

# £17,000 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CENTRE

## TENDERS CALLED FOR NEW BUILDING

Tenders were called to-day for the £17,000 youth centre to be built by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Powderham Street, New Plymouth.

The successful tenderer will be announced by the church's management committee next month and building should start in September.

The centre, badly needed for the church's youth activities, will be erected on a site dedicated during the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in New Plymouth earlier this year.

The architects felt it would be unsuitable to match its design to the Gothic style of St. Andrew's Church but the plaster finish will be of light grey and marked out in rectangles to give the effect of the stone work used in the church's construction.

The plain, well-proportioned exterior design of the two-storey centre will considerably improve the appearance of one of the city's busiest streets. On the street level there will be a meeting room of 700 square feet with a storeroom in the form of a basement at the rear.

On the first storey there will be a large hall of 1900 square feet and another meeting room of 700 square feet with folding doors separating them. These, when opened, will provide an area of 2600 square feet when that much space is needed.

### RIMU PANELLING

Both these rooms will be panelled to door height in figured rimu. Acoustic tiles will be used and the 25 by 14 feet stage will be equipped with first-class lighting, including footlights with special covers to protect them when they are not in use. A thistle motif, and appropriate choice, will be used to decorate the sides of the proscenium.

Behind the stage will be a small dressing-room and a large classroom which can be used as another dressing-room. Screens will be used to divide the classroom when it is used for Sunday School and Bible Class instruction.

The kitchen, with two sinks and two heaters providing hot water, will have a servery under which there will be two sliding drawers for cups and saucers. These will speed up the serving of afternoon teas and suppers.

The money for the centre, to be built in reinforced concrete, has been raised by direct donation during the last five years. The fund, now totalling more than £11,000, will be augmented by £6,000 to be taken on loan from the bank.

It is possible that the centre, when completed, will be available for other clubs and organisations in the city.