



Driving Without Due Care & Attention

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Tisbury Petty Sessions

As an outcome of a collision at Chicklade on May 19th Ernest I. Matthews, Weston Manor, Weston-on-the-Green, Oxon., was summoned for driving a motor car without due care and attention. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. A. B. Lemon.

Conrad Schultz, hotel manager of Torquay, who was driving from Exeter to London, stated that as he was passing a side road near Chicklade House defendant's vehicle emerged on to the main road and struck his car almost broadside.

Mervyn Robert Fitzgerald, farmer of Chicklade, stated that he was driving from Hindon to Chicklade. As he approached the major road he saw Mr. Schultz' car proceeding towards London at a speed of 30 or 40 miles per hour. He stopped to allow Schultz to go by, but defendant, who had been following in his rear, pulled out and drove on to the main road where a collision took place. He estimated defendant's speed at about 15 miles per hour. He could not say whether defendant's car pulled up before overtaking.

PC Winchcombe, to whom a complaint was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, said there was a "Major Road Ahead" sign but no "Halt" sign on the Hindon-Chicklade Road.

Defendant, a chauffeur, with a clean record since 1909, stated that he was 50 yards from the corner when Mr. Fitzgerald's car stopped. He pulled up and waited until a car had passed on the main road, and then crawled out at a speed of three to four miles per hour, and turned to go to Chicklade House. His car was practically straight on the London Road when the impact occurred, and he was of opinion that Mr. Schultz had room to pass.

The magistrates imposed a fine of £2 with £2 14s. 7d. costs and the licence was endorsed.

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