

Judge Webster criticizes election process

By ROBERT KIPPER.

'I feel the service I have performed has been recognized. I thoroughly enjoy the work and am delighted that I will have the chance to continue.'—Judge Robert Webster

Both Webster and the man he defeated, attorney Stuart Brickner, raised questions during the campaign about the process of electing judges. Brickner centered much of his effort on his opposition to the practice

of attorneys contributing to judicial races. He refused attorney's contributions and said, if nothing else, he hoped his campaign would make the point that the practice was wrong and needed to be changed.

WEBSTER BEAT Brickner in the race to fill the unexpired two years of the term vacated by the resignation of Judge Clark Adams in 1973.

Webster received 84,850 votes, compared to Brickner's 82,543 vote total.

Based on early returns Tuesday night, it appeared the race would be closer. Although Webster gradually widened his slim margin as the night progressed, it wasn't until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday that Webster started sounding like a winner.

"I'm gratified," he said. "I feel the service I have performed has been recognized. I thoroughly enjoy the work and am delighted that I will have the chance to continue."

concede defeat early Wednesday morning, his confidence continued to lessen as Webster's lead increased.

His defeat, Brickner said, indicated county voters were not concerned enough about the issue of attorneys' contributing to judicial races to want "to send a message."

Although Webster—like most judicial candidates—accepted lawyers' contributions, he limited each to no more than \$100.

Two incumbent Circuit Court judges were elected without opposition: William J. Beer, a circuit judge since 1958, and Frederick C. Ziem, a circuit judge since 1969.

In the Oakland County Probate Court race, John J. O'Brien, carrying

what his opponent considered a charmed name, defeated Barry M. Grant in a close race for a new probate judgeship.

O'BRIEN FINISHED with 86,198 votes; Grant received 82,593 votes. The race was considered too close to call until early Wednesday morning.

Grant, who received more endorsements than O'Brien, has insisted throughout the campaign that O'Brien was popular because voters confused him with the Circuit Court Judge of nearly the same name, John N. O'Brien.

Eugene Moore, on the probate bench since 1967, was elected to a new regular term without opposition.



BILL ROBBINS

Guest speaker

The first visit by a president of Rotary International to the Detroit area in 15 years will occur Monday when William (Bill) Robbins appears as the guest speaker before 1,250 Rotarians and their wives at the Raleigh House. Robbins, a Ft. Lauderdale businessman, will be hosted by Rotarians from Districts 638 and 648, which includes a wide area of lower Michigan and Ontario, at a reception and dinner. Program chairman is Monte Montague.

Students 'discover' Detroit

Twenty-one students from 19 different countries were introduced to the City of Detroit Wednesday under the auspices of American Field Service.

The students are all attending high schools in the greater Detroit area. The field trip was designed to help the young people discover the many elements which make Detroit a center of culture and industry.

The day began with a welcome from the mayor in the City County Building.

OTHER EVENTS of the day included a tour of the Renaissance Center, the transportation exhibit in Cobo Hall, lunch sponsored by the First Federal Savings Bank and meetings with several members of the consular corps.

Exploration of various neighborhoods, recreational services and cultural opportunities were included.

Among the students participating were Graham O'Connor from South Africa, living in Bloomfield Hills; Ghina Ratnayake from Sri Lanka, living in Troy; Jukka Rastas from Finland, living in Southfield; Cornelius Wylbrecht from Germany, living at Orchard Lake; Marianne Jaeger from Switzerland, living in Rochester; and Richard Olson from England, attending Cranbrook School as a boarder.

OCC offers business class

Dr. Arthur Jalkanen of the Office of Community Services of the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College has announced a new non-credit short course designed especially for the benefit of the owners of small business in the Oakland County area. The course will meet 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings beginning this week and lasting through Dec. 11.

The course, accounting for the non-accountant, is meant to assist self-employed persons in developing basic financial management skills.

The college is co-sponsoring the course with General Business Services of West Oakland County, the local office of a nationwide small business counseling firm. The instructor, Martin Adamski of General Business Services, has had 14 years of academic and practical experience in management and small business counseling.

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