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## NEWS LETTER

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### ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 25

The annual meeting of the society, and the last meeting until fall, will be held May 25. Presentation of the reports of officers and the election of officers for 1948-1949 will take place at the meeting.

Adolph J. Goldenthal, Chief of the Recovery Progress Branch of the E. C. A. Division of Statistics and Reports will be the speaker of the evening. His subject will be Statistical Measurement of Economic Recovery in Marshall Plan Countries.

Intense present interest in the success of American foreign policy makes this subject a most timely one. Possibly the best long-range measure of that success is the recovery of the countries participating in the Marshall Plan. Mr. Goldenthal has been intimately associated with recovery measurement and is now in Paris for several weeks' discussion of the work of the Office of European Economic Cooperation. He will return just before the May 25 meeting.

A. Ross Eckler, President of the Society and Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Census, will preside. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in room 101 of the George Washington University Hall of Government, 21st and G Sts., N. W.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Washington Statistical Society is now conducting a drive for new members of the American Statistical Association. It is the purpose of this drive to invite all persons engaged in statistical work who are not member of the Statistical Association to become members. These invitations are being extended through representatives of the Society to the various government agencies. Some provisions will also be made for covering groups outside of government. The drive is being headed by Morris B. Ullman of the Bureau of the Census. Among those who have agreed to assist him and who are heading drives in various major segments of the government are: William Mautz of the National Defense Establishment; Earl Houseman, Department of Agriculture; Ezra Glaser, Bureau of the Budget; Kenneth Williams, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; William Conrad, State Department; Irving Siegel, Veterans Administration; Jerome Cornfield, Public Health; Boris Yane, Department of Labor; Irving Weiss, Bureau of the Census; and Edward Denison, Dept. of Commerce.

Members who would like to cooperate may obtain membership blanks or pass along suggestions to any of the above. Mr. Ullman's telephone number is TRINIDAD 3000, (code 157), extension 450.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1949-1950 will be elected at the May 25 meeting. Nominees are:

For President .....(Kenneth Williams, Federal Reserve Board  
(Jerome Cornfield, Public Health Service

For Vice President .....(William Pabst, Navy Department  
(Ezra Glaser, Bureau of the Budget

For Secretary-Treasurer .....(H. Burke Horton, Interstate Commerce Comm.  
(Margaret Gurney, Bureau of the Census

Additional Nominations may be made at the meeting and space will be provided on the ballots for write-in votes.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL LECTURES

Three lectures on Statistical Principles in Biological Assay by Professor David J. Finney will be presented by the Department of Agriculture Graduate School Department of Mathematics and Statistics in early June.

Professor Finney is widely known for the significant research work he has done on use of animals for the measurement of the potency of chemicals and drugs. He is also general consultant on the statistical treatment of biological data. Prior to going to the University of Oxford, Professor Finney was with the Rothamsted Experiment Station.

The lectures will be presented in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium, Department of Agriculture, Independence Avenue between 12th and 14th Sts. S. W., from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3, Monday, June 6, and Tuesday, June 7. Everyone is invited to hear Professor Finney.

Dr. W. Edwards Deming, Adviser in Sampling, Bureau of the Budget, and Chairman of the Graduate School Departmental Committee on Mathematics and Statistics; will be Chairman of the session.

## A FAREWELL NOTE

I should to include a brief personal note in this, the last News Letter of my term of office.

For the past three years I have been elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, an honor which I deeply appreciate. These three years have witnessed a growth of the importance of the Society perhaps best seen from the desk of the Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to continuing, and even raising, the high level of informative meetings, the Society has increasingly come to represent Washington Statisticians in other ways. Examples are the assistance given in operating the International Statistical Conference in late 1947 and the more recent aid given the Civil Service Commission in setting standards for the classification of statisticians.

This progress has been the result of a great amount of work by the members and officers of the society. I have frequently been congratulated for it. Let me pass these congratulations on to you.

With a continuation of the interest and cooperativeness I have seen for three years, the Society will continue to increase its usefulness for many years to come.

Samual Weiss  
Secretary-Treasurer