

Grove Street will be the Headquarters of 'C' Division, serving the southern half of Wolverhampton, with an establishment of 98 men. To these will be added men and women of 'A' Division, together with Cadets and civilian staff.

It is particularly interesting to note that the Station will provide accommodation not only for the Divisional Uniformed and Detective branches, Policewomen, Police Dog Section, Cadets and Special Constabulary, but will also house the permanent Crime Prevention Exhibition and will be the operational centre for one of the Regional Crime Squads proposed by the new Research and Planning Department of the Home Office for the whole country. It will be a great pleasure and satisfaction to have operating from this Station a squad of detectives from Staffordshire, Birmingham, Shropshire, Walsall, Dudley, and our own Force.

The buildings have been designed by the Borough Architect's Department on the most modern lines

and every effort has been made to get away from the old styles and ideas which made many Police Stations of the past such austere and unattractive places for the public to visit and for the staff to work in. It is our hope and determination that the new premises shall express and convey to the public the impression of the courteous and willing service which this Force has always tried to give. It has been sometimes difficult to make this apparent in forbidding and gloomy surroundings.

The Wolverhampton County Borough Police Force has never lagged behind any other Force, large or small, in the provision made for its welfare and efficiency, save only in the matter of buildings. Now this, too, is being remedied and we enter into occupation of our new and first class Divisional Headquarters, confident that it will render good service to the public and the Police Force for many years to come.

NORMAN W. GOODCHILD,
Chief Constable.