



Arthur Smith Fined for Assaulting Merritt Tucker

Sarum County Sessions

A case with a moral.

Arthur Smith, labourer, of Winterbourne Stoke, summoned for assaulting Merritt Tucker at Winterbourne Stoke, on Monday, September 2nd. He pleaded not guilty. Merritt Tucker, gamekeeper, of Winterbourne Stoke, said that as he was passing the Bell Inn Smith came out and smacked him beside his ear.

Witness told him he would have to pay for it, and a little later Smith came and nearly knocked him down.

Then Mr. Coles came along and Smith went away. When asked if he had anything to say, defendant accused Tucker of telling his next door neighbour things about him, and said he called him a blackguard.

He did not assault Tucker, he only pushed him. In inflicting a fine of 6d., and 9s. 6d costs, the Chairman told Smith that the moral was don't push people (laughter).

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