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complete a biographical sketch,
whether they would be willing to
choose a financial statement for
the past three years and for
as tatement as to if and when they
would make campaign contribution and expense disclosures be
fore the primary questionnaire
asked: 1. what do you consider the
three major issues facing thelprobale Court's 2. What is you'reaction to the Michigan Supreme
Court's proposed Code of Judicial
Conduct? What are its strengths
and weaknesses? 3. what do you
consider to be the most serious
judicial ethics problem? How
might it be solved? and 4. would
you favor appointing all state
court judges? Why or why not?

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4. No. It is not proper to take away the people's constitutional right to elect their judges. However, there should be a basic requirement that a lawyer must practice a certain number of years seloro becoming eligible to be a judicial candidate.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, 44, of Bir-ningham, is a graduate of the Uni-ersity of Michigan Law School. No financial statement or disclo-

versity of Michigan Law School. No financial statement or disclosure or if and when campaign contributions and expenditures may be announced were received.

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3. ". the occasional incompetent or problem judge... At present a great deal of self inciplinates and the self-the self-t

Judicial Tenure Commission, must be willing to act."

4. "I favor direct election of judges... The various systems of naming judges... take away from the people their right to determine who will be their judge. An appointive system substitutes an 'elite' small number of persons... would promote behind the scenes political maneuvering."

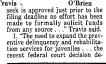
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WILLIAM M. TRAVIS, 60, of Pontiac is married and the father of three children. A graduate of the Wayne State University Law School, Travis serves as the Oak-land County Probate Register.

According to Travis, the Observer and Eccentric questionnaire did not reach him until July 15 allowing only two days for completion and return, making it "impossible for me to prepare and enclose such a personal financial statement."

Travis did report his net worth as \$211,954.08, including rental properties, land contracts, stocks, bonds, pensions and insurance. The candidate's 1973 income was shown as \$38,330.58, of which \$22,880 was in county salary.

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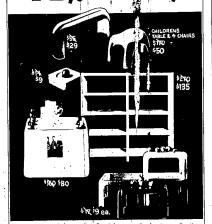
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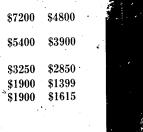
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