'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 amonaced his candidacy eatier this week, face stiff opposition from State Sens. William Flagerald (D-Detroit) and Patrick McCullough from State Sens. William Flagerald (D-Detroit) and Patrick McCullough Frency. William Flast and percensial candidate Zoltor Frency. Flagerald, McCullough and Ralls have been campaigning for months Frency. 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.

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He conceded that the recently amounced William Millisen-James Brickley Hepablican combination would be a tough one to beat. Spreen, however, described it as a "timedicket."

"Bob Griffin (who recently amounced 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 ver read, called the job a pain in the ass. Maybe, through the lotters, 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 eaves-of-absence when necessary."

The sheriff is not seen as a highly visible or highly recognized political figure-le and members of his high-level campaign staff said that could be either a help or a hindragne.
"No one can say bosses control me." he added.
Two campaign aides said Spreen's regulation in the populous southeast corner file state would be his strongest point. Their budget estimate: \$250,000.

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

Boy's Club president named

James W. McLernon was named president of the Boys' Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit (BCMD) recently. McLernon, the president of Voliswagen Manufacturing of America, success Robert A. Carter as head of the United Foundation-supported youts gladance agency. He heads a new plate of BCMD officers including vice presidents Kenneth G. Edwards, David C. Clark and Alfred S. Warren

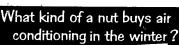
Jr., treasurer William M. Skillman and secretary Lawrence D. Buhl Jr.
The Boys Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit are supported in part by the United Foundation Torch Drive. They provide lelsure time activities at none building-centered locations in Detroit. Deaborn. Highland Park, Redford Township, Warren and a 249-acre resident camp facility on Harsens Island in St. Clair County.

Parenting set as topic

, Dr. Rabbi Gerald Teller will deal with questions about all aspects of Jodaism for the young child when he meels with parents from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Congregation Snaarey 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 Hayeled (nursery school and kindergarten) but is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting will be available if arranged in advance with the nursery school office at 357.5544. For further information, call the same telephone number.





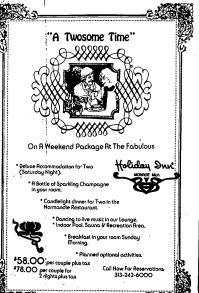
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Medical malpractice suits on rise

Medical malpractice lawauits continued to soar in the tri-county area in 1977, according to the Physicians' Crisis Committee (PCC).
Last year, 837 cases were filed in Mayne. Oakland and Macomb Circuit Courts, a 56 per cent increase over 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 MCABE, MD. occhairman of PCC, said, "The 68 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 unknappy or unexpected medical results."

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

"We're still concerned with the threat of a crisis—particularly in terms of flagrand disregard of medical facts when a lawsuit is filed.







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