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Presents Check
 Tholburn H. Wiant (left), 4331 Karen Lane, Bloomfield Hills, vice president at Young & Rubicam, Inc., presents a check to Marvin Pettit, head of St. Peter's (Episcopal) Home for Boys in Detroit. Christmas at the firm's Detroit office includes an annual donation to a Detroit-area orphanage or other activity. Instead of exchanging gifts, each Detroit Y&R employe contributes money to a fund, which becomes the agency's donation to a selected institution.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM
Grumpy shoppers, grumpier clerks—not on your life, says one Birmingham woman who selected a 25-cent Christmas card at the local Doubleday Book Shop one day last week. All set to buy it, she opened her purse and discovered she only had 16 cents left after hours of holiday gift-shopping. When she moaned that "it was just the card" she had been looking for the clerk excused herself and re-appeared a moment later with a dime. Her "pay it back next time you come in" put a Yule smile back on the weary customer's face and, just to make sure that everyone knows what a nice clerk Delma Scott is, she phoned in her name to The Eccentric.

Students in a Seaholm High School sociology class are searching diligently for a used violin to help a woman patient at Pontiac State Hospital. The class visited the institution recently and learned that the woman—after years of apathy—is beginning to show an interest in playing the instrument. The youngsters would like to hear from anyone who can help—either with a violin, or any used musical instrument which can play a part in aiding patients. Either the school or counselor Don Grothe may be contacted.

There's more to art than "meats" the eye if you know meat-cutter Harry Yoder, who works at the Wrigley supermarket on S. Hunter Blvd. Shoppers are presently enjoying his *Activity Scene*, painted in oils and in a technique that gives the impression of light shining through ironwork onto the Holy Family. An abstract windswept tree done by Yoder, resulted when a clerk wiped a sticky freezer tray and left some interesting looking smears. The artistic Yoder has also painted gaily-colored leaves and tasteful fish motifs on the tiles in the meat section of the market—for customers to feast their eyes on as they shop.

When Lathrup City Administrator Jerard Stone was asked by a council member Monday night whether it would be practical for the city to change its fiscal year to the calendar year, Stone said such a change would confuse the tax billing procedure, "putting tax bills at the wrong time of year."

To which Councilman John Kohl, always ready with a quip, replied, "Is there a right time of year for tax bills?"

Two unusual Christmas cards arrived at The Eccentric this week on their way to their ultimate destinations. One was addressed to "The Little Lord Jesus, Heaven." Its greeting read: "From our House to Your House. Greeting you at Christmas with a wish that's very old. But it keeps getting warmer each time it is re-told! It was unsigned. The second was addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole." It read: "Santa's on his way to visit you... And he's bringing my wish along with him too. Have fun at Christmas!" It was signed by Becky Margaret Olson.

You're window shopping on Maple Ave. Snow is falling, the air is cold. Your thoughts are elsewhere. Suddenly you hear Christmas carols—and suddenly it's Christmas!

"To Some Nice Neighbors at Christmas" reads a card received from the Don Twining family of Bowers Street's "Apple Orchard." It says, "Because you're such nice neighbors, it's a pleasure to express a Christmas wish for everything that brings you happiness!" It's gratifying to be thought of in this way, and The Eccentric hopes this neighborly relationship continues for many years.

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