

MUSIC VIDEO NIGHT

Let the kids create their own music videos.

Before you have your Music Video Night, divide into small groups or bands and allow them a week or so to plan their show and assemble their props. They can put anything they want on their video (within reason, of course). They can perform their music live, or they can lip-sync a record.

On the night of the event, have the groups meet in separate rooms to plan and rehearse their videos. After this let your camera person videotape each group one at a time. Arrange the taping so that each group can perform in isolation without the other groups watching. At the conclusion of the taping, have everyone meet together and show all the videos.

Arrange some snacks and things to do for the kids who are waiting while others are taping. To speed things up tell the groups they only get one take. It's a lot of fun to see what everyone comes up with, and the bloopers are great! *Steve Gladen*

NEWSPAPER NIGHT

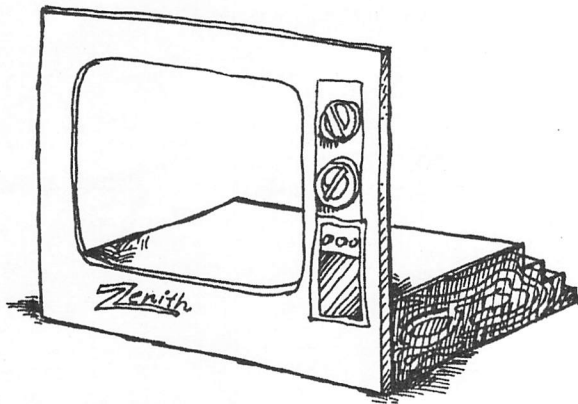
To prepare for Newspaper Night get a huge pile of old newspapers. The following games can be played with two or more teams:

- **Newspaper Costume Race.** Teams have five minutes or so to dress kids up with newspaper to look like certain things. For example: Santa and his reindeer, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Snow White and the seven Dwarfs, etc. Tape can be provided for each team to help them construct the costumes. Judge for the best job.
- **Newspaper Treasure Hunt.** Put in each team's pile of papers several specially colored pages. The team to find the most in the time limit wins.
- **Newspaper Scavenger Hunt.** Call out certain items from the papers. The first team to find them wins. For example, a Honda ad, a want ad for a 1956 Chevy, a news item about a murder, etc.
- **Wad and Pile.** Teams get ten minutes to wad up all their paper into a big pile. The highest pile wins.
- **Hide and Seek.** Hide as many kids as possible under the pile of wadded-up papers. The team with the most kids out-of-sight wins. Set a time limit.
- **Compact Newspapers.** Teams try to compact the paper on their side into the smallest pile possible.

or plywood which has an opening about 7 feet high by 10 feet. A platform is set up behind the opening from which the program is presented. Paint the front, including a trade name (RCA, Zenith, etc.) and affix big dials on the front. The idea is simply to create the illusion of a giant TV set to give programs with a TV theme a more authentic setting.

There are many ways to use your giant TV screen in youth programming. If the props are built durable enough to last, this can be a regular monthly feature of a youth group. Programs used should take on the format of well-known TV shows like "The Tonight Show," game shows, the news, amateur hour, soap operas, and many others. Announcements can be in the form of TV commercials.

Another approach, especially good at camps, is to divide the group into teams named after the major TV networks. All the competition and activities follow a TV theme. Simply rename familiar games with TV titles. Evenings can include teams putting on TV shows for entertainment. Use your imagination and the TV idea can work very well for you. *Ed Childress*



MAKE IT A DATE

Promote a fancy banquet to which everyone is required to bring a date—not the girl from third-period English, however, or the captain of the football team. Each date must be handmade from broom sticks, paper bags, basketballs, and any other household items. Award prizes for Best Male Date, Best Female Date, Most Outrageous Date, etc.

Have fun with the food you serve, too. Suck Jell-O through straws, spell words with alphabet soup, build crouton houses. You'll probably want to order pizza for later. *John Fehlen*