Policewoman probes lives of troubled youths

When she found herself raising her voice with one of her own five children, she asked herself. How important is a messy room or shoes left in the middle of the floor?

"I often identify with Erma Bombeck," she chuckled.

Wayne State University, and her 14year-old son is at East Junior High
School in Farmington.
Officer Dempey didn't plan to become a police officer when she gradusted from University of Deroit in 1947
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I can't remember getting up and not wanting: to come to work, Officer Dempsey said.

Every day you deal with different people. You don't know in the moraling what you're going to meet, 'she said, trying to work out problems within the structure of the family, she said.

The most challenging cases are the sex crimes, 'she said. You pit your skills against somebody else's. There's lots of investigation, details to follow through to build the case, she added.

"We're fortunate to have a woman of

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OUT OF the 168 rank and file police officers, there are five lemale officers and three or four female cadets going through raining. Officer Dempsey said.

Shortly lifter Livonia incorporated in 1950, the police department hired its first female ediffers, May Ford. Women officers did not do much of the police work that men officers did it those days.

Now, women hired into the force are hired in as patrol officers and go

In Livenia, the first policewoman on patrol was hired in April 1978.

"When I joined, it was different," Of-ficer Dempsey said. "I've never written a ticket or been on palrol,"

But women on patrol can be very effective, especially on domestic runs. "Women seem to have a calming effect," she said.

But she praises her new partner, Of-icer James Pardo, who had worked in

Poking his head in the door, Lt. Col-

Poking his head in the door, LE-Col-lins teased Officer Dempsey, swing she'd better not retire. He couldn't get along without her. No way they'll ever get me out of here, 'Officer Dempsey sald, sindling and putting the cap back on her pen— ready to start another day.



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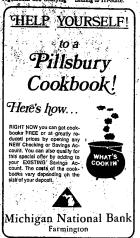
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