

### A SURE CURE FOR FALSEHOODS

A housewife is discovered comfortably seated in a chair reading a daily newspaper. She is soon interrupted by a loud knock on the door. She admits a salesman and during the course of the conversation with him learns about a new invention that he has for sale -- in reality it is only a deflated toy rubber balloon. She is informed that the invention is a sure cure for falsehoods. If it is placed on the wall it will expand every-time someone tells a "fib." She tells him she does not, and will not, believe such nonsense. Eventually, however, she becomes interested in it when the salesman reduces the price and persuades her to try it on her husband. Finally she purchases one and hangs it on a screen or curtain so that a person backstage can inflate or deflate the balloon as the stunt is being presented.

Demonstrate the machine by playing Truth & Consequences Al La Radio. Divide group into teams. If the captain of the team does not answer correctly for the team in 10 seconds the lie detector will inflate. If correctly answered nothing happens. (N.B.) (I attach a squawker to the balloon for local color.)

After the skit is finished have the teams that did not answer correctly pay the penalty. As- Life saver race- pass a life saver from person to person along the line without using your hands but by means of a tooth pick in the mouth. Arrange line thusly-1 tall, 2 short, 3 tall, 4 short, etc. Tortise Race- Tie a string to each piano leg or like so that the tortise stands straight on one end on floor and resting against the leg when the string is put through the whole in the tortise head. Make the tortise travel the string to you and back to the leg.

The husband returns and his wife asks him many questions as to where he has been. His answers are all falsehoods. The balloon expands with each reply. The troubled wife then tells him of her afternoon purchase, pointing out the balloon. He is astonished and bewildered and shks her if she never in her life told a falsehood. When she answers no, the unseen property man inflates the balloon until it bursts.

References in the questions and answers to people in the audience adds to the hilarity and fun of this impromptu skit.