



Ernest Cottle

“What £5, it is very excessive. I will do a term for it,” said a young farmer, Ernest Cottle of Seend, when convicted at Trowbridge Police Court yesterday for failing to report the possession of an emaciated tubercular cow. The animal was sent in to the market for sale, and to a police constable Cottle said he had seen many worse cows in the market.

After objecting to the fine, Cottle was told to sit down and think it over.

A quarter of an hour later he took out his cheque book and handed it to the magistrates' clerk having made out a cheque for £6 1s, the extra guinea being for the veterinary surgeon's expenses.

Western Daily Press Friday 8 February 1935