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## County New Home Building Slowed In Keeping with Nation-Wide Trend

MEDIA — Construction of new homes in Delaware County has slowed, as it has nation-wide, it was indicated in a report submitted yesterday by the Delaware County Planning Commission.

Subdivision activity during the first six months of this year declined sharply, with the approval of 55 subdivisions involving a total of 1,830 lots. This record is the lowest level of subdivision activity in this county since the second half of 1953, when only 1,478 lots were approved.

In 1955 approval was given 3,817 lots in the first half of the year and 2,136 in the second half.

Because there is a time lag be-

tween the planning of a subdivision and the start of construction, the approval record is only a rough indication of the actual present level of home construction. Nation-wide home construction is running about 20 per cent below last year's volume.

During the last six months five townships, Marple, Ridley, Middletown, Haverford and Upper Chichester, each had more than 100 lots approved, accounting for 71 per cent of the total approved.

### 451 IN MARPLE

Marple Township had 454 lots approved, while 320 were approved in Ridley and 254 in Middletown.

Three quarters of the lots approved are for construction of single family dwellings. Lots for twin and row houses represent 15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Other subdivisions approved in the first half of the year provide 149 lots in Haverford, 117 in Upper Chichester and 97 in the city of Chester.

Others are: Aston, 67; Darby Township, 26; Lower Chichester, 70; Radnor, 78; Springfield and Prospect Park, 10 each; Upper Darby, 78; Upper Providence, 51.

The subdivisions approved represent 767 acres and involve a total of 79,927 feet of new streets.