 minutes; 10:10, reading group, 20 minutes; 10:30, language groups, 30 minutes; 11, recess, 10 minutes; 11:10, social studies, 20 minutes; 12 noon, lunch, one hour; 1 p.m., arithmetic groups, 50 minutes; 1:50, evaluation, 10 minutes; 2, dismissal.

THIRD GRADE, DOUBLE SESSION:
8 a.m., flag salute, sharing, etc., 20 minutes; 8:20, reading and language activities, 30 minutes; 8:50, recess, 10 minutes; 9, reading and language activities, 50 minutes; 9:50, recess, 10 minutes; 10, evaluation, 10 minutes; 10:10, arithmetic and/or spelling, 40 minutes; 10:50, recess, 10 minutes; 11, social studies, 45 minutes; 11:45, music, 15 minutes; 12 noon, dismissal.

FIFTH GRADE, REGULAR SESSION:
9 a.m., flag salute, orientation, class business, etc., 20 minutes; 9:20, reading, 40 minutes; 10, recess, 10 minutes; 10:10, reading, 20 minutes; 10:30, language groups, 30 minutes; 11, recess, 10 minutes; 11:10, social studies, 30 minutes; 11:40, physical education, 20 minutes; 12 noon, lunch, one hour.

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Drama Presentation Here By Mental Health Service
A repeat performance of the play, "My Name Is Legion," presented last month by the San Pedro Junior Woman's Club, will be given at the Fern Ave. School, Torrance, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m., it was announced today by Mrs. Lillie K. Walsworth of the Harbor District Mental Health Service.

The play, dealing with mental illness, is based on the life of Clifford Whittingham Beers, "A Mind That Found Itself," adapted for the stage by Norris Sterling and Nina Rideour. Players from the San Pedro Theatre Arts Assn.; the Chapel Players, South Bay area, and other theatrical groups, all of whom have donated their services, will be under the direction of Mrs. Becca Detert.

Theme Explained
The theme of the evening will be the roll of the volunteer in the community and the importance of community health and welfare planning. An epilogue to the play will attempt to answer the question, "What can we do about mental illness and other similar community problems?"

Mrs. Walsworth said, "We hope to dramatize the idea that the volunteer can contribute his or her talents and interests to help further the work of health and welfare agencies in his own community."

Guest of Honor
Honor guest at the event will be Joe Maldonado, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council. In public recognition of his work in community health and welfare planning on a local level, an experiment in the harbor area, according to Mrs. Walsworth.

Members of the planning committee for the play met Sept. 30, at City Health Center Building, San Pedro, to discuss details of the presentation. Chairman is Mrs. Virginia McQuarrie of Gardena.

Local students on double session get at least 230 minutes in primary grades and from 240 to 290 minutes in upper grades, he said.

Hours Vary
Hours, he pointed out, are likely to be in the morning or afternoon for double session children, instead of a good part of the day as on regular session. This works a hardship on some parents who have children on both regular and double sessions.

"Our aim is to get all children of double session," he declared. Two factors hold up construction of new schools, Hull declared. These are procedures required for construction of new buildings and the fact that not enough money is available as by the school district needs it.

"There are 25 or 40 processes to go through in order to build a new school," he noted.

Area Surveyed
Schools must survey an area to determine the best building sites, choosing land that is unoccupied, if possible, he noted. With this done, the site must be purchased. If there is a disagreement over price or the owner refuses to sell, the schools must go through condemnation proceedings, which may take from six months to two years.

Clearing the school through all necessary processes requires about six to 24 months, Hull said. After plans are drawn up here, they must go to the State Division of Architecture for approval. Any suggested changes must be redrawn by the architect here and resubmitted to the state. Then bids can be let.

Contractors, already swamped with buildings, now are requiring a longer time to build the school facilities, with 210 days set as the completion date for the latest elementary school to be built, he declared. In addition, schools must allow for an additional 30 to 60 days for strikes, shortages, rains, and other work stoppages, he said.

Schools Take Longer
"We don't like it, but it's the best we can do," he said. "When you figure that houses can be put up in 30 to 60 days and it takes 210 days or more for actual school construction, you can see some of our problems."

The second factor slowing down new school planning is a lack of funds for new schools, Hull said. The district has used \$7,000,000 in funds for 15 new elementary schools, one new high school, and other additions in the last seven years, he pointed out.

Money Not Available
Although \$10,000,000 in bonds was voted last spring, the money is not available all at once, he pointed out. Schools are limited by law to use only ten per cent per year of their total assessed valuation. This means that only about \$2,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 will be available this year.

Until some newer method in school planning can be devised, the schools must use the present system, he said. One city has banned all new construction until the schools catch up with the children, he said, and another holds up new subdivisions until there is assurance that a school site will be available in the area.

Unless a new plan is used, children must be on double sessions, which mean headaches for parents, administrators, and teachers, he said. Administration is made harder with children coming to school at various times, he said.

Chest Speakers' Kits Available

Members of the Community Chest speakers bureau who did not get their speakers' kits at the bureau meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Toverman Settlement House, San Pedro, are requested to call for the kits at Community Chest campaign headquarters, 1719 S. Pacific, San Pedro.

This announcement was made today by Rev. Eddon Durham, chairman of the Chest speakers' bureau for the 1955-56 Red Feather campaign. Members of the bureau, which supplies speakers to speakers on Community Chest for meetings of clubs and organizations, saw the Chest film "Boy With a Knife," which is also available to clubs and other groups, and heard a brief talk by Rev. Durham on the value of the speakers' bureau in this year's Chest campaign. Kits were distributed to members attending.

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