

G. W. Penfold Elected Star Harbor Mayor By Landslide

G. W. Penfold was elected the first Mayor of newly incorporated Star Harbor City by a landslide 36 votes of the 39 cast Wednesday, September 9. Announced by election Judge Carl Floto as those elected to serve alderman posts were Lee Flagg, Jim Harris, Frank Jenull, Carl Lawling, and Nev Williams.

W. T. Rhodes was elected Marshall with 33 votes. The five aldermen, according to Floto, were not closely contested by any other write-ins, each getting in the vicinity of 30 votes.

The election of the City's first slate of officials was conducted by the write-in method. A tentative list of candidates was not made public prior to the election.

Two absentee votes were cast at the County Clerk's office in

Athens prior to the deadline last Saturday noon. County Clerk Joe Fowler was the absentee election judge. Floto was assisted by Mrs. U. E. Travis as alternate judge, and balloting was conducted at the Star Harbor Club House, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Star Harbor was formerly a private subdivision on Cedar Creek Lake, developed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and the Cedar Creek Lake Enterprises, Inc. The new township is located about 3 miles from Malakoff, and about one mile from Caney City (by water). The town consumes about two square miles and is bordered on two sides by water. It is situated near the dam of the lake, and inhabited by more than two hundred residents. The Star Harbor group

sought incorporation in order to avoid a future possibility of becoming annexed to any other city.

The community which has its own water system and other fine conveniences is termed as ideal to operate as a township.


Mayor O. A. Phillips, Jr. of Malakoff publicly praised the Star Harbor proposal to seek incorporation when news of the possibility leaked out in Malakoff. He said rumors that Malakoff had an eye on Star Harbor toward annexing it into the Malakoff boundaries were untrue, and that he felt the area should incorporate for its own protection and peace of mind. He offered the city of Malakoff's full cooperation in assisting the newly formed city in anyway possible.

with 20 minutes of calisthenics and later he gets out to jog a few blocks. He and his wife belong to a dance club, and they take long walks together.

Many retired persons and their spouses, including Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Penfold, don't like the idea of spending their retired years amid the bustle of city living. The Penfolds bought a couple of lots at the south end of Cedar Creek Lake and, four years ago, built a split-level brick home there.

"The air is clean and fresh out here," says Penfold, a former truck rental agency executive. He leaned against the wood railing of his boat dock and surveyed the blue-green water that stretched away toward a

distant shore line. His three grandchildren spend a lot of time fishing from the dock. Penfold doesn't fish as often as he did when they moved to the lake. But when the fish supply gets low in the freezer, he lowers his 16-foot boat into the water, cranks up its 60-horsepower outboard motor and goes out on the lake to replenish the supply. Most afternoons he drives his electrically powered golf cart a few hundred yards to the 9-hole golf course in the Bar Harbor community where he lives.

A year ago Penfold's neighbors elected him mayor of the newly incorporated lake community. "Since then I've been fairly busy with city work," he says. "There is always something to do, and yet nothing is so urgent it can't be put off until tomorrow if you want." 



G.W. Penfold wanted to escape from city life when he retired. Here he surveys Cedar Creek Lake from the boat dock at his home.



G. W. Penfold, foreground, raises his hand to accept the oath of office of mayor of the newly incorporated township of Star Harbor three miles north of Malakoff on Cedar Creek Lake. The oath was administered by Attorney Robert Fields of Athens. Witnessing the cere-

mony are, from left, Aldermen Lee Fagg, Nev Williams, Frank Jenull and Carl Lawing, and City Marshal W. T. Rhodes. Refreshments were served and no business was transacted at a business meeting held afterwards. (Photo by Terry Hopkins).