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The Hackney Brothers' firm of Wilson is unhappy. The outfit was clipped \$8,500 for failing to live up to a contract with the State, and has powerful friends trying to get its money refunded.

The story—first reported in this column—goes like this:

On April 7 Hackney Brothers got a contract to build bodies for 450 badly needed school buses. Under the contract, the Wilson firm was to deliver the buses at the rate of seven percent (32 buses) a week, starting one month after the chassis were delivered to them. The 450 chassis went to the Wilson firm on May 10, so the first 32 buses were to have been delivered by June 9 and the contract completed by September 1.

By July 27 not one single bus had been delivered. Hackney pleaded wartime difficulty in getting steel — but the contract was given him April 7, two and one-half months before the Korean war started and while he still could have ordered the steel.

On July 27, Contract and Purchase Division Director Charlie Williams sent a registered letter to Hackney Brothers calling for delivery or else. The "or else" was

WSCS Christmas Meet Held Last Monday

The annual Christmas meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held last Monday in the home of Mrs. J. F. Coltrane.

A program on health was presented by Mesdames Ed Kitchings, Joe Tippett, and S. G. Flowers.

Investigation of Tragic Pilot Fire Continues; Bones Cause Questions

Although it is possible that bones found in the ruins of the one-room house in Pilot belong to one of the victims who was burned to death last Tuesday morning, investigation is continuing, Franklin County Coroner William W. O'Neal said yesterday, and the case will be held open until sufficient evidence is found to definitely state whether or not a third person lost his life in the fire.

Known to be killed in the arag-ic fire are Joseph Cleveland Jones, 64-year-old farmer, and Berkley R. Upchurch, 32, who worked at E. P. Privette's Cafe near Pilot. Henry Tant, sole survivor, said

covered by a clause in the contract which says: "In case of default of the contractor, the State may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby."

Williams pulled 100 buses from Hackney, sent them to a Georgia firm to have bus bodies put on them. That cost \$45 per bus above the Hackney bid of \$1,110 per bus, plus some \$40 per bus extra in transportation and inspection charges. In other words, each of those buses cost the State approximately \$85 more than the Hackney bid.

It wasn't until August 12 that Hackney delivered the first bus. By October 16—a month and a half late — the last of the original 450 buses contracted for had been delivered, with Hackney actually

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Nothing Found Stolen Following Break-in

The Zebulon Drug Company was entered sometime Sunday night or Monday morning, but an initial check has disclosed nothing missing, Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins said.

The intruder made his entry through the rear of the building in the basement and entered the main floor. Police believed it probably that he was scared away before he could take anything.

The Zebulon Police Department and members of the Wake County Sheriff's department are investigating the case.

that he woke and found the house in flames. He ran out of the shack in his underwear to summon aid. His burns were treated by Dr. Durward Stallings, who sent him to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where he is under treatment.

Coroner O'Neal said that Dr. Stallings reported the bones "looked like human bones," but the coroner said it is possible they belonged to either Upchurch or Jones, although they were found under the burned bed.

The doctor's report ended the possibility that the bones might have been the remains of part of a hog which had been given to Jones before the fire.

Community Chest Drive Continues; Women To Work Next Week

With about 25 per cent of its \$2,000 goal achieved, the drive for funds for the Zebulon Community Chest is continuing through this week in the business district and until January 1 in the residential area, Committee Chairman C. V. Whitley announced yesterday.

Half the business men have been seen, the chairman added, and although contributions in most cases have been smaller than anticipated, only two refusals have been met to date.

Willie B. Hopkins and G. C. Massey were soliciting funds in the business district yesterday, and will continue their work through Wednesday.

Kaapn Taiton and J. C. Debnam worked last week, collecting about \$500 for the Community Chest.

The money collected will all be used locally, going to local charity, the recreation program and the scouting program.

Members of the Junior and Senior Woman's Club will work in the residential areas next week, giving every person in town an opportunity to contribute to the Community Chest.

This is the first time that this community has had its own Community Chest. In past years it has cooperated in the Raleigh Community Chest, but dissatisfaction at the disposition of Chest funds caused Zebulon to withdraw and from the Zebulon Community Chest, under the direction of the Community Council.

Every person who contributes to the Zebulon Community Chest becomes an active member with the privilege of voting for the officers of the group as soon as the membership campaign is completed.

Chairman Whitley emphasized that the committee appointed by the Community Council is temporary and will be replaced by permanent officers as soon as the present drive is completed.

Worship Program, Social Hour to Be Held Wednesday by Church

The Zebulon Baptist Church will have its Christmas party Wednesday night at 7:30 when a worship program will be followed by a social hour with Santa Claus as guest of honor.

"The Christmas Story," told with color slides and music, will be shown.

Gifts will be brought to the party as part of a White Christmas. The gifts will be for local charity, distributed through the Church Welfare Committee in cooperation with the Welfare Committee of the Community Council.

Christmas Play To Be Presented At Methodist Church

"Three Gifts," a short Christmas play, will be presented Friday evening at 8:00 by the Methodist Church. The public is invited to enjoy the fellowship of the Methodists at this time.

The White Gifts will be a part of the program, the gifts being sent to the Methodist Orphanage.

Smokey Says:



Carelessness and forest fires are companions.

Cannoneers Prove Hard To Beat but Frat Boys Finally Emerge Victorious

The Battery A Cannoneers battled through two overtime periods before dropping a thrilling 66-64 basketball game to the visiting Sigma Chi fraternity team from Wake Forest College, in a game played in the Wakelon gymnasium last Friday night.

With seconds remaining at the end of the regulation game, Copeland ties the score for Sigma Chi with a long shot, sends the game into overtime with a 58-58 score.

Clif Gilliam laid up a field goal to tie the first overtime period at 62-62 for the Cannoneers after the frat five had gone ahead, and the rough contest extended into another overtime period.

The collegians outlasted the Cannoneers in the final period to take their two-point 66-64 victory.

Copeland scored 29 points to lead the winner, and Greene with 21 points and Strickland with 12 led the Cannoneers.

Walter T. Walker, 64, Dies of Heart Attack

Walter T. Walker, 64, a retired farmer of Zebulon, Route 3, died Tuesday night, December 12, at Watts Hospital in Durham. He was visiting his son when he was stricken with a heart attack.

Mr. Walker was born in Person County. For the past fourteen years he had lived near Zebulon and was engaged in farming.

Surviving are his wife; two step-daughters, Mrs. James H. Parrish, Jr., and Mrs. Samuel Edwards, both of Zebulon, Route 3; two daughters, Mrs. Ben Veasey and Mrs. Otis Melvin; three sons, Hicks, Henry, and Luther Walker, all of Durham County.

Mystery Surrounds O'Neal Death; Johnston Officers Aren't Talking

Mystery shrouded the death of Foch P. O'Neal, 32-year-old farmer of near Zebulon, whose body was found in an overturned automobile Tuesday night, the Johnston County Sheriff's Department reported yesterday. Conditions surrounding the wrecked car led to doubt that O'Neal lost his life in a car wreck.

Felton Ennis of Wendell has been jailed pending the completion of an investigation into the death. The dead man was found by Ennis and Mrs. Eddie Joseph, es-

Long List of Families Need Christmas Aid Of Clothing and Food

With the additional names provided by the Wake County Welfare Department, the list of needy families who will be greatly helped by Christmas baskets has been completed, Kenneth Hopkins said yesterday. The list is available at the Town Office for organizations and individuals to use in selecting persons to be helped.

Persons and groups who plan to provide Christmas baskets are urged to contact Kenneth, giving the names of those they will help so that the names may be taken from the list to avoid duplication.

Those groups who want the names of persons needing help can contact Kenneth any time this week.

Included on the list are the following cases who are badly in need of aid this Christmas. Names and addresses are available at the Town Office.

No. 2: Family, consisting of husband, wife, four girls and one boy, ranging in ages from five months to six years.

No. 3: Family, widow and three children.

No. 4: Family, mother, and two children.

No. 5: Family, father part blind, five children.

No. 6: Family, colored, mother, three children, boys 2 and 5, girl 3 years old.

No. 7: Family of ten; five boys, ages 9 months to 13 years; two girls, two and ten.

No. 8: Family of twelve; four boys, ages two to ten; six girls, ages two to twelve.

No. 9: Family, two adults.

No. 10: Family, one adult.

No. 11: Family, two adults.

No. 12: Family of eight; three girls, four to eleven; three boys, six to twelve.

No. 13: Family of seven; three boys, two to eleven; three girls, four to eight.

No. 14: Family of four; boy nine; girl three.

No. 15: Family of four; boy twelve; girl eleven.

No. 16: Family; boy twelve.

No. 17: Family of six; boy six; four girls, one to eight.

No. 18: Family of three; boy twelve; girl eleven.

No. 19: Family of two.

No. 20: Family of two.

Christmas Program

Union Chapel will have its annual Christmas Program Friday night at 7:30 when a Christmas program will be given, followed by a movie, "Child of Bethlehem." Following the movie, presents will be given out.

tranged wife of the operator of a Wendell cafe.

A preliminary investigation led officers to believe O'Neal had died in the accident, but subsequent investigation, the nature of which has not been disclosed, led to Ennis' arrest.

The Johnston County Sheriff's office refused to comment on the case, other than to say that bond had not been set for Ennis, that they had no information to release, and that the investigation is continuing.