

Mr. Syme.  
Special awards and points prizes:—

Cut flowers: Willis Cup, points prize, Mrs. A. Smith.

Dahlias: Fitzgerald Rose Bowl for best bloom, open classes points prize, Mr. D. I. West. Amateur.—Points prize, Mr. F. Lovell. Novice classes.—Points prize, Mrs. T. Uhlenberg.

Sweet peas: Cooper Challenge Bowl, amateur, for best vase of sweet peas, Mrs. E. R. Coad. Saunders Sweet Pea Trophy, 12 varieties, 3 of each, Mrs. Lefthbridge.

Gladioli: Children's classes, champion bloom, Nancy Pease.

Decorative: Mrs. B. Bendle Trophy for outstanding exhibit and open points prize, Mrs. Secker. Amateur points prize, Mrs. W. Taylor. Novice points prize, Mrs. G. Tangney. Children, 14 years and under, Dyason Cup for most points in any age group, Joy Edwards. 11 years and under, points prize, Alison Whiting; 9 years and under, points prize, John Ogle; 7 years and under, points prize, Beverley Dickson. Under 15 years, trophies, cactus, Patrea Cowell.

Vegetables: Points prize, challenge cup and trophy, Mrs. P. Oldfield.

## JUBILEE OVER EASTER, 1961

The Eltham School's 75th jubilee celebrations will be held over Easter 1961, and a committee has been appointed to arrange suitable functions.

The committee, which was appointed at a well attended meeting in Eltham, is Messrs. B. D. Edwards (chairman), Messdames D. O. Rush, H. A. Richards, B. D. Edwards, J. Madden, Messrs. L. H. Page, E. Maslin, A. A. Sharpe, E. J. Whiting, P. H. Coward, and J. Ramsay, with the headmaster, Mr. H. M. Flynn, ex-officio.

placed on probation for two years. In the new station.

# Work on new police station project soon

A CONTRACT has been let by the Police Department for the preparatory work required before the construction of New Plymouth's long-awaited police station is started, the Minister of Police, Mr. Connolly, announced in New Plymouth today.

Mr. Connolly said the first stage, involving the shifting of the four-cell block from behind the present police station, and the alterations required to the next door building formerly known as Lay's boardinghouse, would probably begin next month.

Tenders for the new station will be called soon after the commencement of the financial year on April 1, and Mr. Connolly said that work on the contract documents was being pushed ahead rapidly.

As the new station had to be erected on the site at present occupied by the district headquarters and the central station, considerable preparatory work was involved. This included the demolition of the present buildings, after Lay's building had been modified to provide temporary accommodation during construction of the new headquarters.

It is estimated that £8000 will be spent on the work of renovation, demolition, moving the cell block and levelling the site for the new building, the Minister said.

"Functionally, the new station will be second to none and should keep pace with New Plymouth's expanding needs. The basic headquarters design, which is being used in a number of districts, is the product of a considerable amount of

research into the needs of district headquarters police, and close co-operation in planning between police and Ministry of Works architects. The aesthetic effect of the new station has not been overlooked either.

### PLEASING

"The main block of three storeys, the single-storey cell block at the rear and the other auxiliary buildings, are all designed to present a most pleasing appearance."

The Minister said the ground floor would contain a public lobby with waiting rooms, the watchhouse, the arms and aliens office, a communications room, a muster room, a mess room and other facilities. Detective offices, interviewing rooms, offices for the district officer in charge and accommodation for women police would be located on the first floor. The top floor would include the photographic section, lecture and social rooms and barrack accommodation for four men.

"A feature of the new station will be that it will have separate entrances for the public, the police and prisoners," said Mr. Connolly. "Having a common entrance in some of the older-type stations has been inconvenient at times, and the new arrangement should be much more satisfactory to all concerned."

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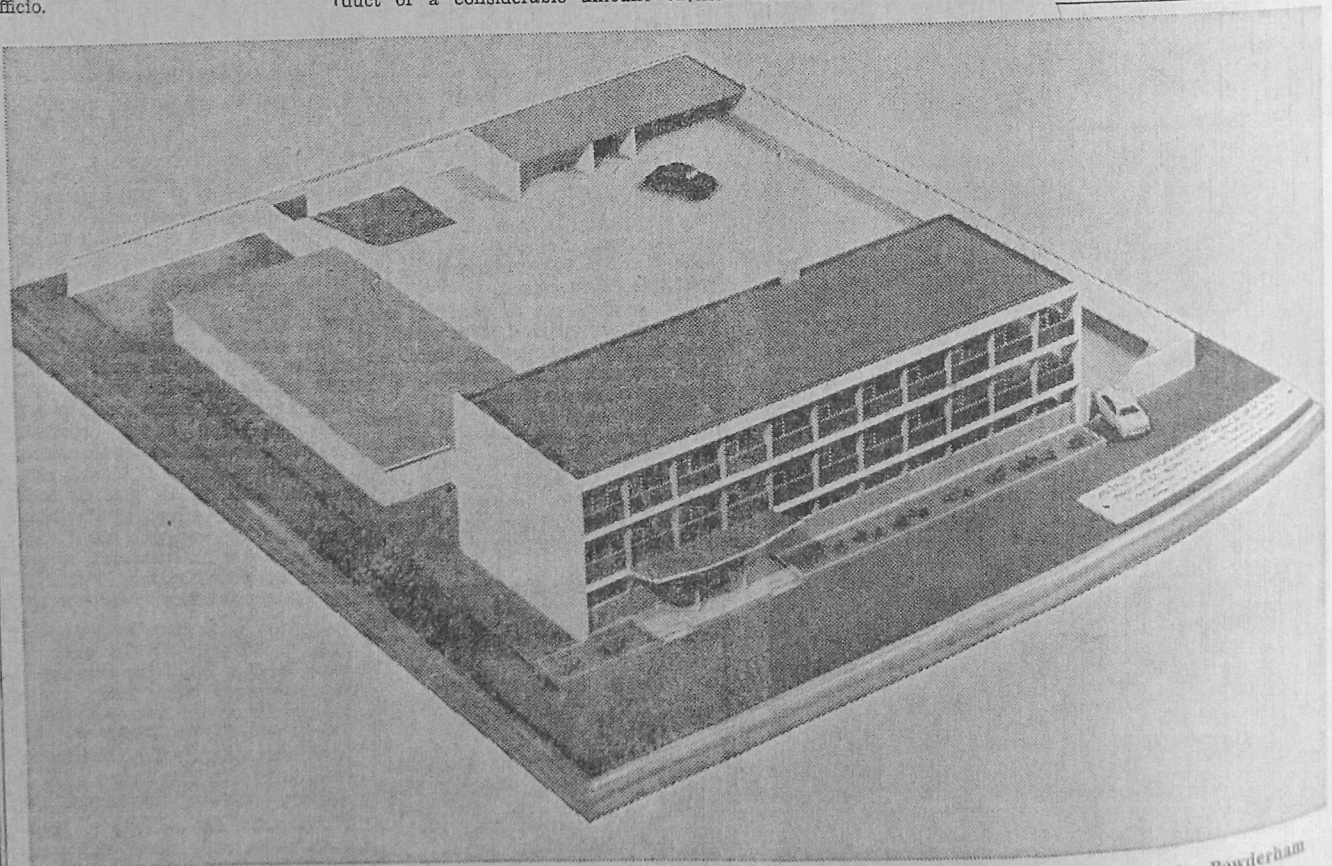
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THIS SCALE MODEL of the new police headquarters and central station for New Plymouth shows the Powderham Street frontage of the three-storey building, which will be set some distance back from the present street frontage. The vehicle entrance at the right will be near the site of the boardinghouse west of the present wooden station, but the cell block, shown on the left behind the new building, will be placed more to the centre of the courtyard than on the model.