

PROMINENT WOMEN RULE DANCES NEAR CAMP LEE

Soldiers Protected by Committee Which Issues Introduction Cards Only to Worthy Young Women—War Camp Community Service Helps

By a Staff Correspondent
 Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., Sept. 25. SPECIAL functions in Petersburg and surrounding communities that are given for the benefit of men in khaki are to lack nothing in the line of decorum and convention. In fact, they are to be such high-class affairs that no woman, unless she is armed with a card of introduction, will be admitted into the society of Uncle Sam's soldiers.

This rule, which meets the approval of soldiers and officers at the camp, has been put in force by the war camps community service, and naturally enough, bars objectionable characters from social functions.

"It applies particularly," said R. E. Van Cise, director of the war camps community service, "to public dance halls. The managers of these institutions are co-operating, and will admit no woman unless she has an introduction card issued by our organization. A group of Petersburg women act as chaperons and issue cards."

Have Broad Powers
 If they feel that a girl is objectionable, they refuse her a card, and that means that she cannot attend the soldier dances. Such a rule bars the "fast-trotting variety" from Richmond, who would flock to the public dances unless some sort of rigid rules were in force. The system has elevated the public dances to a high plane, and the boys from Pennsylvania who attend the affairs are certain of meeting the finest young women in this section. The rule may be a bit arbitrary, but it is necessary."

Mr. Van Cise today announced that his organization has appropriated \$25,000 to meet the needs of welfare work outside the cantonment during the coming year. Of first importance is the establishment of an officers' club, and one will be established next week in the downtown section of Petersburg. A canteen at the Union Railroad Station is another need that will be met.

Camp surgeons are unable to account for the fresh outbreak of Spanish influenza, but are inclined to hold the low temperature responsible. The last week has been exceptionally cold for this section of the country, and a genuine grip breeder.

Cunningham in Schools
 Despite the seriousness of the malady, there are many men who have failed to be alarmed. Naturally, they are men recently promoted and students at the

officers' training school. Joseph Cunningham, former Philadelphia newspaper man, who served as a Knight of Columbus secretary at Camp Meade, is at the school and proving a likely candidate for first honors.

"We work fourteen hours a day," said Joe, "and have the remaining ten hours for study. It is some life, but a great experience and well worth every minute of the time expended."

E. L. Rodgers, of Barnesboro, Pa., who left a good dental practice to shoulder a rifle, has been promoted to the grade of first lieutenant in the dental corps, which puts an end to his rifle and bayonet work.

Captain P. H. Wyckoff, of Trenton, N. J., has just been made a major, and Second Lieutenant William C. Plummer, of Pittsburgh, has departed for Camp Cody, where he will assist the camp advocate. Plummer is an attorney and well known in Philadelphia legal circles.

Harlan Frey, of Wilkes-Barre, who made his debut in the National Army as a second lieutenant, is now wearing a captain's bars.

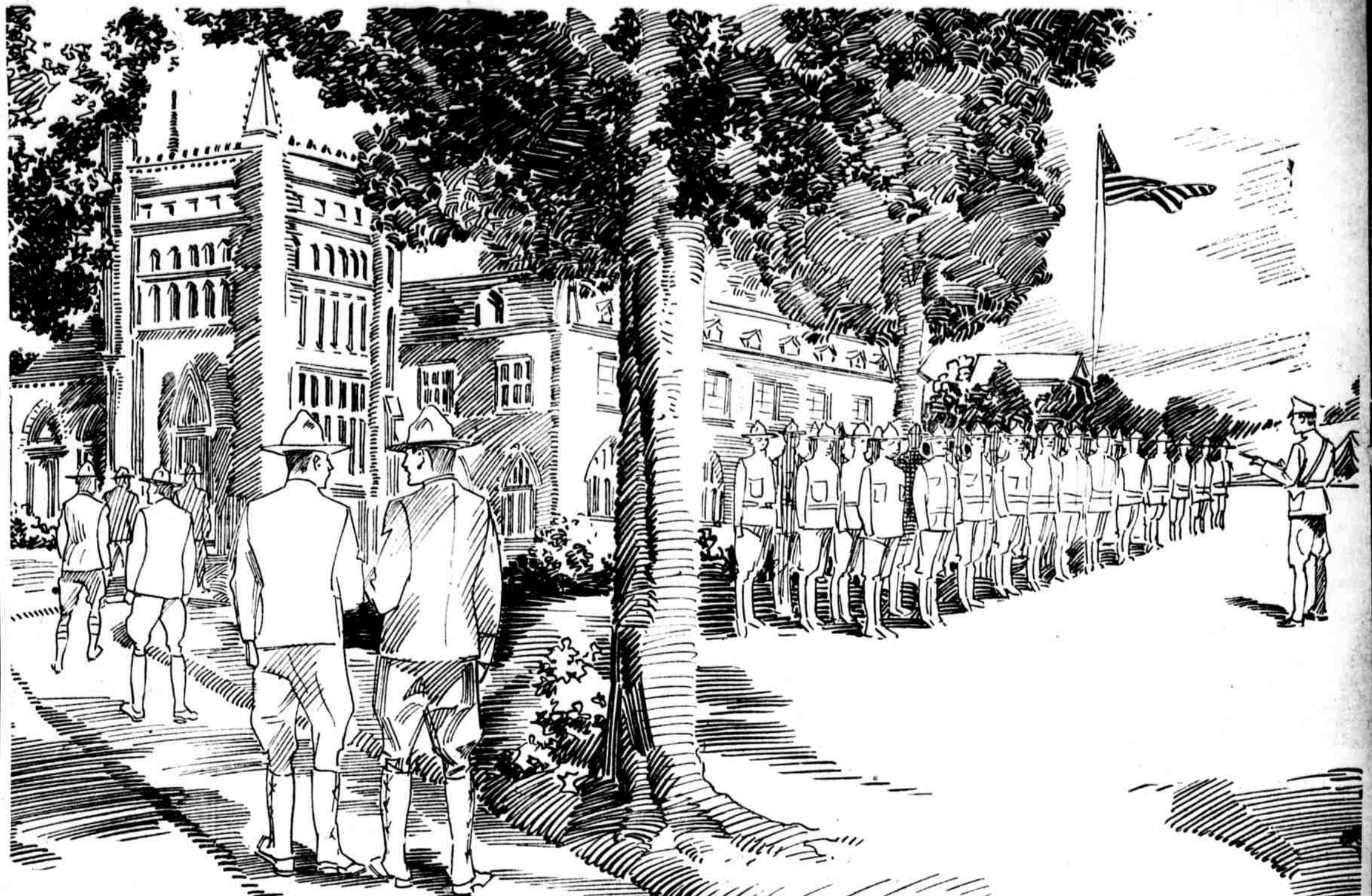
Philip Biedorf, Third and Dickinson streets, Philadelphia, has been in camp less than four weeks, but has been made a sergeant and has applied for admission to the officers' training camp.

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