

'Professional cop' runs for governor

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

Oakland County Sheriff Johannes F. Spreen, a "professional cop," has joined the fray in quest of the Democratic Party's nomination for governor.

Spreen, who announced his candidacy earlier this week, faces stiff opposition from State Sen. William Fitzgerald (D-Detroit) and Patrick McCullough (D-Deerborn). William Ralls and personal counsel Zoltan Ferency, Fitzgerald, McCullough and Ralls have been campaigning for months.

Spreen listed idealistic reasons motivating him to seek the governorship. These included a "concern and interest" for: Michigan, its people, responsive government, growth and prosperity, the quality of life and the quality of the state's environment.

He conceded that the recently announced William Milliken-James Brickley Republican combination would be a tough one to beat. Spreen, however, described it as a "tired ticket."

"Bob Griffin (who recently announced his intentions to run for re-election to the U.S. Senate) is tired of the job. Brickley described the job as a pain in the neck. Milliken, I've read, called the job a pain in the ass. Maybe, through the voters, that pain can be relieved," Spreen said.

SPREEN, who is entering the race late, said he would not resign his position. Instead, he said, he would do his campaigning at night and take leaves-of-absence when necessary.

The sheriff is not seen as a highly visible or highly recognized political figure. He and members of his high-level campaign staff said that could be either a help or a hindrance.

"No one can say bosses control me," he added.

Two campaign aides said Spreen's reputation in the populous southeast corner of the state would be his strongest point. Their budget estimate: \$250,000.

Spreen has 37 years in law enforcement, first in New York City for 25 years, then as Detroit police commissioner for two years, finally as sheriff of the state's second most populous county for five years.

Medical malpractice suits on rise

Medical malpractice lawsuits continued to soar in the tri-county area in 1977, according to the Physicians' Crisis Committee (PCC).

Last year, 837 cases were filed in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Circuit Courts, a 8.6 per cent increase over the prior year's 775.

The number of suits has jumped 61 per cent since 1973, the PCC said. The PCC was organized in 1974 in response to cost increases in profes-

sional liability insurance.

W. PETER McCABE, MD, co-chairman of PCC, said, "The 6.6 per cent increase in lawsuits is a new upward trend. We're concerned about the cost implications of cases where there are no grounds for arguing that medical malpractice was responsible for unhappy or unexpected medical results."

In 1976 malpractice suits appeared to be tapering off, he said, as they

increased just 2.9 per cent over 1975, "the second-lowest rate of increase in the past eight years."

Before the "crisis" hit, the rate of increase was only 1.3 per cent from 1972 to 1973—388 cases to 395.

"FILING LAWSUITS against physicians was a booming enterprise," said McCabe. "And it had very little to do with actual medical malpractice."

Physicians found their insurance costs increasing. In defense, they

ordered extensive tests, which also raised medical costs. Sometimes they refused to treat conditions which involved high risk and prospects for unhappy medical outcomes.

As a last resort, many moved from the state or just quit practicing medicine.

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Boy's Club president named

James W. McLernon was named president of the Boys' Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit (BCMD) recently.

McLernon, the president of Volkswagen Manufacturing of America, succeeds Robert A. Carter as head of the United Foundation-supported youth guidance agency. He heads a new plate of BCMD officers including vice president Kenneth C. Edwards, David C. Clark and Alfred S. Warren

Jr., treasurer William M. Skillman and secretary Lawrence D. Buhl Jr.

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Parenting set as topic

Dr. Rabbi Gerald Teller will deal with questions about all aspects of Judaism for the young child when he meets with parents from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

The official topic for the meeting is "Answering Children's Questions about God and Death."

The meeting is sponsored by the Beth Haysel (nursery school and kindergarten) but is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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