

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.

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## 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

activities of the recently founded Israel Institute of Public Opinion Research. He is serving as Chief Consultant.

Mr. Herne Ernest LaFontant who was attending the University of Michigan during the academic year 1948-1949 working on his doctor's degree, has accepted a position as statistician for the B.T.W. Insurance Co. at Birmingham, Alabama.

Assistant Professor Jerome C. R. Li has been promoted to Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon.

Professor H. B. Mann of Ohio State University has accepted a visiting professorship and research associateship at the Statistical Laboratory at Berkeley, California for the year 1949-1950.

Dr. Gottfried E. Noether has been appointed to an instructorship at New York University.

Dr. G. R. Seth has just returned from a trip to England, Sweden, France and India where he visited statistical institutions.

Assistant Professor Andrew Sobczyk has been promoted to Associate Professor of Mathematics at Boston University.

Dr. Zenon Szatrowski, formerly with the Economics Department of Northwestern University, has accepted an associate professorship in the School of Business Administration, University of Buffalo.

Professor Gerhard Tintner has returned to his teaching and research duties at Iowa State College after spending a year at the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Cambridge, England. He gave a course on Econometrics at the University of Cambridge and during his stay in Europe, he lectured on econometric and statistical subjects in Universities at Bristol, Dublin, Hull, Paris, Manchester and Uppsala.

Dr. A. E. R. Westman, Director of the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Research Foundation, left in September, 1949 for England where he is visiting industrial research laboratories and engaging in studies in the Department of Physical Chemistry, Cambridge University. He plans to return in June, 1950.

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Word has just been received here of the formation of the New Zealand Statistical Association. The initial meeting was held in August, 1948 at Victoria University College. The officers are: J. T. Campbell, President; I. D. Dick, Secretary. It is planned to hold one formal meeting a year at first with the hope of increasing this later. The main interest in statistical work in New Zealand has been biological, but there is scope for considerable extension to industrial, educational and economic fields and it is hoped the formation of the Association will assist in this extension.

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### New Members

*The following persons have been elected to Membership in the Institute  
(June 1, 1949 to August 22, 1949)*

**Al-Doorl, Younis A.**, Student at the University of California, 1915 Henry Street, Berkeley, California.

- Bieber, Robert A.**, A.B. (Univ. of Calif.) *S-18 Richmond Terrace, Richmond, California.*
- Bula, Clotilde Angelica**, Ph.D., (Univ. of Rosario, Argentina) Professor, University of Buenos Aires, *Rioja 3681, Olivos-Pcia. de Buenos Aires, Argentina.*
- Dalziel, Edwin R.**, Ph.D. (Univ., Edinburgh) Assistant Master, Palmerston North Technical School, Palmerston North, New Zealand.
- Douglas, James B.**, Dip. Ed. (Melbourn Univ.) Lecturer in Mathematics, Newcastle Technical College, Tighe's Hill 2N, N.S.W., Australia.
- Hartley, Herman O.**, Ph.D. (Cambridge Univ.) Lecturer in Statistics, Department of Statistics, University College, London, W.C.1, England.
- Immel, Eric R.**, M.A. (Queen's Univ., Kingston, Canada) Teaching Assistant and Graduate Student, Department of Mathematics, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- Kelly, John P.**, Senior Technical Engineer, Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, *P.O. Box 473, Norris, Tennessee.*
- Parel, Cristina P.**, M.S. (Univ. of Michigan) Instructor, Department of Mathematics, University of the Philippines, Manila, P.I.
- Philipson, Carl O.**, D.Sc. (Univ. of Stockholm) Actuary of Folket-Samarbete, *Yngvevagen 5, Djursholm, Sweden.*
- Porter, Robert A.**, Ph.D. (N.C. State College, Raleigh, N.C.) Senior Mathematician, University of Chicago, *17118 Longfellow Avenue, Homewood, Illinois.*
- Rippe, Dayle D.**, M.A. (Univ. of Nebr.) Student, Teaching Fellow, Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan, *1049 Woburn Court, Willow Run, Michigan.*
- Rogers, Robert L.**, A.B. (Univ. of Calif.) Student at University of California, *Route 2, Box 74, Denio Avenue, Gilroy, California.*
- Roy, Samarendra N.**, M.Sc. (Calcutta Univ.) Head of Department of Statistics, Calcutta University and Assistant Director, Indian Statistical Institute (now on leave) *P.O. Box 168, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.*
- Savey, Rosemary**, M.B.A. (Univ. of Wisc.) Graduate Assistant and Student, University of Wisconsin, *2513 Norwood Place, Madison 5, Wisconsin.*

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## REPORT ON THE BOULDER MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE

The Twelfth Summer Meeting of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics was held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, Monday, August 29 through Thursday, September 1, 1949. The meeting was held in conjunction with the summer meetings of the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Econometric Society. The meeting was attended by the following 79 members of the Institute:

S. P. Agarwal, R. L. Anderson, T. W. Anderson, V. L. Anderson, K. J. Arnold, E. W. Barankin, C. A. Bennett, Agnes Berger, E. E. Blanche, A. H. Bowker, J. C. Brixey, Jean Bronfenbrenner, J. H. Bushey, H. C. Carver, Herman Chernoff, K. L. Chung, A. G. Clark, E. P. Coleman, E. L. Crow, J. H. Curtiss, W. J. Dixon, J. L. Doob, Aryeh Dvoretzky, H. P. Evans, W. D. Evans, W. T. Federer, William Feller, C. H. Fischer, J. S. Frame, T. C. Fry, H. M. Gehman, H. H. Germond, R. E. Greenwood, H. T. Guard, P. R. Halmos, J. L. Hodges, P. G. Hoel, Harold Hotelling, J. M. Howell, C. C. Hurd, C. A. Hutchinson, Irving Kaplansky, Leo Katz, H. S. Konijn, T. C. Koopmans, G. M. Kuznets, H. D. Larsen, D. H. Leavens, S. B. Littauer, H. B. Mann, Jacob Marschak, F. J. Massye, Dorothy J. Morrow, Jerzy Neyman, M. L. Norden, J. I. Northam, E. G. Olds, R. P. Peterson, G. B. Price, Mina S. Rees, P. R. Rider, F. D. Rigby, Herman Rubin, L. J. Savage, Elizabeth R. Scott,