

## IMPROMPTU SPEECHES

Impromptu topics should be challenging and interesting but not intimidating. Avoid subjects beyond your members' experience. Ask members for their topic ideas. Members could talk ½ to one minute on sports, books, heros, animals, t.v. shows, or trips they'd like to take.

Put topics in a hat. Each member draws a topic and talks for up to one and a half to two minutes on the subject (leaders should be prepared to give help quickly and by asking questions or prompting if a member becomes frightened and cannot speak).

If handled as a game, the members may enjoy some silly topics. Some topics could be:

Silly:

- What a dog dreams about,
- Cats are like hula hoops,
- How weed a garden with a spoon,
- The best potato masher - ever.

Serious:

- The most fun I had in 4-H,
- The person I most admire,
- University should be available to all,
- The trip I'd like to take.

When the member writes the speech they should keep in mind the parts of a speech - Introduction, Body and Conclusion. He or she speaks for one to two minutes. While one person is speaking, the next person should be given the topic, allowing them some time to think about it. These speeches may be evaluated by the leader or the members. Remember to critique positively. There are good and bad points to ever speech.

