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A wagon, two work horses and a trail rider brought back the horse and buggy days Monday when a load of tobacco was delivered to Farmers Warehouse in Warrenton for final sale. The wagon delivery, owned by Syd Cooper, wagonmaster at Double C Farms, was guarded by Danny

Bolton, alias "Little Jim," riding behind with a 12 gauge shotgun. The scene at Farmers, one of the area's oldest warehouses, created a good deal of attention in town that day. (Staff Photo)

Hazardous Intersection

Main Street from its South end to the corner at John Graham High School is a part of Highway 401. At Franklin Street it is joined by traffic from 1001; and at Macon Street it is joined by traffic from 158 and from 43 and 58. At this corner, where traffic from three highways intersect on the top of a hill, the traffic signal light was out of fix for five days with motorists depending on a constant flashing red light to solve traffic difficulties.

This is in the heart of the business district and pedestrians have had narrow escapes and motorists have had their near misses. Fortunately, no one has yet been hurt and no cars badly damaged.

The State Department of Transportation is charged with the upkeep of these streets and with the operation of traffic lights. According to the local police department when only one color would show in the traffic lights, guiding traffic in only one direction, the State Department of Transportation ordered the flashing red light,

indicating danger and caution, placed into operation, until such time as the light could be repaired. This has caused a frequent back-up of traffic for more than a block, but has failed to bring town policemen out to direct traffic.

The delay in repairing the light, we were informed by local police officers, is that the State Department of Transportation did not have a spare part on hand, which certainly does not speak well of the efficiency of this department.

The type of light used at the Macon and Main corner appears to be pretty standard, and if it were a town matter the light at the post office corner could be moved to the Main-Macon corner. However, it is not a town matter, beyond having the local police department direct traffic temporarily. Since we have standard traffic lights with standard and, presumably, interchangeable parts, it does not seem unreasonable to expect the Department of Transportation to have a few spare lights and many spare parts on hand.

Conservation Aid

An aid to the conservation of energy as well as money may be found in the invention of a long-life bulb which is ready for development. The new light bulb may add up to ten years, according to the Department of Agricultural Information of North Carolina State University.

Under a contract with the U. S. Energy Research and Development Administration the bulb will be developed over the next year, says Everette Prossie, agricultural extension housing and house furnishing specialist at North Carolina State University.

According to the recent release, "The fluorescent 'litex' bulb resembles a 100-watt

incandescent bulb, fits standard sockets and produces a warm white light similar to the familiar incandescent bulb.

"Because it contains no wire filament that can burn out, it can last at least several years and possibly a decade or more."

ERDA Assistant Administrator Ustin N. Heller, says that preliminary studies show that full nationwide use of this new electrodeless fluorescent lamp could save more than 500,000 barrels of oil per day.

Incandescent lighting now costs Americans more than six billion dollars annually. The Litex Bulb would reduce energy consumption by 70 per cent compared to the conventional incandescent bulb.

Commissioners Act Upon Brief Business Agenda

Business was brief at Monday's board meeting for Warrenton commissioners as non-returning members left at mid-session, with their seats filled by newly elected members.

Commissioners Sam Massey, Bill Leary, Bill Lanier and Norfleet Cliborne all left the meeting at the conclusion of new business. Their terms expire Dec. 1.

The vacated seats were then taken by new members Richard Hunter, A. A. Wood, Eddie Clayton, Tom Gaskill and A. C. Fair.

Returning commissioners B. G. White and Gordon Haithcock, along with re-elected Mayor W. A. Miles remained to conduct the meeting.

Members of the current board did authorize Debbie Clary, clerk and secretary at town hall, to sign papers relating to the town's PSE payroll account, in the absence of a town manager. The board also named

commissioner B. G. White to serve as negotiator for the 201 sewer study and subsequent program. He will meet periodically with the engineers involved.

No action was taken on a report given by former town manager Bill Davis regarding possible participation in a grant program with the State Department of Transportation.

The program, according to Davis, offers 50 percent matching grants for replacing worn out traffic regulatory signs in the community. Davis said stop signs, yield signs, no traffic signs and the like could be replaced.

Participation in the 50-50 state and local funding program is mandatory if the town wishes to participate in an additional program whereby street name signs are replaced.

Davis said this latter program had a 70 percent state funding incentive with the remaining 30 percent

derived from local sources.

Also reviewed was a board insurance policy protecting members against discrimination suits or similar legal situations with coverage of up to \$1 million.

Certificates of election were presented to new board members. The certificates were issued by the Board of Elections.

Following discussion of regular business, a briefing and update of county and municipal grant programs was given by Davis for the benefit of new board members.

Editor's Quote Book

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

Chinese Proverb

By BIGNALL JONES

At the Henderson Smoke Shop late Sunday afternoon I was informed that the Sunday edition of The Charlotte Observer would not arrive until Monday and in its place I bought the Sunday edition of The Washington Post, paying 87c for this large edition.

The drawback to such a paper is that there is too much for one to read but by confining my attention largely to the editorial section I found myself entertained and instructed. Since the paper is at the house and I am writing this at the office, I do not remember the author of "The Racial Wall," which I found thought-provoking. The author points out that while there is classroom and business integration between whites and blacks there is very little real integration between the races socially.

Lack of social integration is a fact in schools North and South, the author finds, and the extent to which it is a problem varies from college to college. The author says that it is less of a problem at Harvard University than at

most schools with similar ratio enrollment. He attributes this to the facts that Harvard has refused to lower its admission standards, something about which the University of North Carolina is having trouble with HEW. This statement caused me to wonder if there is still one law for the North and another for the South?

A number of years ago, Dwaine Walls was in Warren County seeking information for his book, "Chickenbone Special," dealing with migration of blacks to the North in the Sixties.

I found him easy to talk to and with, intelligent and learned to like him. One thinks of another often after parting, but as time goes on one recalls another less and less. So it was with Dwaine Walls; it may have been years since I have thought of him, but Sunday night I read a feature in The Washington Post and its author was Dwaine Walls.

Another feature was on Japan and its ability to undersell many other countries. The Japanese say they are vulnerable to good sales-

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manship from other countries, particularly from America, and that they are being undersold by Taiwan and North Korea. They attribute their success to job security and the work ethic.

Another reason that Japan and other countries may be able to undersell us is that we have relieved them of the burden of armaments. This is my own and not the author's conclusion, but the arms race between the United States and Russia is bound to be reflected in higher prices in the United States and a lower living standard in Russia.

I was talking to a hard-

ware merchant recently and he said that he could sell a Japanese-made wrench for about a fifth of the cost of a similar wrench made in America. This is, of course, a sore spot with American tool manufacturers, and they seek a tariff to raise the price of Japanese imports.

This has its disadvantages, among them it hurts American exports, and it is also a tax on the American consumer. If a farmer pays \$10 for a wrench that he might buy for \$2, it should be obvious that it is an \$8 tax on that particular farmer.

Sunday seems to have been a pretty good day for

reading. I read in The News and Observer Sunday morning an article about cancer. The author of the article stated that there are many causes for cancer, environment and heredity being two. In America the rate of breast cancer, he said, was 15 per 1000 while in Japan the rate is one per 1000.

Yet, the author said, the rate among the Japanese in America is the same as for other races. Is the difference caused by food? by fog? by environment?

When scientists find out another step toward the cure of cancer may have been taken.

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