



NOVEMBER- STOP THE PRESSES

OPENING

THE DOOR TO DOOR SALESMAN

Participants: *Leader or parents for door*
Ordinary guy
Salesman
Cubmaster

Props: *Newspaper*

Setting: *An ordinary guy's front door on an ordinary street. The salesman is selling a new super multi-tool (Swiss Army paper) He arrives at the door and knocks.*

Salesman: Knock, Knock.

Ordinary Guy: (opens the door, looks the salesman over a little too much) Yeah, what cha' want?

Salesman: (Smiles in an exaggerated way) Sir, I know how busy you are and how precious your quality time is with your family. I have something, which has saved countless families untold hours resulting in unfathomable savings of priceless quality time. Would you be interested in learning more?

Ordinary Guys: (Acts like he is about to speak)

Salesman: This multi- tool is the Boone that Daniel had. Why simply owning one will slow your clocks by 20 percent.

Ordinary Guy: (Tries to speak again)

Salesman: It is a:
 (Twist a paper into a tube) Telescope
 (Tear one end down a few inches, twist and ruffle, act like you are dusting.) Feather duster
 (Hold the feather duster like a torch) Olympic Torch
 (Flip the Torch over, nibble at the end , proclaim loudly) Carrot
 (Write on an imaginary table) Quill
 (Notice a fly on the Ordinary Guy, and smack it) Fly Swatter
 (Get ready to throw the swatter) Large Dart

Ordinary Gut: (smiles wisely and steps through the doorway) It is not Swiss Army paper. You do not use it to make things until after you read it.

Cubmaster: Opens the paper and finds current events page and reads about the cub meeting for this evening. You can include some of the announcements.

CLOSING

ENTER A CHALLENGE

Get a copy of Boys Life:

Find an article that would interest the pack. Something that you can not do like a high adventure trek to the Himalayas. As Americans, we can do what we want to. Use this to challenge the boys to excel and the parents to plan for the future. Study and dream.

MAKE AN OBSERVATION

Find an article that relates to something the pack has done:

Tell the boys what they have learned. Tell them how Scouting reinforces what they learn and how it will help them when they are men. Tell them what it was like for you when you were a Scout or as a boy. Ask if any parents did these things as children or as Scouts. Foresee the future, and say that most of the boys will have children and will remember this very moment right after their families do something like this. When they do tell them about this pack meeting. Remember, we are here to do and learn, while having fun.

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A GOOD THING SAID ABOUT NEWSPAPERS

Gutenberg invented the movable type printing process. Reducing the "time to press" that documents had to endure. The Wolf, Bear, and Webelos books that you have are made from this method of print. Ideas and information can be given to many people at the same time.

Imagine having to write down the entire book by hand from a copy that was hand written from another copy. Or get your information from town criers and minstrels that simply holler or sing the news of the day. News from afar would both be late and quite probably mixed with other stories that have joined in the mind of the crier or minstrel.

In times of peace, our daily, weekly, and monthly papers and magazines can be full of fluff. But in times of need, the information is priceless. Think about all the great things said by great people and remember that newspapers bring that to you.

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- * Visit your local newspaper.
- * Visit a television station or radio station.
- * Create a pack newsletter for the month.
- * Interview a pack leader or parent and write an article about them.
- * Write an article about a pack activity and submit it to your local newspaper.
- * Have a reporter or newsman visit.



PRE-OPENINGS

COMIC STRIP JUMBLE

Save one week of comics from the local paper. Cut up each comic strip, panel by panel and mix them up. Give each person a panel as they arrive. Each participant must find the other panels and place them in the correct order. Have the comic strip panels ready for inspection, or place the panels at a designated place before the meeting. The order of each comic strip may be peculiar. Lots of surprises await you.

WHAT IS IT

Randomly hand out different colored 3 by 5 cards as "Press cards" to the boys and parents. Separate the players into color groups for the "What Is It?" Put a common household item on the table where each group will gather. (mop head, odd shaped cleaning brushes, novelty kitchen tools, etc.) Have each group of participants write down all the different uses they can think up for their item. (Example, use the mop head as a wig.) have each group pick a spokesman with a contract worth millions of dollars.

Special note to Cubmaster and Committee Chairpersons: This will put the spotlight on some very talented, enthusiastic and fun people. RECRUIT!!

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GAMES

ADVERTISEMENT HUNT

Give each Scout seated at a table a popular magazine, containing a large number of advertisements. Have in mind several products that are advertised in these magazines such as toothpaste, cars, soap etc. Start the game by calling out the name of the product. The Scout who is first to find the product and tears it out of the magazine and hold it up. If it is the right one, have him sit on it, and continue the game by calling for another item. After about a dozen or so calls, find out who is sitting on the most ads.

BRIDGE BUILDING 101

Materials: 20 full pages of newspaper. One roll of adhesive tape

Make several teams using the parents and boys. The object is to make a bridge as strong as possible. The bridge must span an imaginary river of 20 inches. The winner can be the bridge that is the strongest, if several are actually made.

Using judges is the best way to decide the winner, using categories; Looks most like a real bridge. Looks least like a real bridge. Looks like you guys were not building a bridge etc.

Takes 10 - 15 minutes, or this game can become a project!!

TRASH CAN BASKETBALL RELAY

*Materials: 2 or more trash cans
lots of newspaper*

Divide boys into teams. Divide the room into equal sections. Have teams make balls of paper and line up as if they are going to do a free throw. In turn each boys tries to make a basket in the opponents basket. Limit to 2 minutes. Winner is team with most "balls" in basket.

MAGIC PAPER

*Cast: News boy
3 customers
Boy to deliver telegram
Brother
Bystanders*

Setting: News boy is standing on a street corner with his newspaper, with other cubs standing or slowly strolling around. The customer can be a part of crowd or offstage. Boys acting as telegram delivery person and brother should be off stage.

News boy: Extra! Extra! Read all about it.

1st Cub: I'll take one of your papers.

News boy: OK, Be careful these are special papers.

1st Cub: (Grab paper before news boy had finished speaking) Hey! It says here I've won the lottery. (Cub comes running in with a telegram with official notice that he has won. Both boys exit in an excited way.)

2nd Cub: I'll take one of those. Let's see what it has for me. This says I've found my long lost brother! (Brother comes stumbling in and they greet each other excitedly and exit slapping each other on the back.

3rd Cub: (Grabbing paper before newsboy can say anything. Reads and yells and runs off.)

Newsboy: He didn't let me finish. When you read something, it will happen; but be careful not to read the movie or comic section.

4th Cub: So, why aren't you hurt by these papers?

News boy: (In best Terminator voice) Cause I'm da' paper boy.

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SKITS CONTINUED

STOP THE PRESSES

Personnel: 6 Cub Scouts

- #1: In 1340 A.D. the first printed newspaper in the world and the oldest daily journal, the Peking Gazette, was issued.
- #2: The first newspaper printed in English was published in Holland in 1620.
- #3: The first colonial newspaper appeared in 1690. It described "Public occurrences, both Foreign and Domestic".
- #4: The first commercial message by radio telegraph was transmitted in 1898.
- #5: The first regular radio broadcast was in 1920 from station KDKA, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It told of the election of Harding for President.
- #6: In 1957, there were 528 TV stations in the United States. In 1982, there were over 1000. TV now reaches over 75 million households in the United States.

SONGS

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

CHORUS:

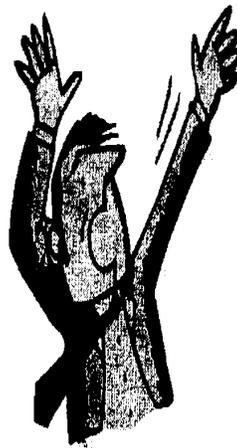
What the world needs now
Is more cartoons
It's the only part that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now
Is more cartoons.
Not just Beetle Bailey, but some Garfield too.

No, we don't need the crossword puzzles;
There are wars and air crashes enough today.
There are crime stories, sports, news on every page.
The Dallas News needs a lot more fun.

CHORUS

No, we don't need more Ann Landers.
There are want ads and cars ads enough for me.
There are stories about saving cats from trees.
So listen please, give us what we need.

CHORUS



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JOY FROM THE NEWS

Tune: Joy to the World

Jermiah threw our paper.
He worked for the Dallas News
He always threw the paper right up to our door.
Yes, that paper was always at our door.

CHORUS:

Singin' News to the McCoys,
To the Smiths and Browns and Troys.
News to the Jacksons on east seventh street.
News to you and me.

You know I love the comic
Love the sports page too.
I read the paper front to back
And I read the want ads too.

CHORUS

If I was the Dallas News
Tell you what I'd do
I'd add a hundred pages to the news each day
And I'd throw it for you too.

CHORUS

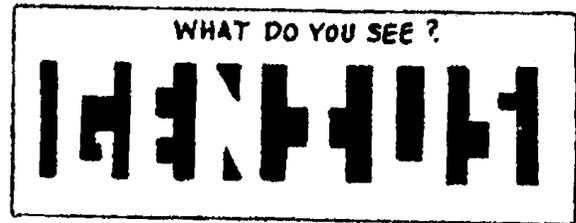
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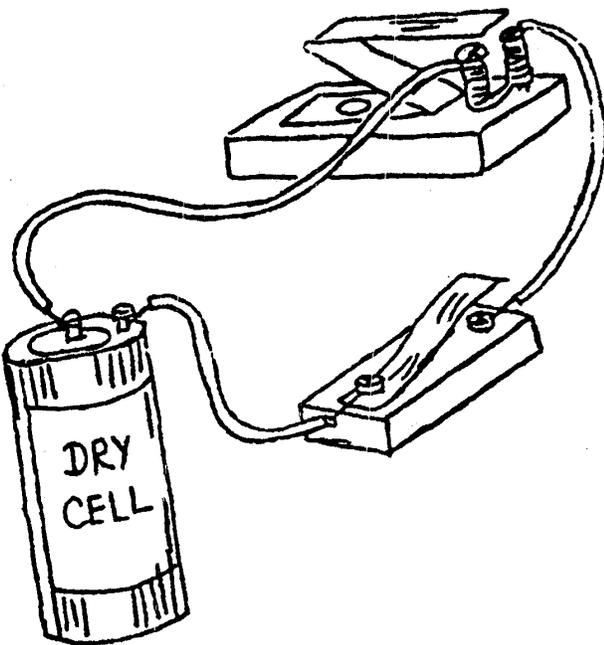
OPTICAL ILLUSION

use a 2" x 4" rectangle of lightweight wood, leather or cardboard. Paint it a dark color. Use a contrasting color to paint the "symbols" as shown. Use that same color to paint the words "What do you see?" at the top. For a wood slide, attach another "U" shaped piece of wood to back for a neckerchief slide. For other slides, use a card board ring or pipe cleaner ring on the back. This is an optical illusion. The trick is to look at the predominant color, which in this case, is white rather than black.



(LARGER THAN ACTUAL SLIDE)

CRAFTS



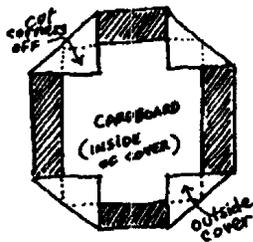
OLD FASHION TELEGRAPH SET

- Supplies:
- 2 wood blocks
 - 2 nails
 - 3 screws
 - 2 metal tin can strips
 - 1 dry cell battery
 - 2 wires

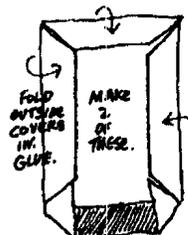
Using supplies, assemble, as illustrated. Bend the metal "Z" (sounder) so that it attaches itself to the nails when the key is pressed. After the boys have completed their old fashion telegraph set, they can have fun sending messages to each other. (See Morse code signals in Webelos- Communicator).

PUBLISH YOU OWN BOOKS

1. How to make them



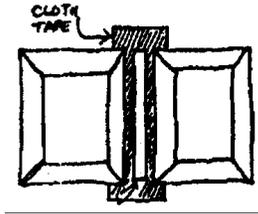
2. Fold outside covers in glue.



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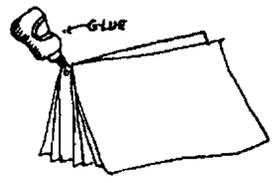
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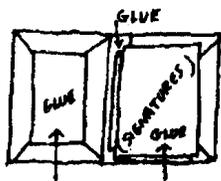
3. Place narrow strip of cardboard between front and back covers on a piece of cloth tape.



4. Sew pages of signatures together. A signature is a sewn together section of the book's pages.



5. Put signatures together. Glue folded edges. Lay signatures on cover, as in next picture



6. Glue marbled end paper over inside cover and first page of first signature. Dry

7. Flip to the back of the book. Glue another end paper over the inside back cover and last page of the last signature. Dry. Fold.

8. Press finished book under heavy books to give it shape.