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NEWS LETTER

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POPULATION FORECASTS

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Henry Shryock, Assistant Chief of the Population and Housing Division, Bureau of Census, will speak on "The Problem of Population Forecasts in the United States," with particular emphasis on the accuracy of past forecasts, problems connected with making population forecasts and the prospects for making accurate forecasts in the future.

Are couples having more children now than formerly?

Are people marrying at younger ages now than before World War II?

Will our population become static in the foreseeable future as was predicted 20 years ago?

These and similar questions facing forecasters will be discussed in Mr. Shryock's paper and by the following commentators:

Harold Dorn, Office of the Director, National Institute of Health
Robert Myers, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration
Irving Siegel, Twentieth Century Fund
Oris Wells, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Robert Burgess, Director of the Census Bureau, will be chairman of the meeting which is being held jointly with the District Chapter of the American Sociological Society.

The meeting will be held at 8 P.M., Monday, November 16, in Room 101, Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N. W.

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December Meeting

Operations Research will be the subject of the December meeting. Save Monday evening, December 14, for this.

Annual Meetings

Lest you forget, the annual meetings of the ASA will be held this year in Washington, December 27-30. See your October issue of the American Statistician for the program. The American Economic Association, the Econometric Society, the American Marketing Association and the Industrial Relations Research Association are among the societies in related fields meeting at the same time.

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