# 4 a year of promises

OAKLAND COUNTY-At the county evel, 1974 was a year of more talk

than action.

Like any election year, county politicians did a good deal more promising and planning for the fugire than delivering in the present.

The big county story of the year-the movement to streamline county when it was simply approved, than it government under an elected county may have during the next several executive-hand less impact on 1874, years, when the reorganization plan is

'All I'm guilty of is trying to fight crime in Oakland County'-Sheriff

LOOKING BACK, most county

## interpretive rep

psecutor L. Brooks Patterson I that several low-key programs introduced in his office this year

d 1974 was no exception at Oakland santy. What made the past year

Essentially, the elected county exec-utive concept was a Democratic cru-ande, with county Republicans either unenthusiastic for this particular brand of reorganization or openly in

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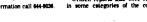
Sheriff Spreen's (right), strained relationship with county Republicans was made worse when he replaced Undersheriff Lee Hazen with friend and former Detroit police commissioner John Nichols (left)

## Students win welding prize

BIRMINGHAM—Two Seaholm High School students have received a \$25 sixth-place award in the James F. Lin-

### YMCA to offer sex education

coin Are Welding Foundation contest for are welded projects
Tom Howitt and Bill Olsen were honored for their straddle crane for a handyman homeowner in the national high school competition. Instructor for the youths at Seaholm is V. J. Figas.





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