

Soldiers Of Camp Shenango May Obtain Marriage License Here

Court Appoints Mrs. Ida Ralya To Issue Certificates At Home In Evenings

Dan Cupid can't lose now in his campaign among the soldiers of Camp Shenango, with the staunch aides he has found in Judge George H. Rowley and Clerk of Courts Fred Hutchison.

The two have helped many soldiers who applied for marriage licenses at the court house and did not have the time to wait until the usual legal procedure is over.

Judge Rowley for some time has been graciously waiving the three-day waiting period following the application, and now, the court has carried its leniency one step further in appointing Mrs. Ida Ralya, 173 S. Main-av, Sharon, to issue licenses at her home after the necessary arrangements have been complied with. Mrs. Ralya, a deputy in Mr. Hutchison's office, will take on the extra duties without any increase in pay.

Blood Tests Necessary

Here is the procedure which must be followed prior to the marriage ceremony:

Normally, the couple must appear at the Clerk of Courts office and present a certificate from a Pennsylvania physician or from a laboratory certifying that they are free from any contagious or infectious disease. The laboratory issuing this must be approved by the state Department of Health or be issued on a Pennsylvania certificate by a state laboratory, if in another state. Otherwise, certificates from other states will not be accepted. If the girl is in another state, her soldier may send her the Pennsylvania form for her physician to fill out.

The blood tests can now be taken at Camp Shenango by both the boy and his fiancee free of charge. This is usually recommended, because reports may be

obtained within a few hours, if necessary. Otherwise, if obtained from a private physician, two or three days may elapse.

Must Make Arrangements

After the blood test had been accepted, Judge Rowley and Mr. Hutchison take a hand. The couple would usually apply to the Clerk of Courts' office, after which there is a three-day waiting period starting the day after they apply. The soldiers at Transfer who often stay only a few days before being transferred, have appealed to the judge, who gives his permission for them to be married at once.

The added convenience of having a place to apply for a license in the evening will be a great boon to the soldiers, who are nearly all on duty during the day and who find it impossible to make the trip to the county seat before 5 p. m.

The soldiers are warned, however, to arrange for their visit to Mrs. Ralya beforehand with the Clerk of Courts' office at Mercer, whose phone number is 108. Mr. Hutchison will prepare the necessary papers so that they will be in the hands of Mrs. Ralya for the couple to pick up in the evening.