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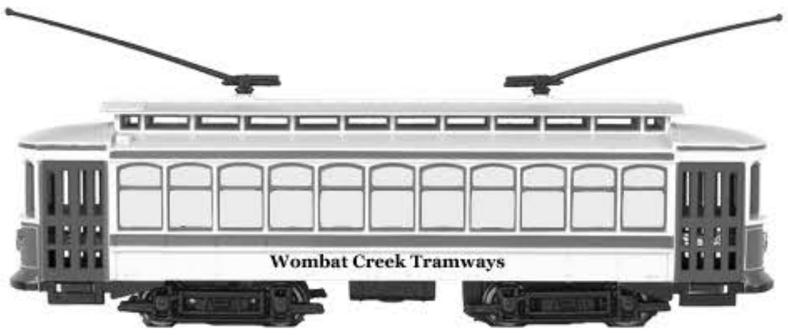
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Trams are coming to Wombat Creek

The rumours have been confirmed by the mayor

In his annual New Year speech Mr. Alfred Campbell, Mayor of Wombat Creek, announced the exciting news of a tramway system for our great town. Rumours of a future tramway have been circulating for a while and were finally confirmed yesterday.

The track laying is set to commence later this year. At the time of writing the routing of the tram lines has not been finalised, but it is expected most of the lines will consist of double track with a major intersection at Main Street and The Golden Mile opposite the Gold Exchange. A tram line will also run along East Street and around the War Memorial. Chinatown will be served by a third line. A tram depot will be built at the vacant land just south of the War Memorial.

To keep the costs down some of the tracks and rolling stock will be purchased as second hand items. 6 points, manufactured by the English company "Peco", has been bought at auctions from around Australia. A working tram from the American company "Brill" has already arrived in Wombat Creek and put into storage. Similar trams are used at the tramways in Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr. Campbell has recently been travelling to Europe and during his visit to the Denmark he was very impressed by tramways in Copenhagen. The Copenhagen Tramways had a surplus of a few trams and Mr. Campbell decided to buy three for Wombat Creek Tramways. The trams, built by the Danish company "Scandia", are all in a good condition and require very little maintenance and repairs except for the fact they are without motors. This minor problem is expected to be solved before the opening of the tramways.



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A. A. PARSONS, Minister

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services will be held as follow:
Narrandera every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Sandigo first Sunday in month at 3 p.m.; Grong Grong second and fifth Sundays at 3 p.m.; Corobimilla third Sunday at 3 p.m.
REV. T. M. McBURNIE, Minister

R.A.A.F. IS READY TO COVER NORTH

R.A.A.F. defences could be extended north of Australia as far as Manus Island in 24 hours, the Minister for Air, Mr. T. W. White, said. All the R.A.A.F. strategic stations in the north were prepared for the air defence of Australia to extend hundreds of miles beyond its shores if the occasion arose, he said. Mr. White was speaking at a Press conference after the official opening of Air Force Commemoration Week in Martin Place. He said R.A.A.F. recruiting was progressing satisfactorily.

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KING'S PRIZE SHOOT PLANS

The 1950 King's Prize shoot at Anzac rifle range, Liverpool, from October 7 to 13 promises to be one of the best yet staged by the National Rifle Association of N.S.W. Entries from all States of the Commonwealth, country and New Zealand riflemen top those of last year and accommodation will be taxed to provide for the large number of shooters. The New Zealand contingent will represent the best rifle shots of that country and it is expected that high scoring will mark the three stages of the 1950 King's Prize.

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Mr. Michael Owen Lynch

In the Wagga Base Hospital on Monday, Mr. Michael Owen Lynch, of "Dimelby," Milbrulong, died at the age of 67 years. He was well known in the Lockhart, Gammain, and Milbrulong districts, where he had resided for many years. He was a returned soldier of the 1914-18 war, and he had been in failing health for the past two years.

He is survived by three brothers, Messrs. John T. Lynch, Edward P. Lynch, and Peter J. Lynch (all of Milbrulong) and two sisters, Mrs. P. Naughtin (Gammain) and Miss L. Lynch (Milbrulong).

His funeral took place at Lockhart.

Mrs. Lillie Ashcroft

The death occurred in Griffith Hospital on September 6 of Mrs. Lillie Ashcroft, of 17 Binya Street.

Mrs. Ashcroft, who had been ill for the past five weeks, was aged 71.

She was a familiar and well respected figure in the district, and was one of the earliest settlers, arriving with her husband 36 years ago.

Mr. Ashcroft, who owned a dairy farm, died 27 years ago.

Mrs. Ashcroft, whose funeral took place on Friday, following a service at St. Alban's Church, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon V. F. Twigg, is survived by a son, Mr. Roy Ashcroft, of Griffith, and two daughters, Mrs. G. Pauling (Binya), and Mrs. E. O'Brien (Elwa), both of Sydney.

MANY SWEETS COST 1d MORE

Many lines of sweets now cost a penny more than they did last week, and other lines are expected to join the rise soon. Confectioners expect another general increase to follow the 1d rise. "Boiled goods" including boiled lollies, caramels, toffees, chews, and lozenges, have risen already. Block chocolates are not affected yet, but one brand of chocolate-coated honeycomb costs more.

Leslie Richards 2.

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS

Plain scones: Doris Powell 1, Glenys Raya 2.

Sponge roll: Marie Corcoran 1, Lorna Gaymer 2.

Sponge sandwich: Marie Corcoran 1, Glenys Raya 2.

Toffee: Marie Corcoran 1 and 2.

Machine-sewn article: Marie Corcoran.

Fancy knitted article: Lexie Raya 1, Lorna Gaymer 2.

DEATH OF GENERAL SMUTS

The death of Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, famous South African soldier and statesman, at the age of 80 years, has been followed by a wave of tributes from many countries. In London the B.B.C. interrupted a programme to announce the news and then observed one minute's silence. A cable sent to Mrs. Smuts by the King declared: "In peace or in war his counsel and friendship were of inestimable value, both to my father and to myself, while the force of his intellect has enriched the wisdom of the whole human race." The King and the Queen had heard the news with great sorrow and a deep sense of personal loss. "We send our heartfelt sympathy to you and to your family," His Majesty added. Tributes were also sent by the British Prime Minister, the Canadian Prime Minister, the Australian Governor-General, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Chifley and others.

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£20,000 LOAN FOR SPORTS GROUND AT GRIFFITH

Wade Shire Council on Friday last adopted the report of the Sports-ground Committee, including a recommendation that the Council raise £20,000 by way of ordinary loan to finance work at the sportsground, the payment of principal to be spread over 20 years.

At the committee meeting Mr. Graves, representative of Mr. J. H. Robertson, architect, Narrandera, suggested a plan by which the quantities in respect of the materials used in construction of the grandstand and other buildings could be extracted to cut out guesswork.

By preparing the quantities of the material before tenders were called, tenderers could be given the specific requirements for the job. This would reduce costs to a minimum, reduce guessing tenders, and induce keener work of the contractors in pre-competition.

Council endorsed the Sports-ground Committee's action in instructing Mr. Graves to proceed with the preparation of quantities.

Mr. Graves told the committee that although he had originally estimated the cost of the grandstand and subsidiary buildings of the proposed sportsground at £10,000 it now appeared the cost would amount to about £15,000. The cost of constructing playing fields, cycle tracks, tennis courts, etc., and incidental expenses and contingencies would be about £5,000.

Light showers fell in Narrandera on Monday evening and early on Tuesday morning, resulting in 11 points being registered.

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