

# CANCER RESEARCH WALK

Grammar school may have raised over £500



MORE than 300 Oldbury Grammar School pupils took part in a 15-mile sponsored walk on Friday which is expected to raise over £500 for charity.

The walk was the culminating feature of a charity campaign which has been vigorously followed throughout the academic year by Oldbury Grammar School pupils.

Pupils at the school have their own social service committee which decided at the beginning of the school year to support the British Empire Campaign for Cancer Research. When the last pennies are gathered in from the walk, they are hoping to realise a sum of between £600 and £700 for the year's work.

## NEXT YEAR?

Headmaster Mr. H. A. Aykroyd described the walk as "highly successful". It represented a first attempt by the school, but because of the success it was likely that another would be organised next year, he added.

Half the school's staff turned out to help with the organisation, manning checkpoints and administering first aid. Blisters were the only cause of complaints.

Pupils began the 15-mile trek, which took them around the borough boundary, at 9 a.m., and finished in the afternoon.

● The picture shows a group on their not-so-weary way up Long Lane, Blackheath.

## Never Say Die

Two sixth-formers who took part in the walk, did so despite being in hospital the night before after being involved in a car smash. They were Valda Webb and Andria Boswell.

Together with two other pupils from the school, they were carrying out election work for Mr. Roman O'Connor, who was contesting a seat in the Birmingham City Council elections. They competed, despite an offer by Councillor O'Connor to walk in their place.