

The Mysterious Cadet Corps of 1912

Tales of Earlier Days

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This article is more of a puzzle than it is an explanation of earlier events in our history. We hope an alert reader will call or write with the details of what must have been a major youth project in the city. The young men who are pictured would have passed on to a better life some time ago, but perhaps a family member can enlighten us. If so, please call 356-3791

The puzzle is that we have the pictures for this story, but not the explanation. Usually it is the other way around--I gather material and then search for a suitable picture.

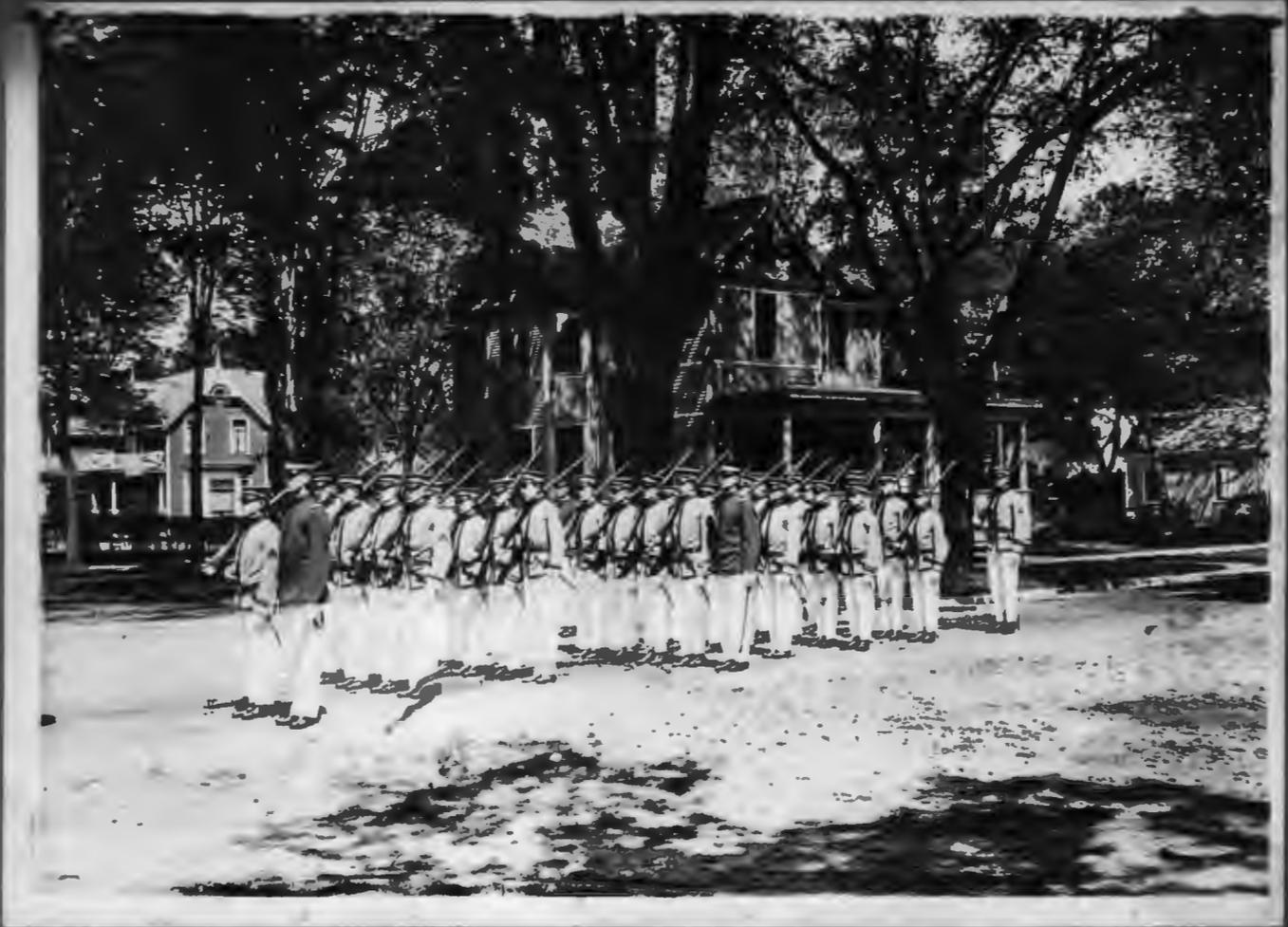
Two of the pictures were submitted to me by the late Herman Fisher, a descendant of the old Fisher Drug Store family. Hermann only knew that the shortest man to the right on the group picture was Karl Fisher.

The smaller photo is of a belt buckle owned by John Geoghegan. He remembers that in the 1930's a shed on the Episcopal Church property contained relics of the organization, and he was allowed to have one, the belt buckle.

Since the picture is labeled as 1912, it seems unlikely that this was any sort of youth program in preparation for World War I. The background in one photo is the picturesque Trinity Episcopal Church. The other shot is nearby on Ash Street. Can anyone enlighten us with regard to this organization of 99 years ago?



John Geoghegan shows the belt buckle, only known artifact of the Corps



Trinity
Church
cadets
1912



↑ Karl
Fisher
Littlestone
in last row

Karl Fisher
← 8th from
Right