

Hold Up Party

- Requirements: A large room for games and entertainment, room for booths. Provide for: lights, lanterns, autumn leaves, inflated balloons, favors, banners and paper hats.
- Don't: Charge admission fees or take money at the first door. Let every one come into the room free and then go to work to extract a few pennies at a time for the guests.
- Entrance Exam: Have a section set off as a "Rock 'Em" room. A masked member should be in charge (tie handkerchief over lower face).

Charge a fine for all fincery-5 cents for each piece of jewelry, 7 cents for a red necktie, 5 cents for lipstick, 5 cents for compact, etc.
- Rogue's Gallery: Advertise this widely. Secure, mount and index carefully several dozen pictures of members of the community, some of them taken years ago. Offer an award to the visitor guessing the identity of the largest number.

You might use past Aerie officers for one or two of your rogues. In any event, following the format of Wanted used by the F.B.I. might add to the amusement.
- Zoo: Set up a number of curtained off exhibits in covered boxes with signs. Some features should be will worth seeing, others fake, such as "Rattler" (a baby rattle), "Copperhead" (penny), "Missing Lynx" (part of watch chain), "Monkey" (a mirror behind a curtain, to reflect the face of the spectator).
- Ping Pong: This table tennis game does not take up much space and seldom fails to have a constant following. Charge so many pennies a minute.

Stunts

Pick Your Stunt

Everyone thinks hard for 3 minutes, devising a stunt or pantomime theme for some soul to enact. He jots it down on a slip of paper and seals it in an envelope. When the envelopes have been will shuffled, each player picks his sealed orders. Some original ideas should be forthcoming. People love to think up things for others to do!

The Old Gray Mare

Line up a number of guests for this stunt and coach them a wee bit. Tie two large handkerchiefs on the ears of the first in line and attach a scarf tail to the last. The line bends over, each person holding onto the person in front of him. This long animal is then introduced as the Old Gray Mare.

As the mare and the audience sing "The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used to be," she weaves and staggers in limpid fashion around the room, ears flapping, tail swishing, and legs rather weak at the knees. During the third and fourth time the song is sung, the mare slows down and begins to falter. She develops a sway back as the middle persons begin to sag. The tail man sits down abruptly and refuses to budge. Two or three others waver and topple over, then another and another until only the head remains. This too sinks slowly downward and with a great sigh rest cheek on hands in sleeping position on floor. The song comes to a mournful close.

Bass Quartet

If new to the crowd this stunt can make quite a hit after only a moment's rehearsal.

The leader announces very earnestly that a unique musical quartet consisting of four basses has consented to perform for them. Each member of the quartet is introduced to the audience: "Mr. _____, first bass"; "Mr.

_____, second bass"; "Mr. _____, shortstop. Each takes a deep bow as he is introduced.

The first number is announced, an old hillbilly song entitled, "The Lost Sheep in the Mountains." The first bass emits a long "baa-a-a," followed by the second bass, the third bass, and the shortstop. Each "baa-a-a" is pitched lower than the one preceding it, then all join in union and give one loud and mournful "baa-a-a." Eagerly render an encore in response to the very first bit of applause, properly received with fervent bows. The words "alfalfa hay" sung to the tune of "Sweet Adeline" makes a lovely number.

Sherlock Homes & Watson

This is an indoor scavenger hunt. Have men find partners and give each couple a prepared sheet of paper and pencil. The best procedure would be for an individual or small committee, previous to the party, to make up a sheet of things to find out, based on local conditions and the well-known people expected to be present. The following is merely suggestive:

Find a woman over 25 years old who has the smallest high heeled shoes and trace her shoe on the back of this sheet.

Get the autograph of a left-handed person here.....

Give the auto license number of the Aerie President.....

Find the owner of the largest hand and trace that hand on the back of this sheet.

Give the telephone number of a red headed woman.....

Find a gray-haired, brown-eyed person and describe his or her clothes briefly.

Find the owner of a black cat and give his house number here.....

Find the name of a boy who has a dog named Blackie, Skip or Spot.

Man-make a drawing of your wife's profile on this sheet.

Lady-describe your husbands face here.....

Allow a certain length of time for the completion of the "detective work", award foolish prizes in a formal ceremony to the most successful Sherlock Holmes and Watson.

Time Auction

Here is a money-raiser which gives Aerie-Auxiliary members-and young people-a chance to help a good cause. The idea is a family dinner, followed by a *time* or *service auction* which works like this; Contributors write the services they will give on slips of paper, then these are collected and auctioned off to the highest bidder. The winners pay the treasurer, and arrange with donors for delivery. Bargains, such as these, will be snapped up by eager bidders:

Will shine shoes, Wash a car, Mow a lawn, Crochet a rug, Baby sit (two hours), Paint a room, Transportation (two hours) Make a lemon meringue pie, Ironing (two hours), Wash the dog, Run errands (three)

If the auctioneer should just happen to have a moustache an amusing note can be added by a bid to shave off his moustache. He can counter bid and the bidding can be kept up till he wins clear title (to the benefit of the cause for which the money is being raised).

Advance publicity will help your sale. Among other things be sure to send out announcements with examples of services to start people thinking. A second dinner auction can prove more successful as the idea and the services have had time to catch on.

This is a party that uses a lot of painless penny extractions to raise funds. The themes can be used for a dance or any other type of social event.

Checklist

Form filled out by Program Chairman

1. What are you calling your Special Event: _____

2. Date _____ Hour _____

3. Committee Members:

Full Name Address Telephone

a)

b)

c)

4. What properties are you using? (list)

5. Are you using any of the following mediums to advertise?

a) Handbills _____ c) Placecards _____

b) Posters _____ d) Bulletin Boards _____

6. Are you using programs? _____

7. Are you decorating? _____

8. Are you providing chairs for spectators? _____

9. Are you having a Community Sing before or after the event? _____

10. Do you have a Reception Committee? _____

11. Have you arranged to have pictures taken? _____

12. Does the event answer these questions?

New _____ Fun _____ Different _____