

Science Teachers Stress Concepts, Fundamentals

"Ninety per cent of all the scientists who ever lived on this earth are alive today." So said William Bawden, West High School teacher, in a talk on "Modern Trends in the Teaching of Science" before the Educational Council of Torrance.

"age of the knowledge explosion," Bawden said it is impossible in these times for any man to know all of science or even all of any branch or sub-branch of science. "We can't begin to scratch the surface in high school," Bawden pointed out. "We can't teach the facts because

there are too many of them. Besides, the facts change." INSTEAD, the teacher explained to an audience of community leaders, high schools today are concentrating on the broad underlying principles of science. Rather than knowing the

facts, students are given the foundation for understanding the nature of science, Bawden said. "What I learned as a graduate student at the university, I am now teaching to my high school students," he said. "They are gaining scientific literacy."

"Although our scientific knowledge in these times is constantly changing, the basic concepts underlying it haven't," he remarked. IN ORDER to teach youngsters the basic concepts, many programs have been developed in recent years. Re-

search biologists and college professors have worked with high school teachers to write new textbooks. "The new curriculum is aimed at trying to teach youngsters what science really is," Bawden said. "The mood of investigating the unknown."

Coates Gets New Post

Robert J. Coates has been appointed operations officer at First Western Bank's Torrance office, according to Dwane Clark, manager of the local office. Coates, who joined the bank in 1962 as a teller, has just completed an operations training program. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy and is active in the Speakeasys, a speaking group sponsored by the bank.



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