

Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

Joan Margaret Robinson

Mrs Joan Margaret Robinson, of Lowfield Farm, Oaksey, pleaded guilty at Cirencester Court on Wednesday to driving a car without due care and attention at Cirencester on March 18. She was fined £3 and 5s costs, and her licence was endorsed.

Inspector Newman, of Cirencester, said that he was on duty on the Watermoor side of the junction of the Somerford Keynes and Chesterton roads when he saw an Army tank conveyor coming towards the crossing. A military patrol was signaling traffic, and witness saw a black saloon car suddenly appear from behind the conveyor, which had pulled out.

The car was travelling at a fast speed, and its off-side wheel knocked against the pavement on the off-side of the road. Mrs Robinson, who was driving the car, accelerated and cut in front of the conveyor, which was still moving. The car went on over the crossing, right in the path of the conveyor.

Inspector Edwards, of Malmesbury, said that when he interviewed Mrs Robinson, she said that she was following the conveyor, which had a left-hand drive. When that vehicle was by Oaksey Hall School it drew nearer to the side and one of the occupants waved her on. She stopped when about 50 yards past the crossing. Owing to the noise made by the conveyor, she did not notice any signal for her to stop before.

Mrs Robinson told the Bench that she had nothing to add to this statement. She was fined £3 and 5s costs.

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