



A Typical 1930s Coach

Dangerous Driving Charge 1931

John Proudfoot, a motor driver of Marlborough, was fined £5 for driving a motor-coach to the danger of the public at Calne Police court. The evidence showed that on the afternoon of February 14 Proudfoot was driving the Marlborough football team to play a match against Chippenham, and when taking the corner at the top of High Street, Calne, he went over on to his wrong side.

A man named Francis George Gale, a labourer of Bremhill, was coming into Calne on a cycle and had to practically throw himself off his machine in order to escape the charabanc. Even so, the rear wheels of the charabanc went over the back part of the cycle, which was smashed to pieces.

Proudfoot denied that he took the corner on his wrong side, but he admitted that owing to the length of his coach it was necessary to slightly go over the white line to get round the corner.

Two witnesses for the defendant said if the cyclist has kept his head nothing would have happened.

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