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The official duties of a police officer are varied, and one of his main requirements is versatility. The calls received at headquarters and continually verifying this, including one which came in last week asking that an officer be sent to a local office which had been invaded by a large (and very unwelcome) rat.

Officers conducting the bike inspection here during the past few days have a nice little job for some of the dads in town. Quite a few of the bikes turned up with loosened nuts and bolts, handle bars and seats that were not safe, wobbly wheels and the like. In some cases the youngsters take care of these things themselves, but police suggest that dad keep a weather eye out, too. Any one of these things can be dangerous to your youngster as well as someone else. Tighten those loosened fasteners for your youngster, and in the event you have a daughter, keep a double watch on her bike for her.

If Harold Turner, local Ford dealer, ever wants to stop selling cars and get into other business, chances he'd have an opportunity waiting him in Hollywood. A number of his friends are referring to him as "Pat" after they saw his picture in last week's Eccentric. Did you, too, notice how much his profile looked like that of Pat O'Brien, the movie star? Harold couldn't be a stand-in, Harold's friends are saying.

Can pleasant read? This Wanderer is suspicious of them and willing to believe that they are concealing a talent for marksmanship. We took a late Sunday, all through the hills around Birmingham, and in Bluefield Township, where the signs were plentiful about no hunting, saw bird after bird. Big fat beautiful pheasants, searching through the dead grass, weeds and leaves for seeds and grubs. As we watched, several cars full of hunters drove by. The poor men were nearly drooling and it was so blameworthy to stay honest! Bluefield Township, as well as

Southfield, by law are closed to hunting.)

A sad sight, indeed, to watch your winter wood pile burn out in the back yard. That's the plight of a Toemlele avenue resident. Burning leaves got out of control and finished off the wood pile for him. Of course, it would happen on the season's coldest weekend, wouldn't it?

This Wanderer's apologies, Dale Miller. We did not intend to switch your alma mater on you at all. It was a slip of the typewriter, or something. We note publicly that it was not Ohio University, but Ohio State University which you attended.

Gen. Flores, local C. of C. president, this week jumped from the frying pan into the icebox, so to speak. He has just returned to town from Phoenix, Ariz., where his family will stay till their new home on Martell drive is completed. But this fall's first cold snap didn't prevent Flores from taking his dog and gun out into the countryside after a few pheasants. Yes, he got a couple.

There's a report circulating around town that the new Walker well on E. Maple is now pumping much harder water into the city's water mains than that which comes from the other city wells. This is supposed to result in considerable laundry problems. Checking into the matter with DPW Director Leonard Gunn, this Wanderer discovered that the new Walker well is not public and that which comes to the system for some weeks yet. And when it eventually is, water from this well will be no harder than that from other wells. Only disagreeable thing about the Walker is that it is in the same water strata as several Royal Oak and Clawson wells which have shown a slight sulphur content. But this in no way would affect the amount of soap needed to do the week's washing.

If you want to remain on speaking terms with Pham Police Lieutenant Delyle Service, don't walk up to him and say, "Tell me about your latest fishing trip." That's a touchy subject with him these days, and rightly so. Although Service wouldn't tell us this Wanderer did discover the reason for his silence on the subject. On a recent day off, the Lieutenant went fishing and caught several specimens which he hung just outside the cottage. Little later he went back to look

at them and discovered—just the bones! Seems a raccoon had made off with the meat.

Is common courtesy becoming a lost art? This Wanderer met up with an incident last week that makes us wonder. Coming out of a local store with both arms full of groceries, an elderly lady held the door open for us. We acknowledge her thoughtfulness with a "thank you," only to hear her gasp in amazement, look surprised, and remarked to her companion, "Well! That's something new!" Is it really that bad? Or had the lady just been meeting a group recently who had parted company with just plain, ordinary politeness?

Birmingham has one young man who believes in getting started on time. With the store windows full of black cats and witches, and Thanksgiving yet to come, he has mailed his first letter to Santa. Well, Burt, it's like this: We will be most happy to deliver that letter to the old gentleman, and we feel quite sure that he will do something about that gun that shoots rubber bands, the bike with a chain and maybe even that radio and those records. We know he will appreciate hearing from you, and will be very happy to hear you are learning to take care of your toys like a good boy.

A small part of Franklin is being immortalized in motion pictures. A crew from the Jam Handy Organization moved in there last Thursday to prepare a commercial film for the manufacturer of a well-known automobile product. While the big lights poured out their white heat and the cameras ground, Rudy's garage became one of the main scenes for



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In answer to the several inquiries which have been aimed in our direction, the Wanderer would like to inform all that The Eccentric is not building a new office. It's just a few necessary repairs to the front of the business office that is the cause of all that brick and activity out front.

John Harwood, former managing editor who left The Eccentric after several years to enter the

U. S. Navy during the war, sends this Wanderer some mighty interesting news this week. John and his wife, Margaret, sent a note from Mt. Clemens, saying they have recently adopted a 3-week old boy, John Randolph. Since his return from the service, Harwood has been working in the sales department of Pontiac Motors.

Looking at the calendar, it's really too early for Halloween, but apparently there are some over-exuberant youngsters parading the streets in anticipation of the spooks and goblins night. We received a call from the Library

reporting that someone has jumped the gun and appropriated the signs in the library parking lot. The staff would appreciate their return, so "step up kids and wait for the community party which will be much more fun than (More BITS on Page 2, Part 2)

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