



Charge of Allowing A Boy Under 16 to Drive A Tri-Car

Tisbury Petty Sessions Thursday

John Lee of Rose Hill, St Asaph, Flint, was summoned for having on January 10th at Chicklade, permitted a boy, while under the age of 16 to drive a tri-car. He was also summoned for having permitted the boy to drive it when not covered by third party insurance.

The boy had been summoned for having committed the offence, but as the summonses had not been served, Supt Barrett asked leave to withdraw them, and this was agreed to.

PC Goulding stated that as the tri-car approached him at Chilmark it stopped, and defendant got out of the passenger's seat, walked around and got into the driver's seat, which the boy had vacated. The tri-car then came toward him. He stopped the driver and asked the boy's age, and was told that he was 14½ years. Defendant also said the boy had never held a licence, but he thought he would let him drive the car on the open road to see what it was like. He was not aware that his insurance was void owing to the boy not having held a licence.

Mr A K Rutter, Shaftesbury, for the defendant, said he was a schoolmaster, and the boy was a pupil. He very foolishly offered the boy a chance to drive the car, intending to take it over again before entering Chicklade. He was able to control the car as it was fitted with a central control. He had been driving for 22 years and had a clean record.

The Bench said they hoped this would be a warning to defendant and they would dismiss it on payment of 8s costs.

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