

Building Permits Through June Hit \$24,780 Total

Building permits issued from Central Point city hall during the month of June totaled \$24,780.

Three new homes were included in this total as well as two smaller remodeling projects.

Permits were issued to the following:

Bear Creek Construction Co. to construct a frame dwelling at 98 Bigham Lane for an estimated \$8,000. Mrs. Emma Jones to build a frame addition to the building at 722 Laurel for \$500.

Raymond Ekdahl to remodel a frame dwelling at 40 South Second for \$280. Tom Whittle to build a frame dwelling at 127 South Bigham Drive for an estimated cost of \$9000. W. T. Phillips to erect a frame dwelling at 359 North Eight for an estimated cost of \$7000.

John Foley Wins State Honors For Model Car

John Foley of Route 1, Box 325, Central Point, this week was declared winner of first place state honors in the junior division of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild annual model car building competition.

He received \$150.

State and regional winners were announced in Detroit where judging has been in progress for three weeks. The guild this year is celebrating its silver anniversary.

The regional winner in the junior division for the area including Washington and Oregon was Thomas F. Greene, Medina, Wash.

Judging is proceeding now to select the eight best models from the 40 regional winners in the nation for the university scholarship awards. These winners will be announced at the annual guild banquet during the guild convention in Detroit in August.

LETTERS FROM WASHINGTON

President's Highway Proposal Suffers Changes in Congress

by your Congressman
Harris Ellsworth

Early this year the President sent a message to Congress suggesting the enactment of a highway program. The essence of this idea was a very large construction program be undertaken and completed reasonably soon. It was to be financed by the sale of bonds by a government corporation payable over a long period of years. Money to pay off the bonds was calculated to come from the Federal gas tax which would increase in volume as the highways were improved and greater traffic developed on them.

The Congress is, however, controlled by the opposition political party. A heavy majority of all

The Passing Scene by Jefferson Machamer



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committees is likewise held by the Democrats. Under other circumstances the opposition would more or less ignore the President's program as the second ses-

sion of the 80th Congress failed to act on Truman's legislative requests in 1948. However, President Eisenhower is a popular president. There is peace and

property now. His administration generated great public confidence. The opposition does not fly in the face of those facts, but it does not want to enact a Republican program. This situation presents the Democrats in Congress with a difficult practical political problem.

So the "President's Highway Bill" is being revised in committee. When finally passed it seems certain that it will bear little similarity to the President's proposal other than the title. The current House version, although it has not yet been formally reported by the committee, amounts to little more than a long term authorization for highway appropriations to be made as they are at present. Revenue will be provided by an increase in the gasoline tax, an additional tax on diesel fuel, and a heavy tax on truck tires and retreads. The proposed tire and rubber tax on trucks will, by the way, hit our logging industry very hard. I am told it could amount to as much as \$1,000 per truck. This legislation will be carefully labelled as the President's bill even though it is not all the plan proposed by President Eisenhower. That, you see, is the way the opposition solves the political

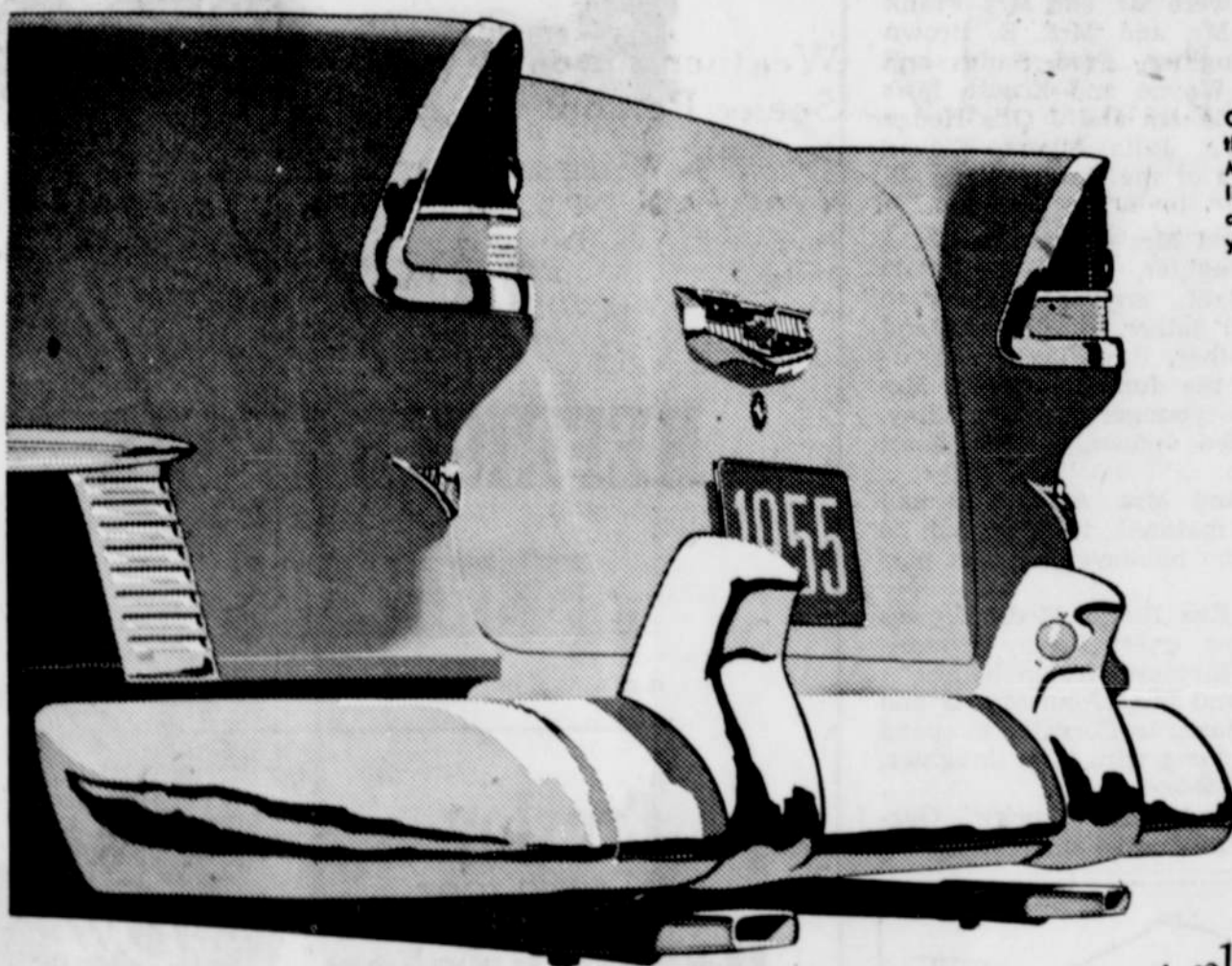
problem outlined in the previous paragraph.

The same story is being repeated on the Housing Bill. The President asked Congress to renew portions of the present Housing Act which expire at the end of July. But the bill as sent to the House by the committee is actually a general public housing bill which contains other new provisions and "gimmicks" not advocated by the administration. In other words, the pending bill is by no means what President Eisenhower proposed. Press reports stated, however, that "Rules Committee blocks President's Housing Bill."

Perhaps the political purpose of the majority will be served if such revisions made by the Democrats result in Republican Members of Congress voting against bills which are publicly labelled as being part of the President's program. Obviously people are going to have difficulty in placing the blame for what is happening.

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