

I Was Not There!

Declares Motorist

WHO DROVE AN UNLICENSED CAR?

The question of who was driving an unlicensed car on July 17th was not answered in court on Thursday, when the owner of the car told the magistrates he was in Newcastle at the time the car was seen on the road by the police.

The owner of the car was Dennis George Washington, of Hempton, Deddington, P.C. Vernon Harris, of Bloxham, told the Banbury and Bloxham Magistrates he was on duty on the Milcombe road when a motor car approached him. The car was not displaying a current road fund licence. He was not in a position to stop the car and he subsequently made enquiries at the local taxation office and found that the vehicle in question was not taxed for the current quarter. He later interviewed defendant at Deddington and he admitted it was not taxed. Washington had been seen on three occasions using the vehicle alleged P.C. Harris.

Giving evidence on oath, Washington said he left home with his wife at 6.30 a.m. on the morning in question for Newcastle, where they stayed the night, proceeding to Blackpool the next day. He had given no-one authority to drive the car on July 17th.

Mrs. Washington corroborated her husband's evidence. The magistrates dismissed the charge.