

The title for this, the Second Competition, is the same as the first:

"Suggestions I believe would improve the efficiency of the Force."

As an inducement to combat the incomprehensible reticence of some members, a generous cash award is offered for the best essay submitted; in addition, the winner of first prize receives the Commissioner's Gold Medal, suitably engraved. First prize \$50.00, Second prize \$35.00, Third prize \$15.00.

As a result of the 1939 contest many worth while suggestions were received. Although these were gratifying, the Commissioner felt there must be others connected with the Force, especially among the active detachment personnel, with constructive suggestions that would be of material value. **Those in actual touch with conditions, the detachment man and others engaged in the practical application of the law, are especially urged to participate.** Being right on the job, these individuals really understand the difficulties, peculiarities, obstacles and special features of their own work.

Essays in this competition are not being judged on their literary merit, nor are they desired for publication. They will be judged solely for the suggestions they contain, consequently each one has an absolutely equal chance of winning a prize.

Concurring with a suggestion made by a contributor in last year's competition, the procedure of submitting essays has been altered:

- (a) each contributor must write his name, regimental number, if in the Force, and address on a separate sheet and seal it in an envelope attached to the essay;
- (b) envelopes and essays will be numbered by the Editor, envelopes then being detached and filed away. In this way competitors' articles are read anonymously by the judges who will base their decisions on merit alone. All possibility of prejudice is thereby obviated. The envelopes will not be opened until after the winners have been selected.
- (c) essays are to be written on one side of the paper only, with generous margins, typed in double space, quadruplicate. No minimum or maximum length is set;
- (d) all manuscripts to be mailed *direct* to the Editor, to reach him by December 1, 1940.

Here is your chance to improve the efficiency of your own branch, or the Force at large. The Commissioner will personally read every paper submitted and is most anxious to have every member feel free to express his ideas. Notwithstanding the fact that the invitation to offer suggestions takes the form of a contest, the Commissioner expresses the hope that *every* member of the Force, the Civil Staff, and stenographers, will submit their practical suggestions or constructive criticism.

Your suggestions will simplify you own or somebody else's work. So if you have any enterprising ideas, ventilate them in this splendid way—submit an essay!