

## Bids Asked on Scrap, Old Car Batteries

More than 50 tons of scrap and 50 old car batteries no longer of value to the state are being offered for sale by the State of New York and Willowbrook State School.

The scrap, 50 tons of mixed and 1,500 pounds of lead, is composed of pieces of old hospital equipment that have been replaced.

Money collected will be turned over to the state treasury. Bids for the property will be accepted until Feb. 9 by the office of General Services, Bureau of Surplus Property, 143 Washington Ave. Albany. Inquiries may be sent to this

office of Ernest Palcic, business officer, Willowbrook State Hospital.

The scrap, located at the Department of Mental Hygiene

on the Willowbrook grounds, will be sold "as is, where is" to the highest bidder. It may be inspected between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## 2 Employees Nabbed In Willowbrook Theft

Detectives last night arrested the senior engineer and his assistant and charged them with the theft of 400 feet of brass pipe from Willowbrook State School. The brass was valued at nearly \$4,000.

The suspects, Paul Kempe, 42, of 1907 Richmond Ave., Bulls Head, and William Meisel, 46, of 421 Watchogue Rd., Willowbrook, were taken into custody by Detectives James J. Dugan and John B. Love to conclude an investigation which was launched Sept. 28, a week after the theft was discovered.

After being questioned by Assistant District Attorney Jerome M. Neuberger, police say the pair made a statement admitting the theft of the brass and other metal over a period of years.

Kempe, the senior engineer, has been employed at the facility for 18 years. Meisel, an engineer, had worked at the power plant for eight years.

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THE COMPLAINTS were made by Dr. Jack Hammond, senior director, and Ernest Palcic, senior business officer at the institution.

According to police, the brass piping was taken from a hot water line which ran through a tunnel from the boiler room to the laundry. It had not been in use for several months.

Police say the brass was sold to a junk dealer for less than \$300.

The suspects were to be arraigned today in Criminal Court on grand larceny charges.

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