

Your Story

may be a winner

The Society of Civil Service Authors

THE SOCIETY is holding a Short Story Competition in the autumn of 1963 for Civil Servants and ex-Civil Servants who are not members of the Society. Competitions, with money prizes, are a normal feature of the Society's activities, but it is two years since a competition was held for non-members.

For this non-members' short story competition, there will be a first prize of £5 5s. 0d., second prize of £3 3s. 0d. and a third prize of £2 2s. 0d. Closing date for entries is 31st October, 1963. Entry Fee 2s. 6d. per entry. Maximum length 3,000 words. All entries should be typewritten on one side of the paper only and must be submitted under a pen-name and accompanied by a sealed envelope endorsed with that pen-name and enclosing within it the actual name, address and Civil Service Department (or former Department) of the competitor. A stamped unaddressed envelope for the return of the entry and announcement of the result must also be sent with the entry. Entries must be the original work of the entrant and, at the date of submission, must not have appeared before in any form, whether printed, broadcast or televised. Although every care will be taken, the Society cannot hold itself responsible for any damage or loss to scripts submitted. The decision of the Judges is final, and entry to the competition implies acceptance of this. A competitor may submit more than one entry provided the entrance fee is sent with each. Cheques or postal orders should be crossed and made payable to "The Society of Civil Service Authors".

The final judge will be John Pudney, the famous author, Director of Putnams and Editor of *Pick*.

All entries to the Hon. Competition Secretary: A. F. Ebert, M.B.E., 106, Southborough Road, Bromley, Kent.

As a guide to subject chosen by entrants, it may be suggested that so long as the entry can be recognised as a short story, it can be in any style and on any theme; it can be serious or humorous; but the maximum length for this competition to avoid disqualification must not exceed 3,000 words.

It is customary for our judges to provide a brief criticism or comment on the entries. These are passed on to the competitors, provided they enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the script and do not say they do not want the criticism.

Particulars of the Society (and full competition rules, which are summarised above) can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary: James Batchelor, 15, Hook Road, Surbiton, Surrey, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.