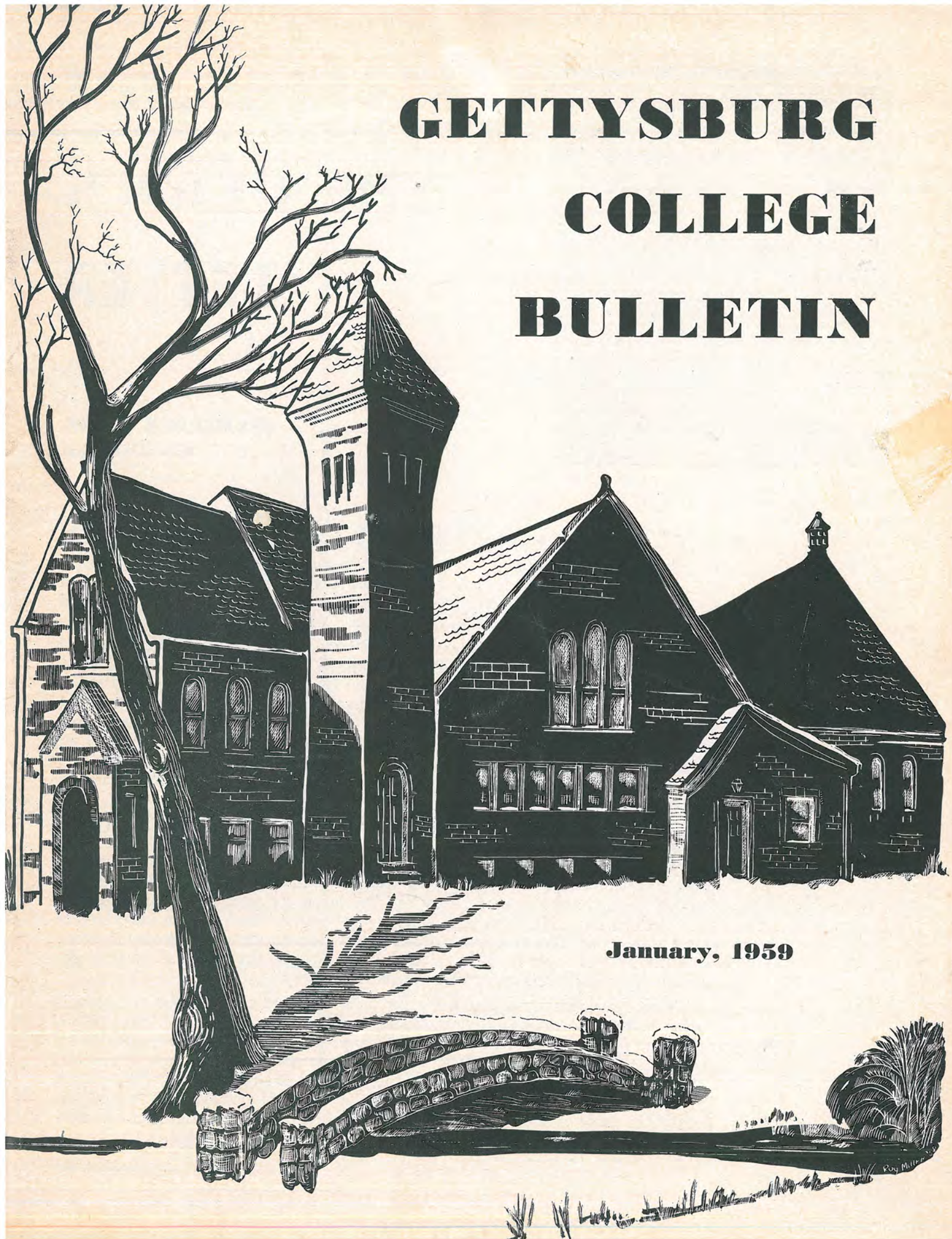


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**HONORARY**

mandery 13, Knights Templar, and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Goodwin Council 19, Royal Arch Chapter 43, and Zembo Temple, Harrisburg.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and had served during World War I as a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Brubaker, and a sister.

**23 CHALLICE S. OVERCASH**, 70, died October 19 of a coronary thrombosis. He and Mrs. Overcash had returned from a weekend trip to Altoona a few hours before he was stricken. He had suffered from a heart condition for about eight years.

Born in Franklin County, he attended Juniata College before he came to Gettysburg. He received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1930 and taught in the South Hill High School in Pittsburgh before retiring about eight years ago.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sara Martin, and a son, Ralph Martin.

**MARK SNODDY REDCAY** died October 18 in Coraopolis, at the age of 57. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**26 GEORGE JOHN EPLEY**, 53, died November 1 after an illness of two years.

Born in Adams County, he served for two years with the Armed Forces during World War I before enrolling at Gettysburg. He had been a member of the Lansdowne High School faculty ever since graduation from college.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Mehrling, a daughter, Mrs. Robert Huber, '51, a son, George, Jr., two grandchildren and two brothers.

**27 WILLIAM J. SYKES**, 57, died suddenly of a heart attack on a Harrisburg street, in November.

He had been a mail carrier for a number of years and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**DR. EDWARD J. WAGNER**, 53, died December 7, 1957.

He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, in 1930, and interned at Lenox Hill Hospital and Sloane's Hospital for Women in New York City. He was an Associate Surgeon at St. Clare's Hospital, president of the hospital for eight years; Surgical Member of Midtown Hospital, New York; Danbury (Conn.) Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital, Stamford; Norwalk Hospital; Member of New York County Medical Society; former President of Clinico-Pathological Society of Midtown Hospital and a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Surviving is his wife, the former Dorothea Carr, whom he married in 1951.

**28 JOHN B. S. PURDY**, 52, died October 20 in Philadelphia.

He was born in Philadelphia and graduated with an LL.B. degree from Washington College of Law in 1930. He received an LL.M. from the National University of Washington.

Mr. Purdy had lived in Lansdowne for 22 years and, at the time of his death, was a real estate assessor with the Dela-

ware County Board of Assessment and Tax Revision.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Lansdowne, the Delaware County Real Estate Board, the Lansdowne Men's Republican Club, the Delaware County Real Estate Assessor Association and the Municipal Assessor Association of Pennsylvania. He was a Mason and a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Surviving are his wife, the former Clare Pfaff; two sons, Richard C., '59, and John B. S., Jr.; his father, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

**32 CONRAD G. A. PETERS** died February 10, 1958, according to word recently received in the Alumni Office.

He was born December 12, 1907, in Reading and had been an engineer in Grand Junction, Colo., at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, the former Genevieve Riggs, whom he married in 1952, and a stepdaughter, Shirley.

**34 JOHN MERRITT FISHER**, 46, who was found beaten and unconscious in the basement of the apartment house in which he lived in Washington, D. C., died five days later, on October 13, of brain injuries. He was beaten and robbed by an intruder lurking in the basement when he went down there to locate some stored materials.

Mr. Fisher received his B.S. degree from Northwestern University in 1934 and had served for the past 18 years as a Washington correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*. He served as a staff sergeant in intelligence during World War II and was connected with the Army for approximately three years, where he served in the European theater.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maris New; his mother, one brother and three sisters.

**36 DR. LOUIS JOSEPH GAZZOLO** died recently, according to word received in the Alumni Office from Phi Delta Theta headquarters.

Dr. Gazzolo was living in Chicago at the time of his death. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**42 DR. PETER C. COSIER, III**, died June 7 as the result of injuries received two days earlier in an automobile accident which occurred on his way home from Cape May, N. J., after a fishing trip.

STANTON E. THOMAS, 46, died suddenly at his home in Aspers on October 22 of a coronary occlusion.

Born in Biglerville, he had attended schools in that community and, after graduation from Gettysburg, did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. He had been an inspector for the Glen L. Martin Co. in Baltimore and taught school for a year in the Carlisle High School. Later he was associated with his father in business in Biglerville and for the past several years was with the Reeves-Hoffman crystal and electronics plant in Carlisle where he was head of the cutting department.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Lutheran Church in Biglerville, of the American Society of Tool Engineers and the Industrial Management Club of Carlisle. Survivors are his mother and his wife, the former Dorothy Ely.

**MRS. ELSIE SINGMASTER LEWARS**, 79, died September 30 at the Pape Convalescent Home near Gettysburg, where she had been a patient for six and a half years. She had suffered a series of strokes, and had been bedfast for more than two years, and had been in critical condition for about three weeks.

A prolific author, she was a short story writer, historian, novelist and biographer, under the pen name of Elsie Singmaster, with more than 300 books and stories published in a 47-year literary career that ended 11 years ago with the publication of "Pennsylvania's Susquehanna."

Mrs. Lewars was born in Macungie, Pa., attended Cornell University and was graduated from Radcliffe College in 1907. She was the first woman to receive an honorary degree from Gettysburg College, a Doctor of Literature in 1916.

Mrs. Lewars was married in 1912 to Harold Steck Lewars, a professor of English at Gettysburg College. He died in 1915. Surviving are two brothers, J. Arthur Singmaster, '98, and Edmund H. Singmaster, '05.

**DR. ELLIOT WARD CHENEY**, '59, associate professor of physics at Lehigh University since 1942 and former professor at Gettysburg, died November 24 after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Cheney, a graduate of Dartmouth College, taught in the Physics Department here from 1927 to 1929. He received his Master's degree from Brown University and, five years later, was a Charles A. Coffin graduate scholar at Princeton, where he received his Ph.D. He taught at Syracuse and Middlebury Colleges after leaving Gettysburg, and was a research physicist for Consumers' Research and at the University of California.

He was a member of Theta Chi fraternity, American Physical Society, American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Surviving are his wife, a son, daughter, and seven grandchildren.

**DR. ROBERT P. MARSH**, 69, head of the Department of Hygiene and Biology at Gettysburg College from 1924 to 1939, died November 10 in New Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. Marsh went to Pembroke (N. C.) College after leaving Gettysburg and taught there until his retirement in 1954. He had lived in New Brunswick since that time.

A former vice president of the National Biological Society and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Marsh had written many articles on plant nutrition, trace elements and soil science. He was also a member of Beta Beta Beta, biology honorary; a past commander of the Knights Templar in Gettysburg; and a member of Palestine Masonic Lodge 111 in New Brunswick.

His first wife, the late Mrs. Kate Conover Garland Marsh, died before his retirement. In 1954 he married the former Mabel Wells, who survives.

**MRS. HARRY A. SHEELY**, who conducted a boarding house for Gettysburg College students for many years, passed away at her home on Stevens Street last August. Two of her survivors are H. Ross Sheely, '24, and Glenn F. Sheely, '20.