

A TRAM-LINE TO THE PAST

You never saw such a crowd for the last tram as Balham put the clock back to mark progress in transportation. It's back to the old days of horse power for this trip only, to say 'Goodbye' to the trams after 50 years of service.

Buses will take their place as one more of London's tram services shuts down. But a lot of people will miss the galloping skyscrapers. They're a link with the past - the days when you couldn't see London for horses. Can you recognise the Bank?

And here's Hyde Park Corner, only 36 years ago!

Sunderland had horse-trams 55 years ago.

Leeds had horse-trams, too - and they fairly got a move on - one way and another.

Leeds also had steam trams! Quite a go-ahead city. But there's more to come, like these new-fangled electric trams.

And so back to Balham today as the last tram on nine routes passes into history - maybe to make a quaint old-time picture fifty years hence.