

WELLINGTON.—NEIL LAWRENCE WILSON, camera, &c., stolen: The camera has been recovered by the Wellington police, having been left with the clothing described below at a Chinese laundry about eighteen months ago by a **Man** (name unknown), of whom no description is available: Two pairs of dark-grey heavy socks; a Summit Fuseply shirt, 15 in. neck with "H.M." in ink thereon; and a grey flannel Hilltop shirt with white binding around neck, size 15½ in. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 641.)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

AUCKLAND.—On the 27th September last, the property described hereunder was found in possession of **John Leslie Florance** and **Herbert Lorraine Woodham**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 847, but the owners have not been located: A Rolls razor, No. B. 288713, without handle, "J.A.H." on rim of case; a Hockley Abbey 100 ft. tape in leather case, No. 250, end of tape repaired and ring tied with string, initials resembling "A.G.S." in pencil on case with "H.E." scratched over them; a three-gallon cream-can made by A. Harvey and Son, Auckland, "159" over "12" stamped on it; a carpenter's canvas tool-kit with leather handles containing the following tools: a Cheney hammer with "T" burnt in end of handle; two carpenter's squares, one large and the other small, "1" cut in handle of smaller one; a bevel with iron handle; a 3 ft. Rabone rule; portion of a 3 ft. Rabone rule; a file 8 in. long; and a No. 4 Bailey plane, iron with wooden handle which is broken.

MOERA.—The bicycles described hereunder were found in Moera between 12th August and 25th September last, but the owners have not been located—(1) A gentlemen's maroon Empire, No. 9351, Brooks saddle, front wheel missing, Clipper tire on rear wheel, rubber pedals. (2) A gentlemen's black, No. Z.X. 9919, free-wheel back-peddalling brake, Dunlop saddle, Reidrubber tires, dynamo attached. (3) A gentlemen's black fixed-wheel, No. E. 25514, upturned handle-bars, leather saddle, Dunlop tires.

(1) and (2) Delivered to finder: 20/2/46

ABSENTEES, DESERTERS, ETC., FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

AUCKLAND.—23rd ultimo, on **Air Force warrant** for being absent from R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Hobsonville, without leave, **Richard James Frear**, alias **Richard Frear**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 303.

AUCKLAND.—1st instant, on **military warrant** for being absent from Papakura Camp without leave, **Douglas Gordon Edwards**, age twenty-one, height 6 ft., printer's apprentice, good build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, grey eyes.

Cancelled 17/1/45

MOTOR REGISTRATION-PLATES, ETC., LOST

Motor registration-plates, Nos. H. 26,580, 124,142, R. 6,094, and 1944-45 license No. R. 214 (Auckland), R. 5,888 (Ellerslie), 44,133 (Wanganui), R. 172 (Masterton), 21,931, 24,623, and 218,598 (Wellington.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Retirement under Section 32, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, as medically unfit

No. 3043. Constable Kilgour, George Weston. 10th December, 1944.

Medals for Long Service and Good Conduct have been awarded in terms of Regulation 320 to the Following Members of the Force

No. 2839. Constable Goodson, Robert William.
No. 3118. Constable Rush, Henry Reginald.
No. 3119. Constable Agnew, Thomas.
No. 3120. Constable Vickers, Allen Wilfred.
No. 3121. Constable Coll, William.
No. 3122. Constable Buckley, Arthur James.
No. 3123. Constable Trask, Earnst Royden.
No. 3124. Constable Kemp, Mark.
No. 3128. Constable Phillips, George Edward.
No. 3129. Constable Morrison, Albert Thomas.
No. 3130. Detective McLean, James Bain.
No. 3131. Constable Parkes, Bernard Sefton.
No. 3133. Constable Ogilvie, George Philp.
No. 3134. Constable Johnston, Arthur James.
No. 3135. Constable Mackie, Adam.
No. 3136. Detective Mason, William John.
No. 3137. Constable Julian, Robert Francis.
No. 3139. Constable Forsyth, Reginald Roy.
No. 3140. Detective Hogan, Garrett.

Memorandum]

Control and Prevention of Forest Fires

The following memorandum has been received from the Director of Forestry. The desired assistance should be given whenever requested.

J. CUMMINGS, Commissioner of Police.
(P. 44/1480.)

State Forest Service,
Wellington C.I, 12th December, 1944.

Memorandum for
The Commissioner of Police,
Wellington, C.I.

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES

Provisions relative to fire offences in State Forests and Fire Districts are contained in the Forests Act, 1921-22, sections 27 and 44 and the Forest (Fire-prevention) Regulations 1940 (1940/246), as amended (1943/31).

Occasionally fires occur which endanger valuable forests and which in the opinion of local officers can hardly be termed accidental but are caused through carelessness or deliberate action in defiance of the law. In many cases unfortunately the offenders go undetected owing to the difficulty which local Forest Officers experience in securing evidence.

If some of these offenders who create a serious menace could be brought before the Court the publicity would undoubtedly act as a strong deterrent to this type of offence and be the means of saving considerable expense in fire-fighting and possibly avert what could easily be a national disaster particularly in respect of the exotic forests, both State-owned and privately owned, in the Rotorua-Taupo District.

I therefore seek your co-operation and assistance in dealing with the matter and suggest that arrangements be made whereby in the event of an outbreak of fire of unknown origin that your local officer would, on request by the Forest Officer in charge of the Fire District or State Forest affected, proceed to the fire as soon as possible after the occurrence and endeavour to obtain evidence of the cause of the outbreak.

I feel sure that the fact that such fires are subject to police investigation will act as a deterrent and greatly assist in the prevention of fire.

I therefore trust that it may be possible for arrangements to be made accordingly.

A. R. ENTRICAN, Director of Forestry.

Members of the Force will please note that this is the last issue of the Police Gazette this year. The next issue will be on the 10th January, 1945.