

## Professor George Leroy Guillet

George Leroy Guillet, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the College, died at 2 p. m. Tuesday at his home, 233 East Mitchell Ave., State College. He had been suffering from a heart condition for many months.

Professor Guillet, who would have been 57 on October 15, was born in Rochester, N. Y. He obtained his bachelor's degree from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1908, and his master's degree from the same university in 1909.

He had been associated with the College since 1924. Prior to that, he worked as production engineer with Bastian Brothers, Rochester; in the production department of the Dominion En-

gineering Works, Montreal; as a technical engineer at Bastian Brothers; and as research engineer with the Johns Manville Company, in Canada.

He had also taught mechanical engineering at McGill University, and also at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario.

Professor Guillet was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Sigma Xi, and an associate member of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

He wrote many articles for technical magazines, and also published two textbooks, "Kinematics of Machines," and "Kinematics and Machine Design."

He is survived by his widow, the former Edna M. Sowry, and one daughter.

## Pennsylvania Dutch Meal To Prelude 'Papa Is All'

Typical Pennsylvania Dutch dinners will be served in the Maple Room of the Home Economics Building 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. Thursday in conjunction with Players presentation of "Papa Is All."

On the menu will be corn rivel soup, veal potpie, roast pork, shoofly pie, and other Pennsylvania Dutch dishes. This will be the last dinner to be served in the Maple Room until further notice.

The price of the dinner will be 85 cents. Reservations for the meal can be made by phoning Institution Administration, Home Economics Building, before 5 p. m. September 27.

Last day of service for the Home Economics Cafeteria will be October 5.

## Chemists To Figure In Establishing World Peace, Dean Whitmore Says



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Allied leaders might well look to the chemists for help in charting world peace after this war, in the opinion of Dr. F. C. Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics at the College.

"The basic or contributory cause of practically all wars, including the present one," the dean pointed out, "has been actual or alleged material want."

"Yet, during the past 25 years," he added, "chemistry has risen to a position which makes possible the elimination of economic want and, consequently, elimination of the chief cause of war."

Dean Whitmore claims mankind is now in position to overproduce all of its requirements for food, clothing, shelter, and other essential needs, provided "we have the wisdom to use our knowledge."

Crediting creative science with the ability to meet the world's needs, Dr. Whitmore said the "have-not nations no longer need grab raw materials from other nations, but instead should develop fully their own raw materials."

"Within an extraordinarily wide range," he continued, "chemistry can take almost any material and transform it into materials valuable for the production of man's prime needs."

## Professor Espenshade Earns Reputation As Unraveler Of Family, Place Names

Although it's doubtful William Shakespeare ever expected a literal answer to his question: "What's in a name?" the job of tracing family names to their origin has been sufficiently challenging to usurp at least one man's leisure the last 40 years.

The best answer that A. Henry Espenshade, professor emeritus of English composition at the College, can give after these years of study and research is: "Just about everything."

People are named after towns, cities, counties, nations, animals, birds, occupations, colors, metals, parts of the human body—just about everything, he says, that struck the fancy of those people who, in the 12th and 13th centuries, first faced the problem of choosing last names.

Until that time, people had used only first names. As the population expanded, there wasn't a sufficient number of first names to go around, so families enjoyed the unique privilege of choosing their own last names.

To unravel names, juggled and warped by centuries of changes in pronunciation, spelling, meaning, and personal whim, requires a knowledge of foreign languages, colloquial idiosyncracies, history, human nature, geography, and a lot of patience.

By far the largest class of family names, according to Professor Espenshade, is derived from place names. These include the more obvious ones like English, French, and York, plus a maze of complicated combinations. The name Wickersham, for example, is a combination of two old English words, which literally means home of a villager. Bradford means a broad ford, and Fishburn is a combination of the word fish and the old Scotch word, burn, meaning brook.

So great is the percentage of family names which spring from place names that a knowledge of 15 nouns will permit you to solve the origin of one-third of all surnames in this class, according to the retired teacher.

These include land, ton, lee, berg, ford, brook, lake, grove, gate, more, ville, mere, wick, low and worth. By recognizing their meanings, it is possible to trace the derivation of an extremely large group of compound surnames.

The next largest group of names springs from occupations and official titles. The name Boucher, for example, is a form

### Delta Chi Opens House

Delta Chi recently reopened its house with eight members: six Delta Chi men, one Alpha Zeta, and one independent man. The six members are John Dereich, president, William Clark, Robert Deckan, Ivan Kline, John Sloan, and Robert von Storch. Edward Williams is Alpha Zeta; William Johnson is independent.

of butcher. Cohen means priest; Currier, a leather dresser; and Hoffman, an inn keeper, plus names like Miller, Smith, Taylor, and Weaver.

Patronymic names, or names derived from one's father, constitute a third class. Such names exist in two common forms in English—with the endings son and ing. This explains the derivation of names like Dickson, Nelson, Thompson, Channing, and Manning.

In Scotland, the prefix Mac is used (MacNeal) and in Ireland, it becomes O'Brien or O'Donnell.

Foundling homes of the medieval ages solved the problem of providing last names simply by giving children the name of the home. The name Temple, for example, often springs from the old Temple church in London which

## Let People Celebrate V-Day in Own Way, Says Education Prof

The best way to avoid "social intoxication" on V-Day is to permit people to celebrate in their own way, according to Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, professor of education at the College.

"Closing theatres, race tracks, and other amusement centers might force people into the streets, where mass excitement could easily run rampant," he warned.

While insisting that peace celebrations be regulated only by "individual consciences," Dr. Champlin advised schools and other community organizations to prepare programs designed to serve as partial "shock absorbers."

A planned program, he pointed out, is especially important in the public schools where teachers and administrators might profitably utilize this opportunity to impress on children the lessons of this war.

### Navy '41's' Schedule

Navy trainees leaving the College at the end of this semester have scheduled a dinner-dance at the State College Hotel Friday, A/S Robert Susman, in charge of the affair, announced today.

The 40 or so boys, self-christened the "41's," have completed four semesters at the College. This event will mark their departure. Original entertainment from their ranks will highlight the 41's dinner-dance, Seaman Susman said.

Attendance will be limited to ship's officers, the 41's, and their guests.

### Nittany Clique to Meet

Clique members of the Nittany party will elect clique officers at a meeting in 401 Old Main 7 p. m. Sunday. All members are urged to attend.

took in many founding children.

Simplest of the name groups, and ones easily recognizable in any language, are those which come from names of things, like colors, metals, birds, and animals. Common examples are White, Black, Silver, Gold, Peacock, and Fox.

Some people, Professor Espenshade pointed out, would probably be a lot better off if they didn't bother tracing the origin and literal meaning of their family names.

"People are funny about their names," he said. "A name is so much a part of you and your personality that you can't help being disappointed if the literal meaning turns out to be very unflattering."

A name like Doolittle, he said, was probably first attached to a lazy person—one who would do little, and, certainly, a name like Hogflesh isn't very complimentary.

Some people, he added, upon discovering what their names call them will either change them completely or disguise the meaning by translating part of the name.

Professor Espenshade, who said he collects names "just as another person might collect stamps," wasn't originally interested in the study of family names.

His hobby was place names, but he found the two so entwined that a study of one led to a study of the other. Forty years ago, when he was registrar at Penn State, he began a collection of Pennsylvania place names.

In short time, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania referred all such queries to him—so many queries that he published a book, "Pennsylvania Place Names," believed to be the first of its kind.

Established as an expert on place names, his reputation as an "unraveler" of family names quickly extended beyond the campus to such an extent that he received questions from all over Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

A recognized expert, with forty years research behind him, Professor Espenshade has often pointed out that he will never know all the answers.

"No one," he said, "even knows how many names there are in the world, and some have been so warped by use that, it is impossible to determine how they started."

## PSCA Plans—

(Continued from page one) up in the CA office. Betty Farrow can supply further information.

Dr. Adams will speak to the freshmen council and forum Tuesday on "How We Acquire Prejudices." This subject was chosen because it ranked high on interest sheets checked by members at the beginning of the semester.

## Old Main Open House Offers Varied Program

Old Main Open House, planned for October 7, will present an evening filled with various events from fortune telling in the PSCA offices to a Drydock program in the Armory.

Nancy Norton and Robert Barefoot, co-chairmen, are working with representatives from 13 campus organizations to feature a band concert and community sing, mural movie in the Little Theatre, square dancing on Old Main Terrace, fish pond in Old Main lobby, bingo, record concert, ping pong, and special exhibits. Old Main Tower will be opened for tours during the evening.

Representatives from various organizations cooperating follow: Mildred Watt, Hamilton-Standard Propeller students; Robert Yurkannin, IMA; Nancy Norton, GSO; Genevieve Weder, Mortar Board; Mary Gundel, Junior Service Board; Betsy McGee, WRA; Rose Schulman, IWA; Kay Bovard, Philotes; Floy Robinson, WSGA; Helen Martin, Pan-Hellenic Council; Doris Stack, Cwens; William Clark, IFC; and Robert Barefoot, PSCA.

Delta Tau Delta recently elected Jack Townsend, president; Richard Schlegel, vice-president; Ralph John, secretary-treasurer; and William Spliethoff, house manager.

## Engineer Features Color Cover of B-24 Liberator

A Liberator bomber in full color will be featured on the cover of the September Engineer on sale today. Following the aeronautical theme, an article by Nancy Cohen on the B-29, the "Streamlined Porcupine," will be included.

Other articles are "Suicide" by June Shirk, graduate student, and "X-Ray for Victory."

The usual Talk of the Campus, Sly Drools, and ASTP column will have their places. Recent Ship's Ball photos make up the picture pages.

## Dr. Mack Heads Society

Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the horticulture department, has been elected president of the American Society for Horticultural Scientists, a national organization of professional horticulturalists in the College and in experimental stations.

## Christmas Cards

For mailing overseas now on display. Orders may be placed now for imprinted cards.

## Stationery

New stock of AIR MAIL and Bordered Stationery. Vellum, Parchment and Grey.

## Leather Goods

A large stock of Men's and Ladies' Wallets. Names imprinted.

## Keelers

Catham Theatre Building