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## NEWS LETTER

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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MEETING - FEBRUARY 19

The economic concepts underlying the consumer price index and the problems involved in placing the index on a statistical basis in the probability sense will be the subject of the February meeting of the Washington Statistical Society, to be held on Monday, February 19, Speakers will be

J. Stevens Stock, Coordinator, Consumers' Price Index Revision, Bureau of Labor Statistics - "Statisticating the Index".

Roger Chaufournier, University of Illinois, Specialist in theory of consumption - "Economic Concepts underlying the Consumer Price Index".

Chairman: Benjamin Caplan, Price Economist, Council of Economic Advisers.

The meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. in room 101 of the George Washington University Hall of Government, 21st and G Streets, N. W.

### SEMINAR IN ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF PAPER WORK

A series of six meetings on the electronic processing of paper work will be held on Wednesday evenings in February, March and April, jointly with the Society for the Advancement of Management. The first meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 21, at the East Lecture Hall and Computation Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards.

To reach the East Building, enter the grounds at Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street; at about 50 feet turn left up the hill, and right to the guard house, and ask for further directions.

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The schedule is as follows:

- February 21: Introduction and Orientation - Sam N. Alexander,  
Bureau of Standards  
James L. McPherson,  
Bureau of the Census  
8:00, East Lecture Hall, National Bureau of Standards
- February 28: Characteristics of the Equipment - Sam N. Alexander
- March 14: Communicating with the Equipment - James L. McPherson
- March 21: How Equipment Characteristics will Modify Processing  
Procedures - Sam N. Alexander  
James L. McPherson
- March 28: Detailed Examples of Procedure Analysis and Equipment  
Application - To be announced
- April 11: Round Table - Evaluation and Prognosis - Panel to be  
announced,  
Chairman - Ezra Glaser - Bureau of the Budget

Times and places of the later meetings will be announced at the first meeting. It would be advisable to plan to attend all of the meetings because the individual presentations will not be independent units.

#### FOUND - ONE WOOL SCARF

A wool scarf was found in room 101, Hall of Government, after the last meeting of the Society on January 15. It is a blue and dark red plaid, in a soft wool. The loser should call the Secretary of the Society at the Census Bureau, extension 7207.

Margaret Gurney  
Secretary-Treasurer