



CURRIE STREET

A drawing of Taranaki Newspapers Ltd's proposed new building showing how it will look from Currie St. The existing building which houses the Daily News is at right.

Millions spent by TNL

Construction of Taranaki Newspapers Ltd new \$1.7 million office block in New Plymouth will mark the end of a major multi-million dollar refurbishment of its entire Taranaki operation.

General Manager Mr Rash Avery says it is a mark of the company's confidence in the province that so much has been done.

Besides the new office block the firm has:

- Modernised its entire production system with the latest in computerised production equipment.
- Replaced its old press with a modern Webb offset press.
- Completely refurbished its office at Taumarunui.
- Spent about \$60,000 modernising and expanding its office at Hawera.

Mr Avery says the work on the office buildings mean that both staff and public will enjoy modern spacious accommodation which should be adequate for many years to come.

Taranaki Newspapers publishes three newspapers out of its New Plymouth office, The Taranaki Herald, Daily News and Sunday Express and the building also houses a commercial printing division.

It has branch offices in Stratford, Hawera and Taumarunui.

Mr Avery said the work at Hawera had transformed the old office block there.

The company owned the building and had now taken over a former retail shop on its street frontage and incorporated this into its office area.

This had allowed expansion of the public reception area and more



Miss Carlene Peterson at work in the public reception area of Taranaki Newspapers refurbished Hawera office. About \$60,000 was spent expanding and renovating the old office building.

space for staff facilities and for clerical and advertising staff.

Journalist's offices on the first floor have also been refurbished and the Taranaki Herald office had been enlarged.

In New Plymouth work on the new building will create some difficulties for staff.

All staff possible will be squeezed into the modern section of the existing buildings but it would be nec-

essary to shift some people across Currie St to Roebuck House.

The Taranaki Herald in particular will have a difficult time. While it is desirable to keep reporters and subeditors together this is not possible.

Room is being found in the remaining existing building for the subeditors but the editor, associate editor, and 10 reporters will have to move to Roebuck House.

By co-incidence the move will occur on the 132nd anniversary of first publication of the Herald.

Herald journalists will move desks, typewriters, notes and paper files out of the 74-year-old office on August 4 after finishing producing that day's paper. The first edition of the Herald was produced on the same date in 1852.

They are moving into a first floor office in Roebuck House which they will share with several other TNL departments including ledger and accounting staff.

Nothing new,