

tion, so that members of this Department will have access to almost any possible recreation facility nameable. We think this is particularly important to members of this Department since many of us are not in Ottawa long enough to make joining any kind of an athletic club feasible. Leo McGovern has accepted the position of Civil Service R.A. representative.

I have no doubt that I have already used up more space than was allotted to me by the Editorial Committee, but before ending, I would like to request each and every member of the Department to take an active interest in the Departmental Recreational facilities. We have the nucleus of a fine organization and I am very grateful to all members of the present executive for the assistance they have provided during the past year. I should also like to extend my sincere best wishes to next year's executive whose names will probably be shown to us within the next month.

J.D. Hughes,

President.

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A GOOD ANSWER

A civil servant sent aloft in a balloon to make meteorological observations became lost as his balloon drifted off course in wind and fog. Some days later the mist dispelled briefly, enabling him to see a farmer gazing upward.

"Where am I?", he shouted to the farmer.

"You are up in a balloon", the farmer cried.

This, by Civil Service standards, was an excellent answer. It was brief. It was to the point. It added nothing to the knowledge already at hand.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Canada is by all standards a spacious country and it is ironical that this luxury is so lacking in the East Block. Conversion of attics, basements and towers having reached the limits of architectural ingenuity and the ratio of persons to floor space being such as to horrify a Shanghai slum inspector, the Department has been obliged to decentralize some bodies and paper. It proved easier to move the former than the latter, but recently several tons of dormant files finally were let out to (Tunney's) Pasture.

Not least of the benefits has been the rediscovery of certain treasures (no, Warsaw, not yours). Straight-laced and straight-faced as we are, the occasional laughing letter and declivous despatch finds its way to Ottawa. At times these are by-products of tense situations and often a welcome release from the pressure and strain of most of our understaffed operations. Although fondly remembered by many this valuable correspondence disappears in the omnivorous files, and we hope in succeeding issues to revive some classics of interred levity. We have in mind as our first endeavour the 1946 poetry competition on "Honours and Awards", but would welcome suggestions from those who recall other buried treasures.

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BEST HIGH SCHOOL DEBATER

The many friends of Paul Malone, at home and abroad, will be interested to hear of his son's success as a debater.

On Sunday, 2 March 1958, sixteen-year-old Tony Malone was chosen the best speaker at the first inter-high school debate sponsored by the Arts Faculty of the University of Ottawa and the Arts Faculty Debating Society. A grade-12 student at St. Patrick's High School, he scored 243 points out of 300 and was awarded a \$100 scholarship and the Arts Faculty Trophy.

The subject of the debate was: "Should the Federal Government guarantee a college education to every qualified high school student?" Tony and his team-mate, taking the negative side, topped an affirmative team from Commerce by 25 points, scoring 478 out of a possible 600. CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY.