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Work on Harrington charter continues

by Barbara C. Brown

Work on a new charter for the City of Harrington continued Monday night as members of the Harrington City Council received yet another draft of the proposed revision. This one was labeled "Final Draft", but it is already apparent that the final draft is likely to be revised.

The latest version contains a provision limiting the Mayor and Council members to two successive elected terms. However, Council members were not happy with the wording of the provision which, according to City Solicitor William Walls, Jr., would prohibit someone who served two successive terms on council from running for mayor without waiting a year. The general feeling expressed at Monday night's workshop was that a two-term council member should be able to run for the mayor's post and serve two terms (if elected) before that mandatory waiting period of a year is imposed. A rewritten provision will probably also allow for the reverse situation, a two term mayor running for council. However, council members did not feel the cycle - two terms on council, two terms as mayor - should be endlessly repeated without a waiting period.

In the present city charter there is no limit on the number of terms a person may serve on council or as mayor. On the current council, Jack Wyatt is the only member who has served multiple consecutive terms. He was reelected for a fifth term in January of this year. Daniel Coleman, Ray Gagne, Curtis Melvin and Richard Henry are all serving their first elective terms. Donald Jarrell, sworn in two weeks ago, was appointed to fill the unexpired

term of Bobby Quillen. Mayor Mann is in his second term of office.

If the proposed charter is approved by the City Council and the State Legislature, all the current council members face an election next year in April. One of the provisions of the proposed charter is changing the annual municipal elections from January to April.

According to Mayor Al Mann, approval of the charter would not mean that the city would have to hold two elections in 1984: one in January for the two council members whose terms will expire and one again to elect the council under the terms of the new charter in April. Mann said provisions would be made in the new charter for the council members whose terms expire (Ray Gagne and Donald Jarrell) to be held over until April.

The proposed charter provides for a staggering of the terms on Council from the time of the 1984 election until the regular three year cycle is back in place. In 1984, Council members from Wards One and Three will be elected for two years; those from Wards Two and Four will get one year terms, and Wards Five and six will choose council members for regular three year terms.

The two consecutive term limit will not apply to any terms of office served before the 1984 election. Those presently on council could still serve for two more consecutive elective terms. Time served as a member of council appointed to fill a vacancy would not count against the two elective terms.

In Monday night's discussion, several council members wondered if the shortened terms provided for in the 1984 election should be counted for the



Eight little misses vie for Harrington title

Looking for the Little Miss Harrington crown - Eight little girls will compete in the "Little Miss Harrington" contest on April 9. They are (front row, from left) Miranda Taylor, Stacey Marvel, Jessica Loveless, and Candice Rapp; (back row, from left), Amy Hrupsa, Shelley Winkler, Tammy Roberts and Carrie Farrall.

by Barbara C. Brown

Eight contestants from Harrington will compete for the title of Little Miss Harrington in the annual pageant to be held at Lake Forest High School on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The line-up is as follows:

- Tammy Lynn Roberts - age 5, great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hopkins.
- Miranda Taylor - age 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Charles Taylor.
- Michele Renee Winkler - age 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Winkler and Jerri Winkler.
- Stacy Ann Marvel - age 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marvel.
- Amy Lynn Hrupsa - age 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hrupsa.
- Jessica Loveless - age 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loveless.
- Carrie Dawn Farrall - age 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farrall.
- Candice Lynn Rapp - age 4, daughter of Mrs. Linda A. Rapp and Ronald Rapp.

The escorts will be Jason Dean, son of Mr. Lee Dean and Kip McIlroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McIlroy.

Next week in *The Harrington Journal* meet this year's candidates for the Miss Harrington title in the Lion's Club sponsored pageant.

Sussex Council hears report on septic tank regulations

by David F. Coady

It was standing room only at the Tuesday, March 29th meeting of the Sussex County Council as Robert J. Zimmerman of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNR & EC) gave a presentation on the proposed new septic tank regulations. The presentation included a film short supplied by the University of Wisconsin and a film slide prepared by the Department.

Also present was the Department's Secretary, James E. Wilson III and the Supervisor of Planning, Gerald Esposito. Zimmerman detailed what has been accomplished by the department in the past ten years. Both Wilson and Zimmerman were questioned extensively by County Administrator Joseph T. Conaway and Councilman William D. Stevenson, Sr.

on the proposed one acre per lot requirement for septic tanks.

Zimmerman pointed out that under the proposed regulations a 100 acre lot could be sub-divided for 100 homeowner lots and still leave land available for farming or other use. Zimmerman made mention of the fact that 45% of the septic tanks in Frankford/Dagaboro failed inspection.

Wilson stated that most residents are cooperating with the Department, but that some homeowners had to be taken to Justice of the Peace Court. It was pointed out that the Department of Health has found that 51 public water systems have a nitrate content in excess of acceptable standards. Conaway thanked the DNR & EC for holding so many public meetings before adopting any new regulations.



"Can a Cub to Camp Rodney" - Cub Scouts in Felton's Pack 141 have been waiting since September to get all those aluminum cans out of their closets and garages, from under their beds or wherever. Saturday was their big chance as they participated in the grand opening of the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Center in Dover. They turned in 641 pounds of aluminum and netted \$154.74 towards camp. [For details see "Felton/Sandtown News" on pages 5 & 8.]

purpose of deciding how many consecutive elective terms a council member has served.

Charter Proposals

In addition to changing the date of municipal elections and limiting the terms of elective office, the proposed new charter includes the following:

- The city's six election districts or wards have been redrawn to reflect a more nearly equal representation of the city's population.
- The city's annual citizen's meeting and reorganization meeting have been changed from January to April to coincide with the elections.
- The city's fiscal year would extend from July 1 to June 30, instead of October 1 to September 30. In a corresponding provision, the new charter calls for the City Manager to

prepare the next year's budget for Council consideration by March 1 of each year.

A general assessment would be made of all real property within the city of Harrington every ten years starting with the year 1992. Scrap assessments would continue on a yearly basis.

Workshop Monday

The Council has set another workshop to discuss the latest charter draft next Monday night, April 4, at 7:30. Although it is a workshop session, it is open to the public.

Once the final draft is finalized, the charter will be brought up at a regular session of Council and voted upon. If it is passed by City Council it must go to the state legislature for ultimate approval.

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Lake Forest students win at state convention

The 37th annual State Conference Delaware Association FHA/HERO (Future Homemakers of America/-Home Economics Related Occupations) was held on March 14th and 15th at the Dover Inn. The FHA/HERO organization focuses on individual growth, preparation for family life and careers, development of occupational skills and participation of youth in today's society.

Sixteen Lake Forest High School FHA/HERO local chapter members attended the conference and returned with the following fifteen awards:

- 1st place Poster Oral Presentation, 1st Place Dining Room Service, and 2nd place Salad Production, Darin Dell.
- 1st place Career Notebook and 2nd place Dining Room Service, Kim

Cross. 2nd place Poster Oral Presentation and 2nd Place Food Service Terminology, Dawn Fletcher.

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Roberta O'Neal files for Lake Forest Board

Roberta O'Neal of Harrington, a former teacher at the W.T. Chipman Junior School and in the Harrington schools, has filed for the seat on the Lake Forest Board of Education to be vacant following the retirement of Albert Price on July 1. So far she is the only candidate who has filed.

Filing deadline is Saturday, April 9, in the office of the Kent County Clerk of the Peace until 1 p.m. or at the front door in the county building until 3:30 p.m.

Candidates must be at least eighteen years old, residents of the school district for 30 days, of Kent County for three months, and the state of Delaware for a year.

Publisher's Choice "...a case of sloppy reporting..."

by Harry G. Farrow, Jr.

In last Wednesday's edition of *Crossroads*, a special downstate section in the *News Journal Papers*, it was reported that *The Harrington Journal* circulated a petition signed by "...about 100 citizens of the town", in which they (the citizens) were 100% opposed to the costs suggested for relocation or replacement of a new city hall.

I would like to state emphatically that *The Harrington Journal* never ever circulated a petition at that time or any other time. *The Harrington Journal* reported on the meeting at which time the petition was presented. I am not sure how many citizens were involved in preparing and circulating the petition in question, nor do I think that it is relevant to the issue at hand. The fact that two citizens are employed at *The Harrington Journal* were involved to some extent in the petition should not be binding on *The Harrington Journal*. These citizens, for whatever degree of involvement were acting as private citizens. As private citizens they have always heretofore been permitted to speak their open minds on matters of this nature.

It is a basic and fundamental principle of journalism to verify each side of a story. At no point did the *Wilmington News Journal Papers* contact *The Harrington Journal* to ascertain the truth of the matter. Why....I ask....did not the editor of *Crossroads* or *The News Journal Papers* question the story before it was printed.



Delmarva Power and Light honored ten retiring employees with years of service ranging from 25 to 41 at a dinner at the Harrington Fairgrounds Restaurant on Saturday, March 25th. The ten (not all of them pictured and not in the order in which they appear in the picture) are Thomas E. Brown, 41 years; James H. Cain, 36 years; Frank R. Rothermel, 34 years; James Fitzhugh, 33 years; Woodrow Martin, 33 years; Louder E. McMullen, 33 years; Lawrence H. Cade, 32 years; Lester R. Minner, 32 years; John F. Aptt, 30 years and Katherine D. Dill, 25 years. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Albert "Boots" Mason. Speakers were Mason, Richard Johnson, Clarence Billings, Dave Elzey and Doug Boyce. The ten retirees include those who took advantage of an early retirement option offered by DPL last fall.

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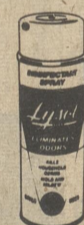


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