

for each subgroup. Asymptotically the resulting observations represent independent observations from continuous symmetrical populations with common median equal to the true value of the rate of mortality. Tests and confidence intervals for the rate of mortality are obtained by applying the results of the paper "Some Significance Tests for the Median which are Valid Under Very General Conditions" (*Annals of Math. Stat.*, Vol. 20 (1949), pp. 64-81) to these observations.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Readers are invited to submit to the Secretary of the Institute news items of interest

Personal Items

Mr. Fred C. Andrews will be a teaching assistant in the Statistical Laboratory, Department of Mathematics, University of California for the academic year 1949-1950.

Dr. Joseph Berkson has been promoted to the rank of Professor in the University of Minnesota Graduate School and Mayo Foundation. He continues as Chief of the Division of Biometry and Medical Statistics of the Mayo Clinic.

Mr. Colin R. Blyth is now a research assistant at the University of California, Statistical Laboratory, Berkeley.

Mr. Clyde A. Bridger is now Director of the Section of Statistics and State Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Division of Health of Missouri.

Mr. Loren V. Burns, formerly with the MFA Milling Company at Springfield, Missouri, has been made Vice-President and Technical Director of the Spear Mills, Inc., Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Professor Douglas Chapman, who obtained his Ph.D. in statistics at the University of California, Berkeley, has accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor at the University of Washington in the Department of Mathematics and the Laboratory of Statistical Research.

Dr. Andrew Laurence Comrey, who received his doctor's degree from the University of Southern California last June, has accepted an assistant professorship in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Donald A. Darling has been appointed to an instructorship in the Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan.

Dr. Paul M. Densen resigned his position as Chief of the Division of Medical Research Statistics of the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans Association as of July 1, 1949 to join the staff of the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, as an Associate Professor of Biostatistics.

Mr. Amron H. Katz has been promoted to the position of Chief Physicist of the Photographic Laboratory, Engineering Division, Air Material Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Associate Professor Louis Guttman, who had been on leave for two years from the Department of Sociology of Cornell University conducting a research program in Israel, was invited to remain in Israel for another year to direct the