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Scouts Selling Tickets To Sports, Travel Show

Torrance Scouter Tommy Higley, 10, of Cub Pack 730C, has urged other Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the area to join in a contest in which Scouts will sell tickets to the Third International Sports, Vacation and Travel Show March 2 through 11.

Tommy is the son of Mrs. Edward L. Higley, who is also his Den Mother, of 2506 W. 171st St.

THE MANAGEMENT of the show has donated the tickets to the Scouting movement, which will keep 100 per cent of the money raised.

Local Scout groups will be able to keep percentages of the money, depending upon the number of tickets they sell.

Torrance Scouts, with other harbor area Scouts, hope to sell 10,000 tickets.

Last year, Scouts throughout the county sold 58,200, from which local units got \$42,105 in commissions and prizes.

IN ADDITION, to induce the boys to sell, the BSA Los Angeles Area Council will give a neckerchief slide to each Cub, Scout and Explorer who sells a book of 10 tickets; a solid brass "Scouter" belt buckle to the boy in each unit who sells most tickets; and extra prizes to boys who sell a book on the first day of the drive.

Besides being admitted to the show itself, ticket holders will be able to visit displays and programs by Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Harbor area Scouts will put on a show of their own Sunday, March 4.

State Committees Mull Shelter Data

By VINCENT THOMAS

Assemblyman, 68th District Mankind has now reached that point of "scientific" advancement at which it must, perhaps, consider retreating into the caves from which its aboriginal ancestors emerged. "Fall-out shelters" is the current name for them, but the term "cave" still applies.

For many months the question of who should supply fall-out shelters has been battled about vigorously at state, federal, and local levels. A new type of business, that of building shelters for private individuals, has sprung into existence, and is already under government investigation. How to provide shelters for the great mass of our population at reasonable cost is being gingerly studied by state and federal government. The basic issue as to the worth of such shelters is also being debated, sometimes hotly.

DURING OUR 1961 session the suggestion was made that new schools should be constructed to include shelters for pupils and perhaps their parents, with state financial assistance. A resolution calling for a study of the matter was passed, and a joint Senate-Assembly committee was established to make the investigation.

This group has held two hearings on the subject. The conflicting opinions submitted indicated the wide divergence of public feeling about shelters.

Spokesmen for the state disaster office told the committee that about 85 per cent of our total California population lives in federally designated "prime" target areas. Based upon their rough estimates, which take into account such factors as distance from point of bomb impact, spread of blast and fire, the cost per person of community fall-out shelters was fixed at approximately \$125. To include protection against the effect of blast and fire would increase the cost per person to about \$175.

ONE COMMITTEE member took sharp issue with the disaster office people over their cost projections. Using their estimates as a basis, he pointed out that an adequate community shelter program for the entire state would cost \$2.8 billion. This huge sum, he declared, renders the whole proposal an "illusion and deceit."

A spokesman for the state department of education called the committee's attention to a recent opinion of the attorney-general which holds that school districts may finance shelters from their general funds or from bond proceeds.

They may also cooperate with other public bodies in the construction and maintenance of shelters. The opinion holds that each local school board has responsibility to decide how much local money from which sources can be used for shelter. The Legislature, according to the opinion, has final power to determine to what extent state grants to local districts may be used for shelter purposes.

THIS WITNESS said the department of education has been working with other state agencies and local districts for more than a year on the problems of fall-out shelters. It has participated in the work of the state shelter study committee, which has recommended that the state finance pilot projects to determine the feasibility of dual education and shelter facilities, and their cost factors. It has also made on-the-spot examinations of two shelters built in connection with schools, one in San Diego County, the other in New Mexico.

It has made studies of various factors, such as the needs of existing schools for shelters, educational needs as compared to those of survival, and time factors. As a result it has concluded that single purpose shelters, in addition to and separate from normal school facilities, are more appropriate to consider than dual purpose facilities.

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