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Fern School Future Still Up in Air

"To-be or not to be" is still the question which faces the 27-year-old Fern Elementary School, 1314 Fern Ave., despite the fact that bids for rehabilitation of the building were

opened last week. Lowest bid for the rehabilitation was about \$45,000 higher than the amount allotted by the state for the job. The Hight Construction Co., Los Angeles, lowest of seven bidders, set \$281,000 as the cost of earthquake-proofing and modernizing the structure. The state allotted \$236,000 for the project. The cost of rehabilitating vs. the costs of replacing the building may again be considered. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said that considerable more study will be given to the problem before a decision is reached. The school does not meet the earthquake-proof standards set up in the Field Act. After long discussions with state officials, it was decided to rehabilitate the two-story school. At the same time, the district planned to modernize lighting, heating, and certain other features of

Shopping Center Bus Line Asked by Dominguez Co.

Request that the North Torrance Shopping Center at 190th St. and Anza Ave. be served by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, was made to the City Council Tuesday.

C. M. Crawford, manager of the Dominguez Estates Co., said that growth of the shopping center, including use of an office building by 175 employees of the Garrett Corp., as well as a proposed bank, would result in at least 100 more passengers.

He said he had previously discussed the request with Marshall Chamberlain, bus superintendent of the building.

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FINAL DANCE REHEARSALS for the El Camino College production of "Kiss Me, Kate" which will be seen in the Campus Theater this weekend, are conducted by Sandra Kaufman. Dancers from left are Anna Glomb, Vincent Martinez, Linda Vernon, Janet Barthel and Dick Huffine.

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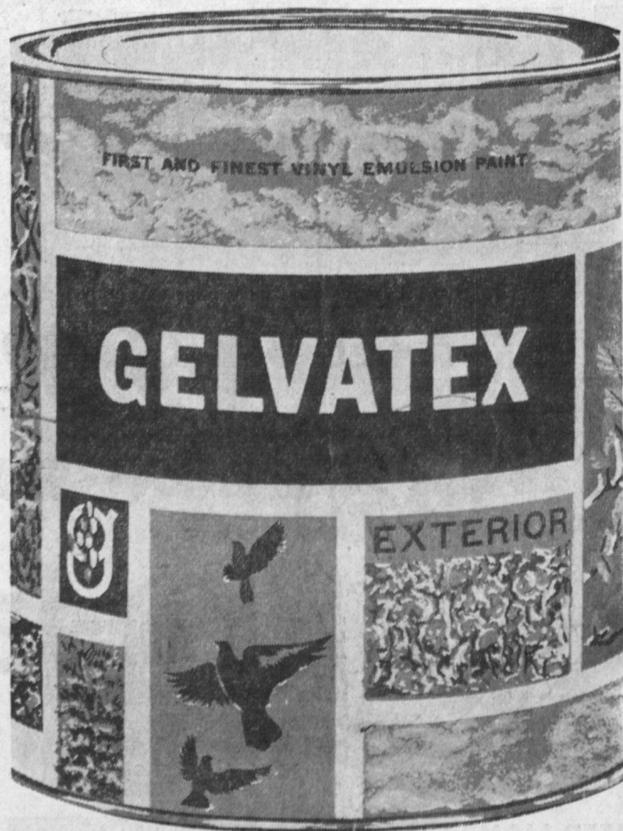
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Torrance Relatively Poor School District, Hull Says

The Board of Education is facing a very difficult budget situation this year, Superintendent J. H. Hull told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon.

Explaining the \$9.6 million budget currently under study by the board, Hull pointed out that while costs are going up, the state's share of the cost of financing schools has steadily gone down for the past few years.

The average California school district has \$10,000 assessed valuation for each elementary pupil, while Torrance has only \$7500, he said.

"We are a relatively poor district," he noted. The proportion of high school students in local schools is steadily increasing, he said, and high school students are more expensive to educate. Torrance nets only \$725 per high school student from the state, but \$180 for each elementary student.

"We must plan for the 1960-61 budget, as well as the 1959-60 budget," Hull told the group. "We will have no more money than we have now, but our costs will be higher. If we can plan ahead, perhaps we can avoid another override tax."

He noted, however, that many neighboring districts are raising teachers' salaries.

Robert Plomert, Torrance Industries Tax Committee member, agreed that taxes and school finance are becoming increasingly difficult problems.

He urged Torrance residents to seek more industries to broaden the tax base and "help schools and the taxpayers."

Plomert said he hopes the school estimate of a \$19 million increase in assessed valuation is not "too optimistic." In figuring the budget, officials guessed that assessed valuation next year would be \$198 million, an increase of \$19 over this year.

"I hope your figures are right," Plomert said.

Farm Surplus Event Continues at Local Theater

For the second successive Sunday the Radium Drive-In Theater on Sunday will convert its grounds during the day into an old-fashioned open-air market place for neighborhood food growers and consumers. This unique bazaar, known as the "Farmers' Surplus Market," will become a weekly feature at the theater. Local farmers, gardeners, fishermen, bakers and ranchers are invited to bring their surplus food products for quick disposal sale direct to the consumer, and the public is invited to come and buy these foodstuffs direct from the growers at close-out prices. Admission is free.

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