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RNER reports on the latest form of public transport — trams!

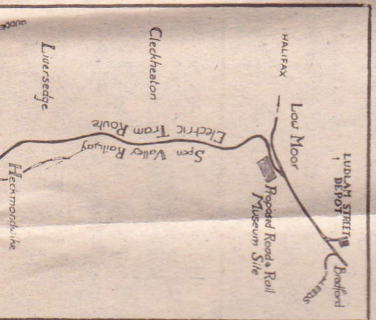
Rumbling into a new age of the tram . . .

JOHN MOORE'S earliest memory of trams dates back to the day his dad was arrested as a spy in 1944!

As a youngster in wartime London, John went with his father on a tram ride which took them into the docklands.

The troops were pouring on to the ships for D-Day, but when Mr Moore senior threw his coat over his head to light a cigarette in the wind the military police thought he was taking photos.

John's dad was arrested but when he was found to be innocent of any crime he was quickly



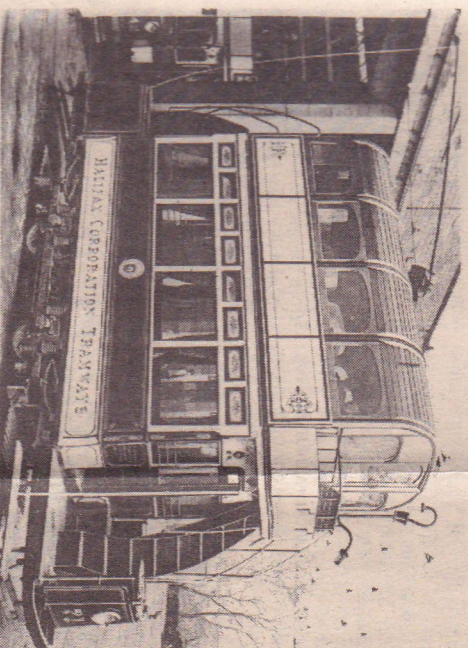
On a disused railway line John Moore is turning the clock back

on electric trams, old buses and trolley buses to the paying public.

It is an ambitious project and John Moore is the first to admit that it poses a major challenge, but it is a test that he is relishing.

He is approaching it with the same intense enthusiasm that sent him scurrying on his bike to a tram graveyard when the London service died in 1952. He took five bob and came back with a pocketful of relics.

It is a keenness and warmth that John has since taken all over the world. He joined the merchant navy in the mid-Fifties, trained as



● FLASHBACK . . . to the early days of trams in Halifax. This quaint tram, No 71, dates from 1903.

