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LAUNCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Bellefonte Will Be Mecca for Shoppers

Carnegie Library

Merchants, C. of C., Kiwanis Club Cooperate in Making 'Buying in Bellefonte' Both Pleasant and Profitable

87 CASH PRIZES, TOTALING $600, TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce working in cooperation with business men and the Kiwanis Club, Bellefonte this year will be one of the most active and brilliantly decorated Christmas shopping centers in Central Pennsylvania.

Never in the history of the community have merchants and organizations pooled their resources and their energies in such an effort to make "Buying in Bellefonte" both profitable and entertaining to shoppers.

The climax of the Christmas season will come Christmas eve when 87 persons who have made purchases in Bellefonte between now and December 24 will receive cash prizes ranging from $100 down to $2. A total of $600 in all is to be given away under the direction of the Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Persons shopping in Bellefonte are to be given a warm reception. Every member of the Retail Division, including practically all local merchants, are fully prepared for the Christmas season, and have stocked unusually complete lines of items suitable for gifts. Special efforts are being made to keep prices so reasonable that there will be no occasion or need to go elsewhere for Christmas merchandise.

The town is to be garbed in festive dress for the season. By the middle of next week a decorating committee of which Harry C. Yeager is chairman, hopes to have the sidewalks of all streets in the business section lined with large evergreen trees, bearing colored lights. The Kiwanis Club has named a committee, headed by Ray C. Noll, to erect a large Community Christmas tree on the traffic island on the Diamond. This tree will bear hundreds of colored lights.

All in all, Bellefonte's 1937 holiday season promises to be the most brilliant one the town has ever had.

Offers 87 Prizes

Everyone is entitled to share in the award of the $600 in cash, Bossart DeHaas, chairman of the Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday.

With every cash purchase of 50 cents made in Bellefonte stores between now and Christmas eve, the purchaser will receive a numbered coupon. To avoid disappointment, purchasers may be assured of getting coupons by looking for the placards on the store front indicating that the store is participating in the prize awards.

If you fail to get your coupons

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CHESTER HILL HAS ANOTHER ROBBERY

Chester Hill's second robbery in less than three weeks was reported by State Motor Police last week following an investigation of an alleged breaking, entering and larceny at the Harold Pearson store.

A revolver, cigarettes several boxes of cigars, a quantity of plug tobacco and a small amount of money were taken. The glass in the front door was broken and a bar against the door let down.

Police are still investigating the robbery at the G. E. Freeburg home at Chester Hill on October 30, when money and personal effects valued at nearly $400 were taken by thieves who ransacked the house.

Dear Santa, The Door is Open; the Dog is Tied

Monday we received a letter from a Bellefonte R. D. youngster, to forward to Santa Claus. Because we know Santa will read it if it is published, we take the liberty of printing it herewith:

"November 22, 1937.

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Kenneth Grove Corl. I'm 6 years old and live on R. F. D. 1, Bellefonte, Pa. I would like for you to bring me a set of rubber building blocks, a car priced $9.69, a writing table and some candy.

I'm trying to be a good boy. I'm in third grade at school.

Your little friend,
KENNETH.

P. S. I will tie my dog in the barn the night you come. I will let the door open for you."

TO SEEK EARLE'S AID IN PROJECT

Commissioners Will Ask Governor to Speed Benner Home Restoration

Gathering impetus as it moves along the projected restoration of the historic old home of General Philip Benner, along Spring Creek in Benner township, was given additional support this week when the Centre County Commissioners announced that they will address a letter this week to Governor George H. Earle asking that he lend his influence toward having the Benner property returned to its former condition.

Among others who have become interested in the proposal in the past week is J. Thomas Mitchell, well known Bellefonte attorney, and recognized as one of the leading authorities on Centre county's early history as an iron center. Mr. Mitchell has submitted to the Commissioners, for use in preparing their letter to Governor Earle, a brief biography of the late General Benner, who was one of the county's earliest iron masters, as well as an officer during the Revolutionary War. General Benner was the founder of The Centre Democrat, having established this newspaper in 1827, just 110 years ago.

In addition to the many persons of outstanding prominence in Cen-

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EIGHT-COLUMN PAGES PROVE POPULAR WITH READERS

Six weeks ago the pages of The Centre Democrat were enlarged from seven-column width to eight columns, which is the standard size for most of the larger newspapers. It became one of the few weekly newspapers in the country to adopt the eight-column page, and at the same time became the only newspaper of that type published in Centre county.

The change, as outlined in our issue of October 21, entailed a large amount of labor and considerable expense, but the widespread appreciation expressed by advertisers and readers has more than offset those factors. Business men find their advertisements particularly those which come in mat form, fit more snugly into the page. The layouts appear as they were intended to appear—as a part of the page—rather than as odd-sized material ill-fitted into too large a space.

Readers find the new column widths are the same size as their metropolitan dailies, and also find that there is actually over a column more of reading material on each page. Eight pages of the present Centre Democrat contain as much reading material as nine pages of the former style permitted.

Changes in the general makeup of the newspaper also have brought much favorable comment from readers. New features and new type styles are subjects of their share of praise. Most of the mechanical difficulties encountered in making the change have been overcome, and the publishers feel that The Centre Democrat has made another step forward in giving Centre countians a larger, newsier and more attractive newspaper.

Bear in mind that improvements in the paper have not resulted in an increase in rates. Subscriptions remain at $1.50 per year.

HUNTER INJURED NEAR RUNVILLE IS RECOVERING

Ernest Fye, 38, Narrowly Escapes Death When Mistaken for Bear

PUMPKIN BALL PASSES THROUGH BASE OF NECK

Shot Fired by Edward McCloskey, Also of Runville, No Prosecution Expected

Ernest Fye, aged 38, of Runville, narrowly escaped death in a hunting accident near Runville, Saturday morning when he was struck in the neck by a pumpkin ball fired by another hunter. The bullet struck the base of his neck, near the shoulder, and passed through the flesh without bringing serious injury. The victim is recovering nicely at the Centre County Hospital.

According to Officer Joseph E. Bushey, of the Rockview Barracks of the State Motor Police, who aided game officials in investigating the mishap, Fye was hunting alone in the mountains near Runville and was walking up a ravine when Edward McCloskey, and his uncle, Her-

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TO REORGANIZE COUNCIL, JAN. 3

Teaman and Cherry Will Be Sworn Into Office by Burgess H. P. Harris

With two new members slated to be installed into office, Bellefonte Borough Council will hold its reorganization meeting on Monday night, January 3, in the Council chambers in the Logan House.

The new members are both representatives of the West Ward. They are Edward Teaman, Democrat, and Melvin L. Cherry, Republican, who will take the places made vacant by the expiration of the terms of E. E. Ardery and J. Mitchell Cunningham.

In addition, three present members of Council will begin the new terms to which they were re-elected early this month. They are Thomas B. Beaver, president of Council; Henry A. Brockerhoff and W. J. Emerick. Beaver and Emerick

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DeMOLAY DANCE AT HECLA THANKSGIVING NIGHT

Penn-Centre Chapter, Order of DeMolay has completed final plans for its gala "Turkey Day Dance" which will be held in the Hecla Park pavilion on Thursday, November 25th, 1937, from 9 till 1.

Hoy Houck and his popular tenpiece orchestra has been engaged for the event. This musical organization has become one of the most widely-known of its kind in Central Pennsylvania and has just completed an important engagement in the western part of the State.

This will be the first public DeMolay dance to be held in a number of years. It will not only be an opportunity for past and active DeMolays to meet again but will also serve as a means of celebrating the close of the Bellefonte-State College grid season that ends with the Thanksgiving Day game between the two teams.

The admission will be 50c per person or $1.00 a couple.

COURT DENIES NEW TRIAL IN ACCIDENT CASE

In an opinion and decree filed yesterday by Judge M. Ward Fleming, the court denied a motion for a new trial to David E. Stringer, a minor, and his father and mother, Harry A. and Lucy F. Stringer.

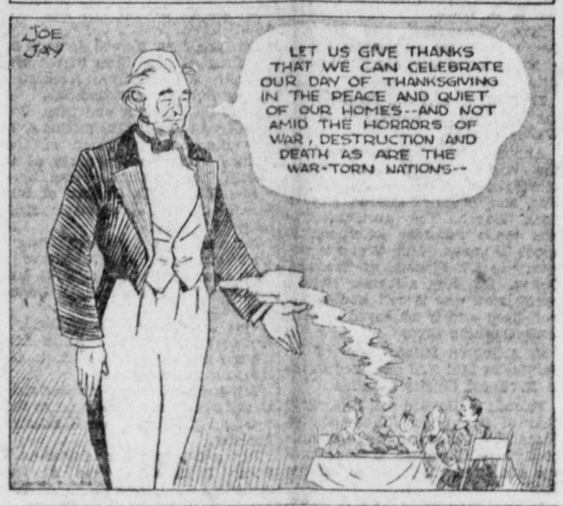
Young Stringer, a passenger in a car driven by William A. Thomas when the machine wrecked on the road between State College and Boalsburg some time ago, was injured in the crash and brought suit against Thomas. A jury returned a verdict in favor of Stringer and assessed damages.

Stringer was not satisfied with the sufficiency of the verdict and asked for a new trial, which Judge Fleming denied in his ruling yesterday. The Stringer interests have filed an exception to the ruling.

Three Injured at Snow Shoe.

Three Snow Shoe residents have been injured during the past week. Glenn Gillette is suffering from a fractured leg received in a fall. Shirley Casher, pupil in the Snow Shoe grade schools, sustained painful but not serious injuries about one arm while playing, and Thomas Stetler, another Snow Shoe grade pupil, last Friday broke his wrist while playing in the school yard. All the injured are reported to be recovering nicely.

Something To Be Thankful For



MAILING DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Postmaster Lists Schedule Christmas Mail Bound For Foreign Points

Just one month remains until Christmas, and if you have any Christmas mail or presents to be sent to distant parts of the world, now is the time to start thinking about sending them. Postmaster George R. Meek said yesterday.

The local postmaster has received information from the postal department concerning the latest dates mail may be sent to distant points to be delivered by Christmas.

The dates which follow are the last dates for mail leaving New York, so Bellefonte residents should figure on sending mail about two days earlier than listed.

For parcel post and all larger packages, it is not possible to assure such packages will be delivered by Dec. 25, as customs formalities must be complied with before actual delivery is made.

For this reason, the postmaster

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FEW BEAR SLAIN IN THE COUNTY

Two Hunters Injured; One Nimrod Fined for Killing Bear During Night

According to reports from various sections, the kill of bear during the season which closed Saturday, was unusually light in Centre county. Game Protector E. M. Woodward of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, reported that he knew for certain of only two bear being taken, and had heard through unconfirmed sources that several more had been shot.

In addition to Earnest Fye, of Runville, who was shot in the woods near that community, Saturday, the only other major hunting accident in this area claimed Frank Beers, 21, of Fallen Timber, as its victim.

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ROVERS VISIT CENTRE COUNTY

Guests of Central Pennsylvania Crew Take Tour of Bellefonte, Rockview, College

(By Ted Bilger, Rover Mate)

The Rover Moot, held in celebration of the second anniversary of the Central Pennsylvania Rover Crew, is over, but its memory will linger on in the minds of some 28 men who attended the moot.

The moot has been termed a success by the C. P. R. C. as far as Rovering is concerned, for late Saturday evening 6 men were invested as Rovers, while 6 others were given their Rover Squire Charges. These Squires must now go through a 3-month probationary period before they may be invested as Rovers.

Registration started at 10 o'clock

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UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES, M. E. CHURCH

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church at 10 o'clock this Thursday morning, with the pastor, the Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, in charge.

He will be assisted by Rev. G. E. Householder, who will read the Scriptures; Rev. William C. Thompson, who will offer a prayer, and Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, who will read the President's proclamation. All members of all churches in Bellefonte are cordially invited to participate in these services.

BHS READY FOR HOLIDAY GAME

Annual Turkey Day Classic With State College to Start Here at 2 P. M.

Everything is in readiness for the annual renewal of the age-old football rivalry between Bellefonte and State College High Schools at the Thanksgiving Day game to be played here Thursday.

The game is definitely scheduled to be played on the Bellefonte Community Athletic Field, East Bishop Street.

The kick-off will take place promptly at 2 o'clock and admission to the sports spectacle will be 50 cents per person.

Bellefonte High School's Miller-coached eleven, undefeated this season, will have more at stake Thursday, than State College High, for the Red and White is in excellent position to win Western P. I. A. A. Class B honors.

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COLLEGE TAX CASE IS CONTINUED BY COURT

After a preliminary hearing before Judge M. Ward Fleming here last Thursday morning, a temporary injunction restraining the collection of taxes from the Pennsylvania State College on nine tracts of farmland in College township, was continued.

This action will allow sufficient time for the preparation of the initial arguments in the case, and will hold further tax assessments in abeyance until the matter is settled.

The principal question involved is whether or not the College is acting as a State or as a private agency in the operation of its farms in College township. In view of the fact that considerable litigation may ensue over the matter, it is probable that no further action will be taken until after the first of the year, so one Judge may sit on the case until its final settlement.

FIVE INJURED IN CRASH NEAR CENTRE HALL

In a two-car collision at the Earlystown road intersection near the Old Fort, about 5 o'clock Friday evening, five persons sustained injuries of a more or less serious nature, and damage to the cars was estimated at about $190.

The machines involved were a Plymouth sedan driven by Harry R. Wolfe, of Centre Hall, R. D., and a Chevrolet coach driven by J. W. Royer, of Centre Hall. Royer was driving toward Potters Mills, while Wolfe had been traveling east on the Earlystown road and had turned left at the intersection to go to Centre Hall. The machines collided with considerable force, but neither one was upset.

Mr. Wolfe sustained injuries about the chest; his wife sustained a fracture of the left elbow and abrasions and contusions of the hands and legs, and Harold Wolfe was cut about the face and hands, and has a possible fracture of the knee.

In the other machine Mr. Royer, the driver, received a laceration of the forehead, and Harold Mowery was injured about the head. Mowery was unconscious for about an hour after the mishap and was brought to the Centre County Hospital for treatment. The others were given treatment at the offices of Dr. Light, at Centre Hall, and on Saturday came to the Hospital here for X-ray examinations. None of the injuries are believed to be of a serious nature.

To Distribute Xmas Funds.

According to reports yesterday the banks of Centre county which have Christmas Savings Funds will mail checks to depositors during the first week of December. The total of the Christmas Savings Funds in the county, exclusive of Philipsburg banks, will be approximately $50,000—greater than it has been for at least five years.

COURT PLACES FINAL BAN ON DOE SLAUGHTER

Judge Fox Stands Pat on Ruling Against Proposed Three-Day Season

50,000 HUNTERS WILL HAVE FEES REFUNDED

Compromise Offer by Commission Also is Rejected By Dauphin Jurist

A permanent injunction was granted in Dauphin County Court Monday by Judge Fox, restraining the State Game Commission from observing a three-day open season for antlerless deer beginning this Thursday, which was originally scheduled to take place in fifty-four counties of the State.

The Court held that a number of steps taken by the Commission were faulty and first granted a preliminary injunction last week and then set Monday for the final disposition of the case. The Commission failed in its last efforts to have the preliminary injunction dismissed by the Court.

Seth Gordon, executive secretary of the Commission, said the Court's order means that $100,000 in special fees will be returned to 50,000 hunters who paid $2 each for the privilege

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DISMISS APPEAL IN PATTON CASE

Court Confirms Figures on Amounts Allegedly Due From Township Officer

In an opinion and decree filed Tuesday, Judge M. Ward Fleming dismissed an appeal taken by T. M. Huey, tax collector of Patton township, in the matter of the auditors' reports for the township for the years 1928 to 1935, inclusive.

This matter has been in the local courts for some time. Originally an audit was filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions, and judgments were entered against Mr. Saxton, overseer of the poor, and Mr. Huey, tax collector, as well as against the road supervisors.

In his opinion Judge Fleming finds that in the instant appeal,

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WILL CONDUCT COURSES HERE

List 5 Courses in Industrial Training; Must Have 15 Students for Each

Industrial Vocational Courses to provide further training for men in industry seems assured for the Bellefonte area as a result of two conferences held at the high school recently by Glenn O. Rogers, County Superintendent of Schools, with representatives of local industries, S. Grant Conner of the State Department of Public Instruction, representatives of the State College Extension Department, and members of the local School Board and administrative staff.

Preliminary plans indicate that five courses will be offered if sufficient interest is shown to insure an enrollment of fifteen for each class. The courses listed are: Elementary mathematics, blue print reading, elementary electricity, elementary mechanics, and measurements and precision instruments.

In addition to the above courses which are of particular interest to men in industry, it is also hoped that a course in salesmanship may be arranged for the benefit of clerks in retail stores.

Funds for the operation of these courses are provided by federal and state vocational appropriations to such an extent that the cost to those taking the courses is very moderate. The purpose of the courses is to provide additional training whereby employes may prepare themselves for advancement in their line of work, and for those not employed to better prepare themselves for obtaining a position.

Further details relative to the place and time of meeting, content of the courses, and other essential information will be provided in the near future through the columns of the local papers, or directly through the industries themselves to the men in their employ.

W. C. T. U. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting and roll call of the Snow Shoe Union, W. C. T. U., will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, November 29, at the home of Mrs. H. W. Rabert, in Snow Shoe.

Orders Recount of Spring Twp. Vote

Another User Praises Centre Democrat Ads

If you have something you no longer want, or if you want something someone else has—try an advertisement in the Classified Advertising Section of The Centre Democrat.

Every week additional scores of users are finding that The Centre Democrat's classified advertisements are a sure way of reaching into every community of the county.

For exampple, here's the case of James R. Hughes, former headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy. Last Christmas he purchased a new electric train for his nephews, and the store obligingly offered to try to sell the used train. They were unable to dispose of the outfit, however, and Mr. Hughes found himself with an extra train on his hands. Last week he inserted a classified advertisement in this newspaper and on Saturday the outfit was sold.

Mr. Hughes disposed of an extra train, and some Centre County boy is going to regain faith in Santa Claus Christmas morning when he finds the train under the family Christmas tree.

Try a Classified Ad. The cost is surprisingly low.

BAN CARS FROM FOREST ROADS

Order Effective All Winter on Designated Roads; Foot Traffic Allowed

As a maintenance measure the following recently constructed State Forest Districts have been closed to vehicular traffic over the winter, according to a report from the District Forester's office. Hunters and others may traverse them by foot.

In the list the name of the road, the length closed and the termini are given in the order named:

Oak Ridge, 1.63 miles, Johnson Forney Rd. to Kingston Road; Kingston, 4 mile Johnson Forney Rd. to Whethan; Hazard, 11.87 miles, Farrandsville to the Coudersport Pike; Boyer, 1.72 mile, Two Mile Run Road to Huelings Branch Rd.

Jerry Ridge 2.2 miles, Smoke Fork Trail to top of Mt. Sinnamahoning, Birch Island Run 4.5 miles, Sandy Rock Rd. to end of Construction.

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BLANCHARD RESIDENT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Francis Gunsallus, of Blanchard, is reported to be in a critical condition at the Lock Haven Hospital as the result of injuries he sustained while working on the highway near Beech Creek.

He underwent an operation for internal injuries and was given several blood transfusions. Police have identified the driver of the car that struck him as Charles Love, of North Mehoopany, Wyoming county.

Large Trout Yields 4,000 Eggs.

A female rainbow trout weighing ten pounds and measuring about 27 inches was captured in the big spring at the Spring Creek fish hatchery last Tuesday and after being relieved of about 4,000 eggs was returned to the spring once more. Dewey Sorenson of Pleasant Gap, superintendent of the Pleasant Gap and Spring Creek hatcheries who captured the trout and took the eggs from it for hatching purposes believes it to be the heaviest trout he has ever seen at that hatchery.

Ballot Box for South Precinct to Be Opened Saturday Morning in Court Room

TAX COLLECTOR VOTE ONLY TO BE CHECKED

Judge Fleming Names Recount Board; Miller Posts $50 Deposit for Count

Judge M. Ward Fleming on Monday granted a recount of the vote cast for the office of tax collector in the South Precinct of Spring township, at the election early this month, and set 10 o'clock Saturday morning, November 27, as the time for the recount of the vote to begin. The recount will be made in the Court Room.

Officials named by Judge Fleming to count the ballots are: Roy Wilkinson, of Bellefonte, and David A. Holter, of Howard, Republicans, and Mrs. Nelle Decker and D. Wagner

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BELLEFONTE COUPLE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Alters, of East Howard street, were painfully but not seriously injured, and their car, a 1937 Plymouth, was damaged to the extent of about $300 between 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon when the machine skidded from the road and struck a concrete culvert on the Nittany Valley road just west of Hecla Park.

The mishap occurred nearby the Frank Hockman farm, while Mrs. Alters was driving. She noticed two other cars coming from the opposite direction and when she pulled to the right of the road to give them clearance, the machine skidded on a thin film of ice which covered a light fall of snow on the highway.

The two occupants were brought to Bellefonte by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Workman, of Hecla, and at a physician's office Mrs. Alters was found to have sustained a fracture of the right arm between the wrist and elbow, while Mr. Alters suffered a laceration of the nose, a bruise of the forehead, and also suffered from shock.

CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AT ALTOONA

An Orthopedic Diagnostic Clinic will be conducted by a well known orthopedic surgeon in the Altoona Hospital on Thursday, December 2, at 9 a. m., under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Crippled children under sixteen years of age of indigent parents are eligible for assistance and treatment. Crippled children from Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties are to be examined at this clinic.

The names and addresses of crippled children may be referred to the State Clinic, Altoona Hospital, Altoona; State Clinic, 209 Market street, Clearfied, and to Miss Agnes E. Kane, R. N., Finberg Apartments, Philipsburg. All names should be referred before November 30, in order that the State nurses may obtain the necessary history of the patients.

Dies at Rockview.

John Androot, 53, of McIntyre, died suddenly at Rockview Penitentiary, Saturday night at 10:15 o'clock from a heart condition. Androot was born in Hungary the son of John and Susan Vida Androot, both deceased. The body was taken to Indiana Monday where funeral services were to be held Wednesday.

Law Gets Pound of Flesh; But Youth is Out of Jail

Today is a day of real Thanksgiving for a 17-year-old Centre county boy who was released from jail here Saturday after serving 25 days of a 39-day sentence for shooting a hunter's dog in mistake for a squirrel.

NEWS ITEM: Officials reported here yesterday that a hunter who had shot and wounded another hunter in mistake for a bear would not be prosecuted.

Had the law taken its planned course in the case of the youth the machinery which resulted in a jail sentence, he would have spent the entire 39 days in jail. No official of the law interceded in his behalf. A public-spirited Centre county citizen, who in a letter to the editor of The Centre Democrat last week called the attention of this newspaper to the facts, started the machinery which resulted in the youth being permitted to return home to spend the Thanksgiving season with his family and friends.

The citizen, who prefers not to have his name made known, furnished The Centre Democrat with the facts, which were printed in last week's issue. Within an hour another public-spirited citizen, L. C. Heineman, of Bellefonte, secretary of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., became interested in the case, verified the facts, and began collecting contributions from local residents to pay the boy's remaining fine.

After he collected about $7 from several persons who also prefer not to have their names published, Mr. Heineman wrote out his personal check for $14, drove about 20 miles to the office of the justice of the peace who had committed the youth to jail, and paid the remaining fine. Even then there were some technicalities to overcome, but Mr. Heineman, who had interviewed the county officials and attorneys to make sure of his ground, could not be

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