

NAPIER.—Between the 24th August and 6th September last, the dwelling of **EVELYN FLORENCE CLARK**, West-shore, was broken into and the following stolen: A ladies' one-piece frock, yellow, black, and grey spots on rusty-coloured ground; a ladies' blue print frock with frill around bottom similar to pleating, red, white, and blue spots, small bow in front, long sleeves with pleating up sides; a ladies' pale-green taffeta frock with silver-coloured flowers all over, panners on side, silver-coloured trimmings on front; a ladies' deep-blue three-piece pyjama suit, edges trimmed with white, red, white, and blue square on front, three-quarter dressing-gown; two pairs of ladies' pink bloomers; a pair of gentlemen's tan shoes, size 6½; and a small box containing £6: total value, £16 10s. Identifiable except money.

LEVIN.—**EMILY MUDGWAY'S** dwelling broken into: **Edmond Norman Connolly**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1935, page 629, and **John Bethune St. Clair Malcolm**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1935, page 653, have been charged with the offence. No more of the stolen property has been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 605.)

UPPER RICCARTON.—5th September last, from the dwelling of **DELICIA KING**, 3 Avonhead Road, a six-valve Majestic radio-set, brown-stained cabinet about 2 ft. square, No. 17345, "King" written in lead-pencil under number, slightly scratched on left-hand corner near back; value, £21. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **Two Men** (names unknown)—(1) Age about twenty-five, hawker, dark complexion, wavy dark hair; dressed in a brown suit (no hat); foreign appearance; and (2) age about forty, hawker, medium height, dark complexion; dressed in a dark suit and felt hat. They were driving an old grey or green five-seater tourer motor-car, thought to be a Dodge.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

DEVONPORT.—**NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT'S** (Defence Department) compass has been returned: No further action is desired. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 405.)

AUCKLAND.—**HAROLD GEORGE SENIOR'S** bicycle has been recovered by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 433.)

NAPIER.—**LEONARD GEORGE EARNSHAW'S** bicycle has been recovered by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 170.)

WAIPIKURAU.—**FREDEICK FRYER'S** rifle has been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 461.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**CYRIL LAWRENCE HARWOOD'S** bicycle has been recovered by the Christchurch police, and the offenders dealt with. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 433.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**LEONARD WATSON'S** bicycle has been recovered by the Christchurch police, and the offenders dealt with. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 634.)

DUNEDIN.—**ARTHUR BASIL POWELL'S** bicycle stolen: Parts of the bicycle have been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 310.)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

HAMILTON.—Inquiries are to be made for the owner of the bicycle described hereunder, which was found on 26th September last: A gentlemen's red racing, reversed semi-upturned handles, rat-trap pedals, Brooks racing saddle (fitted with tool-bag), Cruiser tire on front and Romac tire on rear, Bosch electric generator and lamp attached, aluminium painted rims, two pump-clips on bar.

MISSING.

WELLINGTON.—**Jack Wilson**, missing: On the afternoon of the 21st ultimo he sold his wristlet-watch to Cohos Paris, second-hand dealer, for £1 5s. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 663.)

ABSCONDERS FROM STATE INSTITUTIONS.

AUCKLAND.—23rd August last, from New Street Receiving-home, **Minnie Day**, alias "**Poppy**" **Day**, age eighteen, height about 5 ft. 5 in., native of New Zealand, fair complexion, reddish hair; wearing a green dress with black facings (no hat).

AUCKLAND.—4th ultimo, from the licensed service of H. S. Mackay, farmer, Waiuku, **Ronald Keith McGrath**, age about fifteen, height 5 ft. 3 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, strong build, dark complexion. When located, if he is found to be employed by and living with respectable people, he is not to be arrested.

MANAIA.—19th September last, from the licensed service of Fred Mills, farmer, Kokiri Road, **George James Granich**, age sixteen, height 5 ft., labourer, native of New Zealand, slight build, fair complexion; dressed in a navy-blue suit, felt hat, and black shoes. He is to be returned to the Boys' Training-farm, Weraroa.

ABSENTEE FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

NAPIER.—13th instant, on warrant for being absent from H.M.S. "Leith" without leave, **Donavan Silver Hawker**, age thirty-four, height 5 ft. 7 in., fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, brown eyes, scars on head and on left temple, hole through top of left ear; dressed in naval uniform, consisting of a cloth suit with double-breasted coat, three gold-coloured buttons on each sleeve, peak cap, and blue mackintosh. He wears a gold star with "W" in centre.

PERMIT TO PROCURE FIREARM REFUSED.

DUNEDIN.—A permit to procure or import a firearm is not to be issued to the person named hereunder without reference to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington: **Arthur Ernest Sanderson**, age forty-five, height 5 ft. 8 in., medium build, fair hair and complexion. He resides at 24 Grange Street, Dunedin. (P. 22/520/2074.)

MOTOR REGISTRATION-PLATES LOST.

Motor registration-plates, No. D. 413 (Wellington), No. 27,402 (Temuka); and motor-cycle registration-plates, Nos. 11,723 and 11,713 (Lower Hutt).

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

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EXAMINATION QUALIFYING FOR RANK OF SERGEANT.

No 2810. Constable Sutherland, Ronald James, having previously passed the Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge Examination, is deemed in terms of Regulation No. 417 to have completed the examination qualifying for the rank of Sergeant.

The entry in Police Gazette, 1935, page 664, should be amended accordingly.

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 18th November, 1935.

Memorandum.]

Evidence of Officers of Police in Civil Actions.

1. The following instructions are issued in consequence of recent developments connected with traffic accidents on public roads, and more particularly with inquiries made in the interests of insurance companies supporting the defence of actions under the Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Act, 1928; but are applicable to other kinds of action. They are to be followed pending a more certain elucidation of the position by authoritative legal decisions.

2. A member of the Police Force is compellable to the same extent as any other individual to testify to matters of objective fact directly observed by him, such as the movements and positions of persons and vehicles, and whether the observations were casual or taken by formal measurement. He should, however, not attend except under subpoena and when subpoenaed should immediately inform his superior officer of the fact. Without the authority of the officer in charge of the district he should not beforehand permit a proof of his evidence to be taken or in any way indicate what evidence he can furnish.

3. Information coming to the knowledge of an officer in his capacity as a servant of the Crown, and not such as might have been gathered by any individual who was in the same place at the same time, is, however, subject to a claim of State privilege on the ground of public policy. It is a matter for the political or administrative head of the Department to decide in any particular case whether the public interest requires that the claim of privilege should or should not be made. It is considered that no distinction can be drawn between privileged information that has been put into documentary form and such as remains only in the memory of the person who obtained it.

No further action 8/4/36