

## COMIC STRIP PARTY

Invite each guest to come dressed as a comic strip character.

Have materials at the door for making up and costuming those who at the last moment may want to appear in costume and don't have the wherewithal at home.

Have cutouts of comic characters handy to pin on those who do not come dressed as some comic.

The committee members should all be in costume and makeup and should arrive early.

Ask each person on arrival to write the name of his comic character on a slip of paper and put it in a hat. Later remove duplicate slips, if any. The slips in the hat are to be used later for lucky character contests.

### *Decorations*

Use comic strips from various newspapers for wall decorations. Draw caricatures in crayon on drawing paper and pin up.

### *Mixer*

Two committee members walk around the room to lively music.

Whenever a bell or gong rings, they separate and select others from the sidelines (if possible, a man takes a lady for his partner, a lady takes a man.)

They introduce themselves. Thus the crowd on the floor grown from 2 to 4, 8 to 16, etc., until all are changing partners at each ring of the gong and walking in couples around the room.

Swing into grand march figures or a musical mixer.

### *Parody*

Divide the group into four teams.

Ask each to pick a captain and compose a comic strip song to some well-known tune of its choice.

Have each team sing its song in turn. If desired, judges who have previously been selected may decide which team wins.

### *Lucky Character Contest*

In this contest the slips of paper with the names of the comic strip characters, placed in a hat as the guests arrive, are used.

To lively music the players promenade informally in couples. The music stops frequently, and as the names of characters are called, they leave the floor.

Those without partners find others or walk alone.

The last man and the last woman to be called receive lucky contest prizes (could be comic books.)

### *Refreshments and Comic Strip Guess*

Serve refreshments on paper picnic plates on the under side of which has been pasted one square of a comic strip. Give players a pencil and a card. Have them number the card from 1 on, and see how many of the comic strip characters they can guess by looking at the paper plates held by all players.

The names of characters are written by each player on his own card.

Give simple awards for the man and woman having the most correct guesses. If desired, put duplicated numbers in a hat and a lucky drawing, giving novelty awards to the three people holding the lucky number plates.

### *Costume Judging*

Judges can make their decisions during the Grand march or in the following manner: some time during the evening, without any previous warning, strike up a fanfare and ask for "Attention!" the people stay put while the judges circle around to judge:

- The best comic strip hero
- The best comic strip heroine
- The best comic strip married couple
- The best comic strip sweethearts
- The best comic strip girl
- The best comic strip boy
- The best comic strip animal
- The best comic strip male character
- The best comic strip female character

Complete the evening with musical games, a Virginia reel, square dancing or community singing. Sing the main character, but omitting names. Put a number on each plate, also.