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"AMBER TIPS TEA"

GOOD BYE! AFTER FIFTY FOUR YEARS OF STRIKE!

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First with everybody!

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## A passion for trams

After almost 60 years spent in the front garden of a Dargaville family's home this 84 year-old tram will be given a new lease of life. **See page 5.**



Tram enthusiast Dr Wherry Chan stands in fully restored the former Auckland Hall number 235 in full working condition.

## Teenager handpicked for UI7 Blues

JULIA WADE

A recent game of rugby has brought an enviable prospect to a Dargaville teenager. Thrower has every kick, run and pass was being scrutinised by a scout from the Auckland Blues. 16 year old Thomas Anderson is the only player from Dargaville to be selected for the 2016 Blues Under 17 Development Squad. Only five players were chosen from Northland's southern and northern rugby teams.

The year 12 Dargaville High School student has been playing rugby since he was 11 years old but switched to league in 2014. The skill won him a five year contract with SPX Sports and a scholarship to study in Australia after graduating from college. However at the beginning of 2015, Thomas made a decision to return to rugby union and now has two impressive options to choose for his future.

"I feel blessed for the opportunities," says Anderson but as yet does not know which path he will choose.

Thomas' mother says her son also has a brain for science and enjoys biology and chemistry.

"I believe he is a good role model for other Pacific Island students," she says, naturally proud of her son's achievements.

"Thomas' efforts show you can achieve anything, if you work hard."



A bright smile for a bright future.

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# Restoration plans could see Tram 235 back riding the rails

The "landmark" tram which sat almost 60 years in a Dargaville garden could once again be transporting passengers in central Auckland if its new owner has any say in the matter.

It has been purchased by tram enthusiast Dr Vincent Chan, a urologist at Whangarei Hospital who plans to fully restore "her" to original condition and specifications.

The tram is thought to be the only restorable tram of its era in the country and restoration is expected to cost around \$200,000.

Chan, who doubles as a coach builder, and his twin brother Leyton, an engineer, are passionate about trams and together with a handful of colleagues plan to bring Tram 235 back to her former glory.

"Not an easy job, but I love it," Chan says. Plans are currently being considered for a tramway project for Auckland city - the first stage up Queen St. "He would be thrilled to see Tram 235 (under lease) return to the city where 61 years ago she began her duties carrying commuters from Onehunga to central Auckland and return.

"The workmanship of this tram is top quality," says an excited Chan. "All the timber is heart kauri and lined with plywood. Double ended it was driveable in either direction."

It seated 52 people but was licensed to carry up to 64 including the motorman (driver) and conductor.

**"The workmanship of this tram is top quality."**

**Dr Vincent Chan**  
Tram enthusiast

In their heyday (1942-43) the trams carried 99 million passenger per year. Built in Auckland, Tram 235 began service in 1931 - its livery much more ornate than that of its later years.

The trams were decommissioned in December 1956 and Tram 235 sold to the Olsen family at Mt Wesley. It was transported to Dargaville by Don Elliot and his father.

The lady of the house used it as a greenhouse for growing African violets for many years. Her



Tram 235 being prepared for transport to the Packard Pioneer Museum for restoration. It could take up to five years to restore depending on its condition. Ultimately new owner Dr Vincent Chan is hoping to relocate the tram to Auckland to complete the restoration.

daughter Colleen, who still lives in the house, says over the ensuing years it was used as sleepout and for storage. She admits she will miss it but is pleased it is getting a new lease of life.

Last week it was transported to the Packard Pioneer Museum at Maungatapu for storage, preliminary assessment and preservation.



Tram 235 at work shortly before being decommissioned in December 1956.







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MOUNT ALBERT RD  
ROYAL OAK  
DUNWELL ST  
TATALGAR ST  
TINSACK'S CR.  
ONEHUNGA  
ONEHUNGA ST  
SATSIS  
MANUKAU  
MORISON ST  
MILLER ST  
TOWN HALL  
MURPHY ST  
CARFAX PARK









JOY'S  
FRANK MILLER

MEAT  
BACON  
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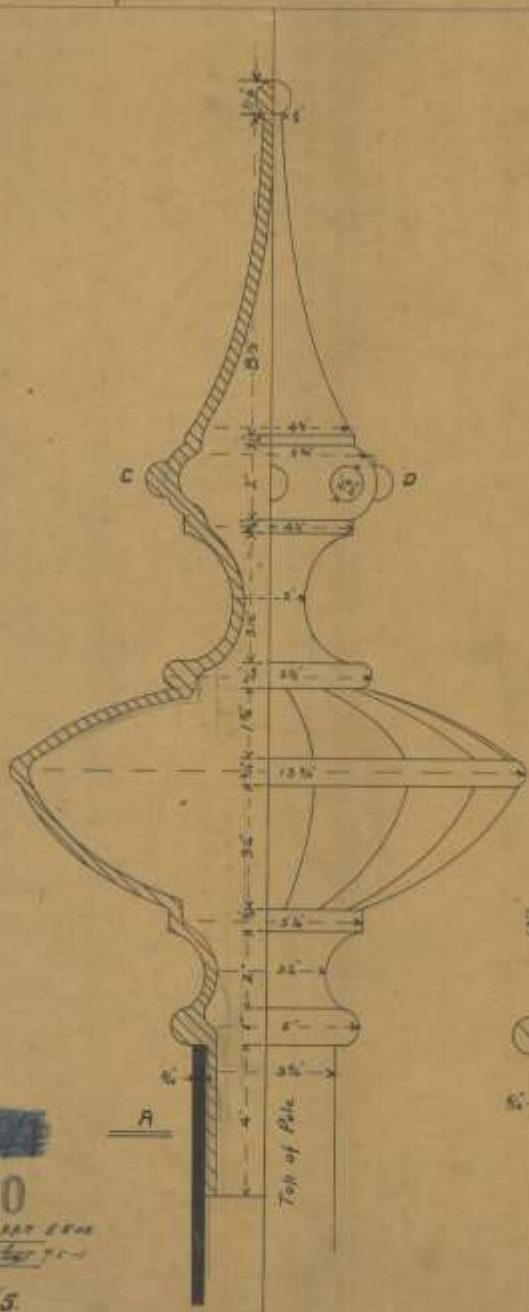




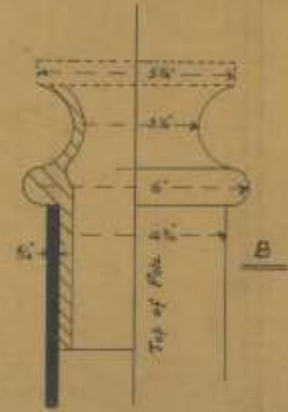
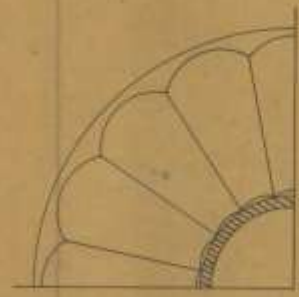
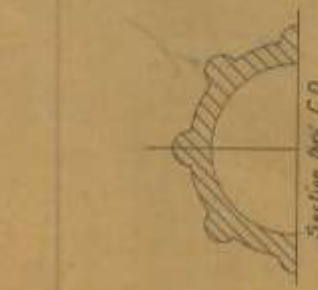








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Cast Iron Finials for Poles

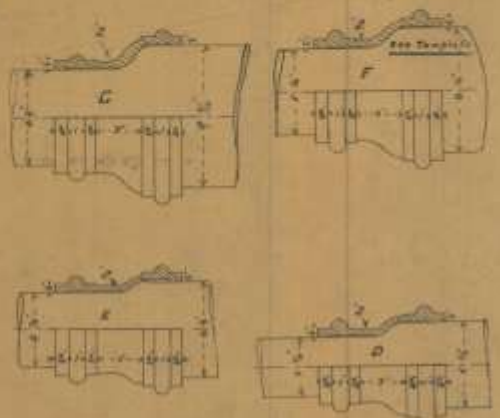
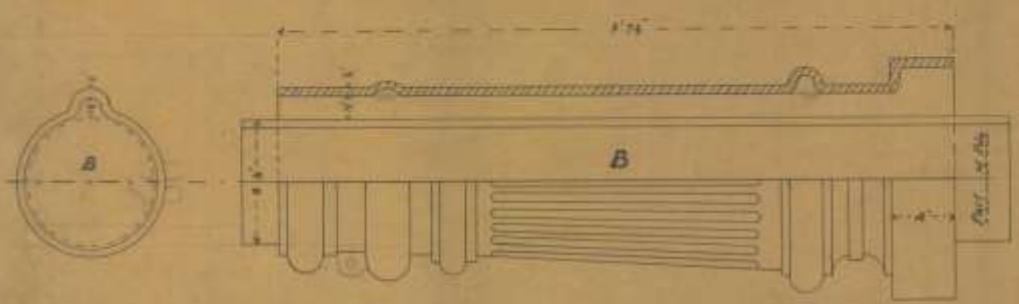
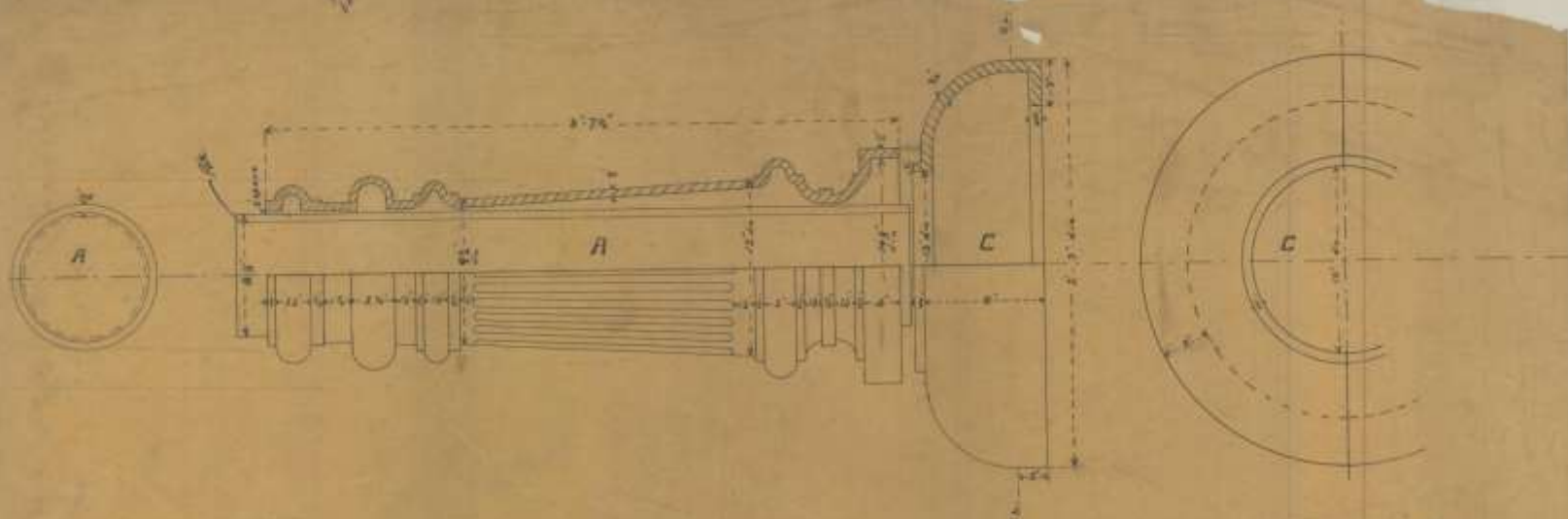
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Guard	C	157
File Ring	D	700
	E	74
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Cast Iron File Base Guard and Rings

Scale 3" = 10" full

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