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IF anyone had told 18-year-old shorthand-typist Audrey Jacobs who had only three "O" Levels to her name she would end up as Dr. Jacobs and land a top job in London, she would have accused them of taking the mickey.

But that's just how 1984 finds the 47-year-old mother of three. She has just collected her doctorate — a PhD about the effects of the new technology on the television industry — and is now a full-time assistant secretary of the Society of Radiographers.

The Echo has followed Audrey's path to a career closely over the years. In 1977 we recorded how she won a place at Southampton University to read for a degree in sociology, and history, after attending an "A" level course at Eastleigh College of Further Education.

In 1980 she passed her final exams and was awarded a BA with upper second class honours. Mr John McNabb, then principal of Eastleigh College, paid tribute to her tenacity.

"This is one of the most important contributions we can make," he said, "to give people who missed chances in life a second opportunity."

Then came the chance to study for a thesis at the University's newly set up New Technology Research Group.

"Both the group and the people I was working with were very supportive and co-operative," she said.

What did her children think



DR. AUDREY JACOBS: Top job in London.

of their mum's transition from kitchen sink to doctorate?

"They took it all in their stride and weren't in the least surprised. By the time I was taking my degree they were in their teens, so there were no real problems with them adapting to my routines."

Audrey, who used to live at Up Sounborne, near Winchester, thinks she amazed herself more than her offspring. Her background was very ordinary — her father was a foreman for GEC — and she was never expected to be anything other than a wife and mother.

But, like the heroine in "Educating Rita," her education has meant the break-up of her marriage.

"It was a gradual process. I found that I was changing into a different person — broadening my outlook and my views — and my husband was staying the same."

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At LFC headquarters
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an instructional film and
given a lecture about the
LFC. At the end of the
day there was time off
for sight-seeing.

The visit was provided
by the voluntary dona-
tions of Newport Rotar-
ians. Their scheme has
trained 20 youngsters,
and several have found
jobs or have job offers.

Rotary spokesman Mr
Roy Westmore said
"Rotary is dedicated to
the training and even-
tual employment of these
young people."

He added "The club
has approval for a new
YTS scheme for 1984/85
which, in addition to the
clerical scheme, also
offers places for electrical
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maintenance. The
scheme has proved a
positive step in helping
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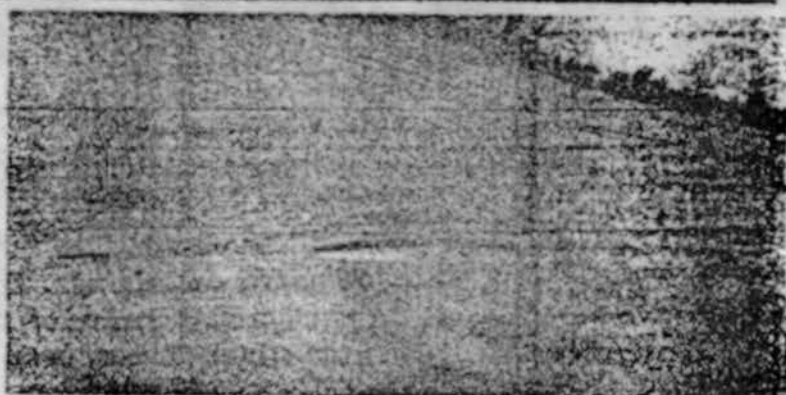
THE Government is to
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Is this the site of a UFO landing? Are we being watched, and visited, by beings from outer space?

Just what caused these mysterious holes in a farmer's field at Warminster is something which is likely to puzzle UFO watchers and others for a long time.

The strange pattern was spotted at Cley Hill, home of the famous Warminster "thing" by Frame man Robert Brown while walking his dog on Thursday.

He has not offered any comment or explanation which has gone on record, but space watchers will no doubt have a few theories about this latest manifestation at Cley Hill where, it is claimed, there have been several UFO sightings over the years.

One local farmer, whose fields adjoin Cley Hill, did give his opinion freely though.

"It's a lot of tripe," he said. "I, and my forefathers, have lived here for generations and we have never seen anything."

"Holes like that are caused by the whirlwind effect you sometimes get in the summer."

The Ministry of Defence was unable to give any explanation.

A spokesman said: "We had not had any reports of UFO sightings in the area and there have been no air exercises."

He said they were always interested in UFO sightings and had an enormous file on the subject, but were not aware of any reports in this instance.