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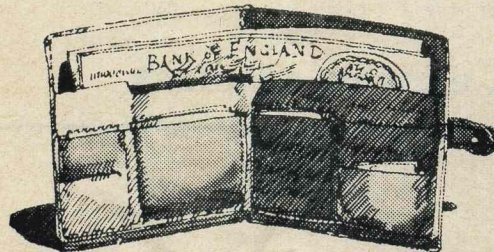
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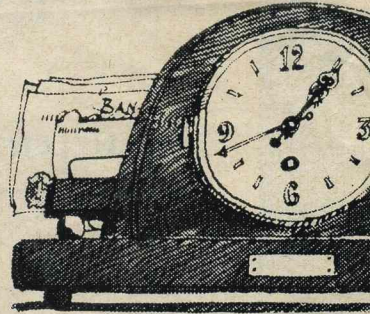
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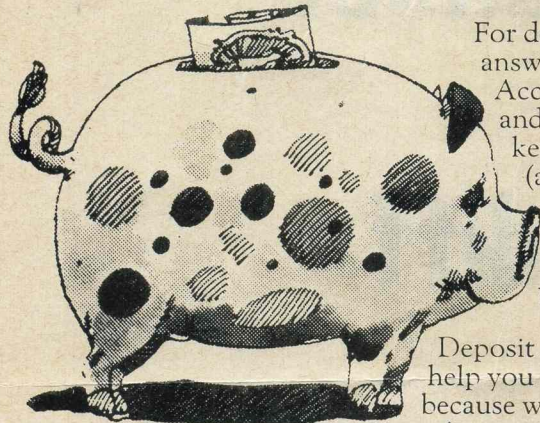
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EDITORIAL

The visit to St. Helens by the Cardiff club is always regarded as a special occasion, for by any standards they are truly one of the great rugby clubs in the world.

After some indifferent performances this season they showed their best form recently with a splendid win over Llanelli by 15 points to 9.

They have of course in Gareth Edwards a player of world class, he is the reigning Welsh captain, a Barbarian and British Lion. Last season he became the world record holder of international caps in his position of scrum half. As if this was not enough for one club the discovery of the season was Brynmor Williams who scored 13 tries in 25 games for Cardiff as the deputy scrum half.

The return of Gerald Davies to the Cardiff side has strengthened an already experienced back division which includes Welsh international Alex Finlayson.

The Cardiff skipper is back row forward Mervyn John who has with him in a strong pack international lock forward Ian Robinson and a much improved Carl Smith at No. 8.

What a proud moment it was for Swansea supporters when Mervyn Davies scored the equalising try for the Barbarians against the All Blacks and was acclaimed the hero of the day. Incidentally this try was only the second to be scored against them during this short tour.

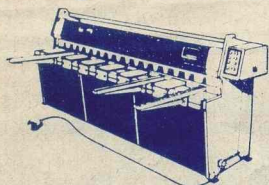
A highly successful social evening was held in the Sports Club last week when presentations were made by members of the Swansea club to Alun Thomas and Mervyn Davies after their tour of South Africa. Tributes were paid to the admirable way Alun carried out his duties as manager, and Mervyn was congratulated on making the No. 8 position his own in all the Test sides. The occasion coincided with a visit to the club of a party of New Zealand rugby supporters. The entertainment which followed was loudly acclaimed and the evening finished to the strains of 'Now is the Hour'.

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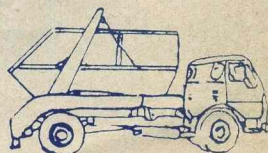


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CLUB NEWS

Mike Yandle (centre) is now recovering from an hernia operation, and making satisfactory progress. He hopes to resume training after Xmas. Wishes for a speedy recovery Mike.

Congratulations to John Schropfer (Penland School) on being selected captain of the Welsh Secondary Schools XV v. Scotland at Stradey Park on January 4th, 1975. He is the first ever Swansea schoolboy thus honoured.

The Supporters Club dance held at the Sports Club on October 25 proved to be extremely successful. Approximately 180 attended and about £60 in profit was realised.

The Ladies Supporters Halloween night on November 1 at the Sports Club was also an immense success. Their Disco evening attracted over 200 and approximately £80 profit was realised from the evening's entertainment.

Ten players from our Athletic XV have played for the Senior XV this season. They are Brynmor Grey, Clive Ford, Ian Tyrell, Phil Noble, Lloyd Evans, John Evans, Geoff Atherton, Peter Thomas, Mike James and Graham Morris. Well done boys, it proves it can be done.

The Swansea Schools R.U. fund for their Centenary tour to New Zealand and Canada has now passed the £6,000 mark.

The presentation evening to Mervyn and Alun Thomas for their exploits in the recent Lions tour, took place at the Sports Club on Monday 25th November. Chairman Vivian Davies was in command, and Mervyn was presented with a lounge chair and Alun a delightful piece of Swansea China. The evening ended as a social event with comedian 'Dai Dunvant' heading the bill. The 'All Black' Supporters present thoroughly enjoyed the evening as did all our members who were present.

Literally joining the club :-

Shirley (Mervyn Davies)—April. No, not No. 8 but definitely the first.
Marlene (Trevor Evans)—February. We are not working a flanker. It is true.
Ruth (Mike Yandle)—April. Unfortunately Mike is still unfit.
Beth (remember Darrell Cole)—January. Beth crash tackled at last.
No honestly, the clubs best wishes to all our ladies.

Swansea schools are now looking forward to the tour by Mata Mata College (Auckland New Zealand) over Xmas. They will play matches against Gowerton, combined Bishop Vaughan, Cefn Hengoed, Penlan and Morriston, combined Olchfa, Dynevor and Bishop Gore, Swansea Schools and Swansea Youth. Look out for venues and dates.

Four members of our Youth XV played for the District XV against Llanelli last Saturday in the Crawshay Cup. Neil Jones, Hugh Simpson, Eifion Pugh and David James according to reports played extremely well despite defeat by a well drilled Llanelli side by 26 points to nil.

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Phil Noble breaks away from the base of the scrum against Blackheath

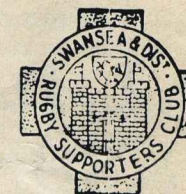


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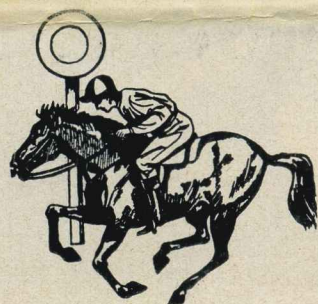
* Denotes internationals.

- 15 **JOHN EVANS**
- 14 **WAYNE LEWIS**
- 13 **IAN HOPKINS**
- 12 **WAYNE WILLIAMS**
- 11 **GWYNFOR HIGGINS**
- 10 **ROGER BLYTH ***
- 9 **PHILL NOBLE**
- 1 **NEIL WEBB**
- 2 **JEFF HERDMAN**
- 3 **PHILL LLEWELLYN ***
- 4 **GEOFF WHEEL ***
- 5 **MIKE JAMES**
- 6 **BADEN EVANS**
- 8 **MERVYN DAVIES ***
- 7 **ROGER HYNDMAN**

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- Right Wing Asgell Dde
- Right Centre Canolwr De
- Left Centre Canolwr Chwith
- Left Wing Asgell Chwith
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- Inside Half Mewnwr
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- Hooker Bachwr
- Prop Y Rheng Flaen
- Lock Clo
- Lock Clo
- Flanker Blaenasgell
- No. 8 Wythwr
- Flanker Blaenasgell

- 15 **JOHN DAVIES**
- 14 **STEVE McCANN**
- 13 **GERALD DAVIES ***
- 12 **ALEX FINLAYSON ***
- 11 **P. LYN JONES**
- 10 **KEITH JAMES**
- 9 **GARETH EDWARDS ***
- 1 **MIKE KNILL**
- 2 **ALAN PHILLIPS**
- 3 **ROGER BEARD**
- 4 **IAN ROBINSON ***
- 5 **PHIL KALLONAS**
- 6 **STUART LANE**
- 8 **CARL SMITH**
- 7 **MERVYN JOHN (Capt.)**

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WALES 'B' CAPTAIN

Trevor Evans was declared fit to Captain Wales 'B' v. France 'B' at Cardiff today. This news was welcomed by all Swansea Supporters especially so as his fitness was still in doubt up till noon on Thursday last.

Trevor's injury must have affected his play in the hand tussle against New Zealand but nevertheless he came through the match with flying colours and more than ably supported his clubmates and Vice-Captain that day — the one and only Mervyn Davies.

We congratulate Trevor once again on his selection as captain of the Welsh 'B' and trust that honours will keep on coming his way.

Congratulations also to Swansea's other representatives in the Welsh 'B' team and squad, namely Barry Clegg, David Jenkins, and Alan Mages.

Good luck to you all.

ARTHUR DAVIES

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Llanelli	7	2	1	4	67	99	35.71
Neath	7	2	0	5	50	80	28.57
Newbridge	6	0	0	6	54	131	

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTICE

The Supporters' Club regret to announce that as from today the price of the programme will be increased to 7p.

Raw materials and printing costs have increased considerably during the past few months and in order to retain the quality of the programme we are regrettably forced into applying this increase.

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4—Cross Keys W 28-16 H
7—Halifax W 23- 8 H
14—Pontypool W 20- 9 H
21—Bristol L 12-22 A
25—Penarth W 35-12 H
28—Newport W 14- 3 H

October

2—Bridgend L 3-19 A
5—Harlequins W 20-12 A
12—Llanelli L 16-24 A
19—Neath W 7- 0 H
26—Leicester W 9- 7 H

November

2—Blackheath W 21- 7 A
9—Llanelli W 23-11 H
16—Coventry L 12-15 A
23—Richmond L 9-13 H
30—Aberavon D 3- 3 A

December

7—Cardiff H
14—Ebbw Vale H
21—Newbridge A
26—Glam. Wanderers H
27—London Welsh H
31—Percy Park A

January

1—Watsonians A
4—Pontypool A
11—Newport A
18—South Wales Police H
25—Coventry H

February

1—Ebbw Vale A
8—Neath A
15—Gloucester H
22—Bristol H
26—Bridgend H

March

8—Bath A
14—Maesteg H
22—Cross Keys A
29—Harlequins H
31—Barbarians H

April

5—London Welsh A
12—Cardiff A
19—Aberavon H
26—W.R.U. Cup Final

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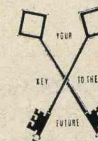
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