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## NEWS LETTER

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### THE NORRISTOWN STUDY

Methodological problems in social research will be discussed at the February meeting of the Society. The program has been planned jointly with the District of Columbia Sociological Society. Two sociologist-demographers of the University of Pennsylvania will discuss their experiences in an interdisciplinary community study of Norristown, Pennsylvania. Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas will present an overall review of the Norristown study and will analyze the problems and procedures involved in an interdisciplinary approach to the relationship between technological change and social adjustment. Dr. Sidney Goldstein will describe the methodological problems involved in an historical analysis of changing demographic patterns in a community. Special emphasis will be placed on the patterns of migration and labor force change and the interrelations between these two processes.

#### Program

Topic: Methodological Problems in Social Research:  
Reports on the Norristown Study

Date: Monday, February 21, 1955

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Place: Room 2 (downstairs) Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N. W.

Chairman: Henry S. Shryock, Jr., Bureau of the Census

Papers: "An Experiment in Interdisciplinary Community Research"  
Dorothy Swaine Thomas, University of Pennsylvania

"Methods for Demographic Research in the Community"  
Sidney Goldstein, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Conrad Taeuber, Bureau of the Census

#### ASCQ COURSE

The American Society for Quality Control is giving a course starting Wednesday, February 23, for which the prospectus is enclosed.

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