

# Residential Building Increased During 1954

## 189 Homes Constructed In The City

Construction of homes in Santa Cruz spurted upward some \$320,000 in value in 1954 over the previous year, a report issued by Building Inspector Malcolm Sinclair disclosed today.

The report showed that 189 permits were issued last year for \$2,277,956 worth of new residential construction. The figure compares with 187 permits for construction valued at \$1,907,303 issued in 1953.

An interesting comparison between the two years shows that the cost of the average new home was up nearly \$2000 in 1954 over 1953. The average 1953 permit was for \$10,200, for 1954 \$12,052.

The increase in home construction was more than offset by a major decline in non-residential building. The drop was occasioned by the fact that permits to build the new Wrigley plant and dial telephone exchanges were granted in 1953. No comparable large permits were issued in 1954.

Thus, the overall value of building permits declined by \$1,120,000 in 1954 when compared with 1953. The figures: 1954, \$3,470,069; 1953, \$4,620,844.

A comparison between the two years:

New residential, 1954: 189 permits, \$2,277,956; 1953: 187 permits, \$1,907,303. Residential remodel and repair, 1954: 885 permits, \$336,214; 1953: 1,549 permits, \$462,271. New non-residential, 1954: 366 permits, \$646,942; 1953: 321 permits, \$1,932,925.

Non-residential remodel and repair, 1954: 258 permits, \$161,767; 1953: 324 permits, \$250,121. Signs, 1954: 128 permits, \$26,894; 1953: 123 permits, \$51,859. Demolitions, 1954: 116 permits, \$20,296; 1953: 100 permits, \$16,365.

Totals, 1954: 1942 permits, \$3,470,069; 1953, 2604 permits, \$4,620,844.

Released at the same time were comparative monthly totals for December 1954 and December 1953:

For December 1954, 123 permits with a total valuation of \$158,553. For December 1953, 174 permits valued at \$176,645.

The December 1954 permits include nine new homes, 53 residential remodel and repair requests, 26 new non-residential, 17 non-residential remodel and repair, 13 TV aeri-als and five demolitions.

## New Vehicle License Tabs