

**DOWN TO EARTH**

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**Lovell Outlines  
Reasons for  
His Candidacy**

Malcolm Lovell, 2748 Amberly, Bloomfield Village, this week outlined his reasons for seeking election to the Birmingham board of education at the annual June 10 election.

He is one of six candidates seeking the vacancy resulting from Board President Ernest W. Sealhorn's forth-coming retirement.

**LOVELL SAID:**  
"I am running for the Birmingham board of education because of my interest in the 'education' that the boys and girls in our community are receiving. While I am interested in the considerations of brick and mortar and the dollars to pay for them, I am even more concerned with what is being done inside our buildings—what is being taught and how it is being taught. I do not mean to imply that the quality of education currently being received at the Birmingham schools is deficient in any way. I think it generally to be good."

"But I am sure we are making the very best use of the money we spend only when active consideration is given at all times by the members of the board to the quality of the instruction, to the content of the curriculum, to the understanding of the counseling and to the overall educational climate in which these assert their influence."

**FOR THE PAST** ten years I have devoted my life to personnel development in industry. Many are the times when we in industry have realized that we are undertaking a training or development job too late.

"The basic character and capacity of men and women are formed while they are in school—in elementary school and high school even more than in college and graduate school."

"And so I hope, by being a member of the school board, to make some contribution to better the education our young people receive so they may be fully prepared to take on the challenges which await them upon graduation."

**Schirmer Assigned  
To Scout Publicity**

Appointment of newly-elected Scout board member F. A. Schirmer, of Lone Pine court, Bloomfield Hills, as Scout council public relations committee chairman is announced by Council President W. Calvin Patterson.

Schirmer is senior vice-president of Campbell-Ewald Co. Throughout his many years in the Detroit area he has been a leader in countless civic and philanthropic organizations. During World War II he served as Wayne county strap metal drive chairman and advisory committee member of the fifth U.S. war bond drive.

In more recent years he has been active in Red Cross affairs, the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund, the League for the Handicapped, the Traffic Safety Association and various advertising associations.

**Call Temporary  
Halt to Studies  
On Rezoning**

So it can complete its revisions of Birmingham's zoning ordinance, the city plan board has set a moratorium on its consideration of rezoning petitions.

For the board, Vice Chairman George Marin said from June through September the board will not consider rezoning requests "unless there is an undue accumulation of them."

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**Evergreens Accent Flower Garden**

The neighborhood competition is terrific these days all over town as each household tries to have the "bestest" lawn. Do not forget at this time to spray for crab grass elimination. Whether your new home is established on property which has had many years of loving care or brand new for you, the challenge is always present to express your own ideas of garden planning.

**THE SETH** Swlawsons some time ago moved to 328 Larches. Mrs. Swlawson already has a reputation of being one of the best flower designers for home display, and after visiting her garden, I would surely nominate her for further local honors.

Their home is a grey colonial, facing east. Their choice of evergreens against the structure is good and at this date, accents of color are provided by pink tulips and a copy wooden mail box at the colonial doorway is teamed with pink geraniums.

At the rear of the home, where they have the most active kitchen, they have dramatized with a series of half circle swirls. The fresh green of *Conium maculatum* ties in the home with the soil line and forms a limited ground cover.

Only a few feet from the rear exit is a large banana shaped flower bed, which incorporates three mature high trimmed evergreen trees. Within this six foot wide free form shape, there is a mass of plant interest throughout the growing season—forget-me-nots, lilies, primroses, pulmonaria, anemones, Giselia tulips of coral color, plus many other spring beauties. Around the base of the trees are varieties of ground covers.

**THERE IS** a service area or just plain garden storage of odd shaped work equipment. This is enclosed by a split rail fence, about three feet high which has been weathered, to give a rich grey

color. The curves in the garden are very graceful. You know that each plant is in its particular location due to its personal culture requirements. They fertilize with Driscuro, bonemeal for bulbs, and superphosphate.

As you hop into your car and look back to the front door and the partial garden seen from the street, you know that this team of gardeners has a garden which could be justly described as "Charm Personified."

**FROM AUSTRALIA** comes the comment, from a research study, that they feel as though there "seems to be a greater host-resistance against cancer in patients who are suffering from this disease and who derive in the garden, than is the case with complete non-gardeners. This may be due to some anti-carcinogenic agent invested from soils or from plants."

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