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## Hundreds of Homes Built Here in Year

Colorado Springs continues to be known as the "City of Beautiful Homes," and several hundred new residences were added to the total in 1953.

The city and the suburban areas are studded with many palatial homes, especially in the Broadmoor section and the north part of the city.

Styles of architecture are varied but include such as Georgian, Colonial, Cape Cod, Italian, Spanish, English, Tudor, solar, modern and the ranch type.

Building permits issued by the city and county in 1953 amounted to \$15,957,371, with \$8,151,703 of this being in the city.

City building permits showed that permission was granted to construct 234 new dwellings within the municipal confines valued at \$1,759,500.

Permits in the county included 379 new dwellings. Total building program in the county amounted to \$7,805,668.

Altho permits for only 613 new homes were applied for, the number of housing units was considerably greater. The Chamber of Commerce reports that 2,300 housing units were constructed in 1952 and 1953.

One of the biggest construction programs during the last two years has been the Stratton Meadows subdivisions south and a little east of the city.

Starting with a corn field, Robert E. "Bob" Alexander has constructed more than 550 new homes in the first two subdivisions, and 303 are planned in the third subdivision. Permits for construction of 159 new residences were granted just last month by the county building inspector.

Two other areas where building is moving along at a rapid clip is at Eastlake and Skyway Park, which now have a combined total

of more than 150 homes.

The Eastlake Estates are located in the Prospect Lake area while Skyway Park is located on a beautiful mesa above Cheyenne Canon.

Some of the heavier concentrations of new dwellings within the city have been at Audubon Heights, Pleasant Valley and Cambridge Estates.

Audubon Heights is located east of Belleville, another huge construction program completed in recent years. Cambridge Estates is also adjacent to Belleville and west of Audubon Heights. Pleasant

Valley is located in the west side of the city in the picturesque Garden of the Gods area.

In addition, of course, numerous new homes have been built in scattered parts of both the city and county.

And if present trends continue, the building program this year should exceed 1953. In February of this year, for example, 178 permits worth \$840,150 were issued by the city. The total in March was 176 permits worth \$867,149. This is almost twice the amount for comparative periods in 1953.

The Chamber of Commerce estimates there are 30,499 homes in the area with 60 per cent owner by the occupants. This total, however, is being added to daily.