LEISURELY DAYS

Make an oversize pad of paper by using a large stack of typing paper. Hold end of stack firmly together and cover evenly with glue. Let dry without disturbing sheets. For the pencil gift, purchase a huge oversize pencil available at variety and novelty stores. Large crepe paper streamers may be attached. For the telephone, use a novel toy telephone, the candy filled variety are available at a very nominal cost. Several large telephone directories may be fastened together to make an impressive stack.

First Past Presiding Officer to Junior Past Presiding Officer with a knowing manner.

We heard that you disconnected your phone
And pitched the directory right outside
That you'd broken the points on your pencils
And flung your notebook far and wide.

Now, dear Sister, this was a bit hasty
And so we collected some things for you.
An extra little phone, a pencil and pad,
And a good sized phone directory, too.

We give you these things in understanding,
For we know something you don't know.
You think things will be different
But that just is not quite so.

Second Past Presiding Officer to Junior Past Presiding Officer. She speaks very sympathetically and understandingly.

We know you have been dreaming
Of the day the phone just doesn't ring,
Of days and weeks you never ask
A single soul to speak, perform or sing.

We know you've been looking forward
To days unmarked by a single date,
To going peacefully to early bed
And in the morning, sleeping late.

My friend, you've been in a dream world.
Life is never really quite like that.
You would never be really happy
To sit all day and knit or tat.

The days ahead for you are busy.
New tasks lie ahead, there's much to do.
New officers need advice and help.
Rest assured, they'll call on you.

And just to make sure you don't
Sit around and cry and mope,
We've taken special measures to see
You're busy, so don't give up hope.
Third Past Presiding Officer addresses Junior Past Presiding Officer. She speaks as if she could hardly wait to tell her what has been going on.

We called the Presiding Officer and said
You were lost without a job, would she
Kindly find something for a past officer
Who was just as lost as she could be.

She said she had just the job for you
A protem was needed on the officers' list.
She said she'd let you have the chance,
And now, you must have gotten the gist.

We've called every single one we know
Who has more than she can really do,
And nobody has turned us down,
They're all so concerned about you.

You are in charge of holiday delegations
To hospitals, homes, and orphanages.
You're chairman of special activities
Like dances, card parties, and rummages.

If there's a national or world disaster,
You're in charge of organizing some relief.
We're sure that if you these things done
You'll find that there is no time for grief.

Fourth Past Presiding Officer addresses Junior Past Presiding Officer in a very smug fashion.

Oh, by the way, we seem to have forgotten
Some other very important things indeed.
We've submitted your name to the convention
Just in case they might have a need.

For one very grand person who knows
Just exactly what to do and what to say
For a person outstandingly gracious
And lovely, in every single way.

We've told everyone how much our lodge
Has cherished the privilege of having had
You for an officer, and now may we
Who are also pasts, tell you how glad

We are that your long year is over
For since it's done, we are richer still.
The members of our club say, "Welcome"
And come and join us if you will.