



Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

Alan James Taylor

Alan James Taylor, of The Wheatsheaf Inn Oaksey, was summoned at Malmesbury, yesterday, by his wife, Laura Taylor, who made an application for a maintenance order.

Mr Harold Lemon, of Swindon, appeared for complainant, and said she was married in July. Recently there were "high words." She had tried since to effect reconciliation.

Letters were produced from complainant's solicitor and Taylor, in which he stated his wife left of her own free will.

Evidence showed that the marriage took place at Malmesbury Registry Office in July. The husband lived with his mother, who was licensee of an inn at Oaksey.

Mr Lemon said Taylor's mother was "an old woman of 73 years of age."

Mr Long, of Bath (who appeared for Taylor): Not an old woman. 73 is not old.

The Clerk (Mr A L Forrester): Not in these times.

Complainant told the Bench that although there was previously no definite quarrel there was an underlying current of friction. This reached a climax when her mother-in-law said the defendant must choose between her and his wife. Defendant then told his wife that his mother came first.

"I remained that night, and left on the following day," said complainant. "My husband drove me to the station and he gave me £2 10s. I wrote letters to him from Bath, and asked him not to let differences come between us."

Mr Long observed that there should be give and take on both sides, or else many young couples might be estranged early in their married career.

The Bench adjourned the case for the parties to retire, but this did not achieve reconciliation. After further evidence, the Bench stopped the case, and, following a brief consultation, they dismissed it.

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