

Salisbury Boys in Trouble at Steeple Langford

Sarum County Sessions - Tuesday

Ernest Andrews (12), Herbert Jerred (14), and Archie Coombs (13), boys of Salisbury, were summoned for damaging a well and bucket, the property of Mr. H. Andrews, at Steeple Langford, on Tuesday, October 13th, to the extent of 5s. Henry Bennett, carter of Steeple Langford, said that he saw the biggest boy (Andrews) pulling up the bucket. He was about 150 yards away, but when they saw him, they ran away. Fred Andrews, son of the prosecutor, said he was informed that the bucket at the well had been damaged. He examined it and found a large hole in the bottom, and a piece of pipe, which was used to run the water from one tub to another was missing. No one had a right to draw water at this well, which was separated from the road by a fence. He gave information to the police. The prosecutor said he did not wish to press the case, but he thought the lads should know that they could not go about the country doing as they liked. Constable Hayes said that when he received information of the damage he made enquiries and next morning went to Salisbury where he saw the defendants who admitted doing the damage. Jerred said he threw the pipe down the well and it went through the bottom of the bucket. The boys also damaged a pump further along the road. The Chairman cautioned the boys, who were fined 5s. each inclusive of costs.

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