

Enlarging Machine Skit

(To prepare, decide which objects will be enlarged and collect both large and small versions. Some examples are:

A dime and a much larger coin,

A string becomes a coil of rope or skein of yarn,

A newspaper page becomes the Sunday paper,

A small stick becomes a large limb,

A doll or some other animal in the ODS skit boxes becomes a much larger live person dressed like the doll or animal, etc. Think up appropriate ones on your own!)

Set up a sheet or blanket as a backdrop and hide a person behind it with the large objects and a large cup or very small bucket of water. The professor will be in front of the sheet with the small objects.

The professor walks out and announces, "I have developed a wonderful Enlarging Machine that will make anything . . . anything . . . bigger! As the person or persons behind the machine make the "machine" noises, s/he explains that the machine is operated simply by tossing an object over the sheet.

The machine will then return the object in a much larger form.

The professor says, "I will demonstrate my fantastic invention, but I need volunteers to help."

One by one the volunteers (other members of the cabin group) come forward. The professor hands each of them an object one at a time which each one throws over the sheet. The machine then makes noises, and the larger object is carefully tossed back. Each time the professor excitedly talks about the value and capability of the machine.

The last volunteer . . . is a person who doesn't know anything about the skit. S/he is probably volunteered by the professor's choice.

The professor takes the "volunteer" by the arm and leads him/her toward the audience and away from the sheet. In tones of great secrecy (but loud enough for all to hear) the professor encourages him to have some fun with the machine and spit over the sheet.

They return to the sheet, and the "volunteer" pretend spits. A large cup or very small bucket of water comes over out of the machine in the direction of the "volunteer."