



## **Shaftesbury Street Incident**

### **Wiltshire Farmer on Drink Charge**

At Shaftesbury Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Miller (47), farmer, Cools Farm, East Knoyle, was fined £3, with £1 1s. costs for driving a motor-car when under the influence of drink. He was represented by Mr. G. L. Lush (Salisbury) and pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Baigent said in Bell Street, Shaftesbury he saw a car stationary outside Davis's baker's shop. The engine was running and the driver was trying unsuccessfully to engage the gears but eventually the engine stalled. Quite a crowd gathered round to watch. Defendant's breath smelt of alcohol and his speech was incoherent.

Dr. J. M. Cale said Miller was "hardly fit to be in charge of a car because he was slightly under the influence of drink."

Mr Lush: Generally speaking, was it not a border-line case?

Witness replied that he had to consider the matter very carefully.

Inspector F. Malkin asserted that Miller was drunk.

Defendant on oath said he had had only 2 pints of beer and after the market he picked his little girl up from school in the car and then drove to the fish shop in Bell Street. He did not think he was under the influence of drink.

Announcing the fine and licence endorsement the Chairman (Brig-General R. A. Berners) said the Bench had taken into consideration the deprivation of the licence for a year - which they might have ordered - would be detrimental to the defendant's business.

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