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OREGON: Rain tonight and
Sunday; mild temperature; strong
southerly winds on the coast.

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CITY MAKING
READY FOR
THE HOLIDAYSLa Grande Lodge of Elks
to Erect Christmas
Tree Near Temple.LEGION WORKING
ON 4TH MATINEEChurches and Other Or-
ganizations Planning
for Yuletide—Shopping
Nears Peak.The city of La Grande is swing-
ing into the last 10-day period be-
fore Christmas, with nearly every
organization in the community
making plans for a special ob-
servance of the holiday season.Christmas shopping is nearing
its peak, the coming week will see
the usual holiday rush at the post
office getting under way in earnest,
and the annual home-coming of
college and university students for
the year-end vacation is to begin
soon.**Elks to Erect Tree**
Tomorrow the Elks are expect-
ing to erect their community tree
at the intersection of Wash-
ington and Depot, and the remain-
ing 10 days will be spent in ar-
ranging for their annual Christmas
day party for the kiddies and for
the holiday distribution of baskets
of provisions for the needy families
in this district.**The Ladies Triad choir** of the
Presbyterian church is planning to
present a special musical program
on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, and a
Christmas cantata is to be given at
the same church Christmas eve, A
sacred band concert will be given
Sunday evening, Dec. 23. The
Methodist church school is plan-
ning a Christmas program of music
and dramatizations to be given the
evening of Dec. 22 and other
churches are making arrangements
for their observance of the season.**Midnight Matinee Planned**
The fourth annual Midnight
Matinee to be presented New
Year's night by the American Leg-
ion of La Grande, is beginning to
take form with approximately nine
skits arranged. There will be no
minstrel show in the matinee this
year. It is announced, but the plans
are to have an armistice scene with 15
or 20 "legionnaires" participating,
and this is expected to be one of
the features of the show. Inciden-
tally, it will be the closing act on
the program. In addition there will
be musical numbers, vaudeville,
dancing, etc. Excellent talent is
being lined up for the matinee,
which is to begin at 12 o'clock at
the Arcade Theater — as the old
year comes to an end and 1929
is ushered in. The matinee has be-
come an institution in La Grande
and invariably attracts a large
crowd, as it is the leading public
observance of the passing of the
old year.**Santa Visits City**
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decorated very attractively in the
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SEND IN SEAL
MONEY EARLY,
WORKERS URGEDelighted with the progress of
the sale of Christmas seals for the
Tuberculosis association, Ray Mur-
phy, county chairman, today
expressed his appreciation to those
who have responded so generously
to the annual appeal. He an-
nounced that the committee in
charge is keeping the detail work
up to date, for about Dec. 18 re-
minder cards will be sent to those
who have "just put it off," and
she urges that all mail their blue
envelopes today."People are now getting the
Christmas spirit and are glad to
give to so worthy a cause," Mrs.
Murphy said. "One dollar's worth
of Christmas seals is really less
than is spent for one good picture
show when the family attends."Mrs. Charles Graham has opened
the one booth which will be in the
post office for those who are not
on the mailing list and those who
wish more Christmas seals. "We
wish to emphasize again that seals
are not to be sold by people re-
ceiving them. Buy what you can
yourself and return the rest," Mrs.
Murphy said.**WEATHER TODAY**
7:30 a. m.—37 above.
Minimum: 40 above.
Condition: cloudy.**WEATHER YESTERDAY**
Maximum 61, minimum 33
above.
Condition: cloudy.**WEATHER DEC. 14, 1929**
Maximum 36, minimum 29
above.
Condition: cloudy.J. H. Ackerman
Is Honored By
Normal SchoolName of Outstand-
ing Oregon Educator Given
to Training School in
La Grande.The training school of the East-
ern Oregon Normal School will
hereafter be known as the "J. H.
Ackerman Training School." In
the selection of a suitable name for
this school, the normal school au-
thorities have, with the approval
of the state board of higher educa-
tion and the La Grande school
board, chosen to honor one of the
state's outstanding educational
leaders, J. H. Ackerman, formerly
superintendent of public instruc-
tion and, until his death in 1921,
president of the Oregon Normal
school at Monmouth.As a final chapter in his dis-
tinguished career of service in the
development of the Oregon educa-
tional system, President Ackerman
foresees the need and took the
initial steps which led to the es-
tablishment of the Eastern Oregon
Normal school. In 1920 Mr.
Ackerman, in cooperation with H.
E. Indley, now president of the new
institution, established at Pendle-
ton an Eastern Oregon summer
branch of the Oregon Normal
school in anticipation of its expan-
sion into a full time institution of
learning. Through the educational
services rendered by these summer
sessions was evidenced the need
for an Eastern Oregon Normal
school which was authorized by
the legislature of 1925 and later
approved by the people.Before assuming state head-
ship, J. H. Ackerman served as
principal of an elementary school

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Scout Campaign
Here Near End;
Expect SuccessThe outlook for scouting in La
Grande is decidedly more opti-
mistic at present than it was a couple
of weeks ago, although the cam-
paign is not yet out of the woods,
according to Charles Hingner,
chairman of the campaign com-
mittee and member of the Eastern
Oregon Boy Scout council.Last week a drive was inaugu-
rated to make up a deficit in La
Grande for the scout work. A con-
siderable sum of money has been
raised and the drive will continue
for a short time, although it is
scheduled to end before Tuesday,
when a special meeting of the
council will be held."Conditions look pretty favorable
at present," Mr. Hingner says. "We
went out after \$2500 and it looks
like we will make our quota."Sunday Evening
Program At The
L. D. S. ChurchWith two prominent speakers
from Salt Lake City coming for
their quarterly conference, mem-
bers of the L. D. S. church of Un-
ion stake are making extensive
plans for tomorrow's session which
will be held in the auditorium of
the L. D. S. tabernacle.Sunday school session will begin
at 10 o'clock and the afternoon
session at 2 o'clock when the
speakers will address the confer-
ence.In the evening the Stake M. I. A.
board has arranged for an inter-
esting program which will open
with remarks by the president, S.
F. Andrew, followed by a chorus of
the M. I. A. men and the Gleaner girls.
Thomas Hunt, of Baker, will
lead in the slogan.Mrs. Nellie Storey Bean, will
present a vocal solo, "The Seed."
Emma Wilde, of Union, will give an
address, "The Life of the Prophet."
Joseph Smith. Misses Effie Han-
chard and Jennie Nielson will play
a violin duet, "Silent Night."Clayton Caldwell, of La Grande,
will speak on the subject, "The Life
of Christ." A pipe organ solo will
be played by Miss Barbara Hatt.
A Christmas pageant showing
five scenes of Christmas cheer will
take place and a chorus of carolers
will sing. The first scene is a Ma-
donna and Child, portrayed by Mrs.
Leal Russell and her baby; "The
Lamb Girl" by Myra Ward and Ma-
mae Andrew; "The Aged Couple,"
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gresham; "The
Missionary Home," Mrs. Clark
Webb; "Christmas Eve," "Christmas
Dinner," Bishop Lester Stoddard and
family; "Holy Night" will be sung
by the carolers.The public is invited to attend
all sessions.Lumber Industry
Growing, He SaysTACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—
With more than 200 Tacoma and
Pacific coast lumbermen attending
the Tacoma lumbermen's club was
host to the West Coast Lumber-
men's association at the annual
banquet program staged here last
night."The lumber industry is not
dead or even seriously ill but is
merely experiencing growing
pains," Col. W. B. Greeley, sec-
retary manager of the West Coast
Lumbermen's association told the
banqueters last night.

JOHN D. III

Like his father and his grand-
father, John D. Rockefeller III,
above, is going to be an oil
magnate, John D. Rocker-
feller, Jr., having announced
that the young man has en-
tered the business. He recently
returned to New York from
Japan, crossing the Pacific on
the Dollar liner, President
Pierce, where he attended the
Institute of Pacific Relations.DIXON ELECTED
AS HEALTH HEADCounty Association in An-
nual Meeting—Mrs. Sai-
die Orr Dunbar AttendsA very successful year of the
Union County Health association
during which a great deal had been
accomplished was closed yesterday
at the annual meeting here of the
association which committee re-
ports were given and officers
elected. Mrs. Sallie Orr Dunbar
of Portland, attended the session.
Meetings were held both in the
morning and the afternoon.
H. B. Dixon was elected presi-
dent; W. W. Stevens, vice presi-
dent; Mrs. C. R. Eberhard, sec-
retary.

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275 Here Last
Night For Odd
Fellows MeetingAbout 275 persons attended the
meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge
at the I. O. O. F. hall last evening
when the state banner degree
team of Pendleton exemplified the
first degree in very impressive
ceremony. A. O. Carden, of Pen-
dleton, is captain of the team.
Fifty-five members from the Pen-
dleton lodge were in attendance.
W. M. Peterson, La Grande and J.
E. Hall and G. H. Osborne, of Un-
ion, received degrees.David H. Nelson, guardian of the
grand lodge of the Odd Fellows
in the state of Oregon attended
the meeting. A ten-piece orches-
tra from Pendleton furnished en-
tertainment for the group. Fol-
lowing the business meeting an
oyster spread was enjoyed with the
Rebekah lodge members assisting.
During the supper, several en-
thusiastic speeches were made.
Twenty were in attendance from
Union, 11 from Cove, 15 from Sum-
merville, 15 from Elgin, eight from
Baker, one from Enterprise and
one from Idaho. Several other
places were also represented.Gavel Made From White House Wood
Is Presented to R. A. WilkersonA gavel, made from wood
taken from the White House
in Washington when the presi-
dential mansion was repaired,
has found a permanent rest-
ing place in La Grande.Yesterday during the meet-
ing of the Greenwood Parent-
Teacher association, the gavel
was presented to Principal
R. A. Wilkerson by the asso-
ciation. In turn, it was sent
to La Grande by the National
Lumber Manufacturers asso-
ciation. With the supply limit-
ed, and the White House wood
going only to making of gavels,
etc., for schools over the na-
tion, certain conditions were
decided on and a time limit
was arranged. Elmer Engler-
son, Greenwood teacher, told
of the opportunity to secure
the gavel and Ruth Seward,
of the eighth grade, was se-
lected to write the letter. "The150 Attend Conference of School
Boards Held In La Grande TodayProblems that confront school
executives were discussed today
in a conference of Union county
school boards held in the circuit
court room with Sup. E. A. Sayre
presiding. Speaking of "How Shal-
low Competent Teachers be Selected?"
and Judge E. C. Sencerbox, of
North Powder, opened the subject
"What is the Cheapest and Best
Method of Operating a Small
School?"The interest was so great in the
meeting today that it is planned
to make it an annual event.PAYROLL OF
U. P. HERE IS
\$1,389,426Total Number of Railroad
Employees in La
Grande is 704.429 OF NUMBER
OWN THEIR HOMESInteresting Figures Given
by George Brophy, Offi-
cial From Omaha in City
Today.Figures showing the great im-
portance of the railroad to the
city through which it operates,
were given here today during a
visit to La Grande by George O.
Brophy, of the department of pub-
lic relations of the Union Pacific
system, with headquarters in Om-
aha. Mr. Brophy is now on his way
east to stop at Pocatello and other
cities along the railroad before
(Continued on Page Four)Joint Rail And
Water Rates Is
Hope of CouncilPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Charges that interests opposed to
water navigation were using delay
as a weapon against opening the
Columbia and Snake rivers despite
President Hoover's outspoken
stand favoring development of the
nation's waterways was voiced to-
day by H. R. Richards, The Dalles,
Ore., before delegates to the farm
rate council.The organization, composed of
growers and shippers of Oregon,
Idaho and Washington, met with
Arthur M. Geary, council's attor-
ney to hear reports from various
committees which attended the
Pacific Northwest advisory board
meeting here yesterday. Delegates
voted to continue efforts to bring
about joint rail-water rates.Crow Continues
To Watch Over
School ChildrenThe Central and high schools are
entertained unexpectedly at times
by a large, black crow which ap-
parently likes the children so well
that it prefers to stay close to the
school all of the time. When the
students are all in their classes,
the crow will sit on the limb of
a tree in the yard and "caw"
lonely, and sometimes will fly
over to some window in the school,
pressing itself as close to the win-
dow pane as it can, turning its
head from one side to the other
as it watches the children within
the room.One day the crow flew into one
of the windows at the high school,
picked up a pencil from a desk
and then flew out of the window,
dropping the pencil onto the
ground.During the football season, the
crow often save the black bird fly
across the athletic field, appar-
ently having as good a time as the
grid fans. Some of the children
believed that the crow brought
them luck in the form of touch-
downs.Fractured Skull
Story is StrangeBISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 14 (AP)—
When John Brazelot suffered a
fractured skull in a traffic crash
here more than a month ago his
mental faculties slipped back to the
world war period and he became a
soldier again.For weeks Brazelot fought bat-
tles in his delirium. And then the
world war was over; he started the
reck home, checking off the miles
of his daily progress. Finally he
reached Bismarck, his destination
— and returned to normal con-
sciousness.Hospital attaches revealed the
strange story today after Brazelot
had departed for his mother's
home in Washington, D. C.Railroad May Make
Attack On 1920 ActPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
W. C. McCall, attorney for the
public service commission of Ore-
gon, in its battle for a cross-state
railroad, said today that only an
attack upon the constitutionality of
the transportation act of 1920 can
be made by the Union Pacific rail-
road, which yesterday was ordered
to construct 181 miles of road from
Crane to Crescent City, Ore.Haitian Inquiry
Resolution Is
Approved TodayCommittee Acts While
Group of Communists
Are Arrested in Front
of White House.WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—
The house foreign affairs com-
mittee today approved the Porter res-
olution to authorize President Hoo-
ver to appoint a commission to in-
quire into the Haitian situation.**COMMUNISTS ARRESTED**
By The Associated Press
Simultaneous demonstrations by
members of the communist party of
America against the city and fed-
eral governments occurred in New
York and Washington today.A group of about 100 persons
gathered in front of the White
House in Washington in a protest
demonstration against the Hoover
policy in Haiti and the adminis-
tration's business conferences.Carrying placards bearing the
inscription "Hoover declares war on
workers," a crowd of 500 marched
on the city hall and federal build-
ing in New York. Ten arrests
were made and mounted police
were forced to charge the crowd to
disperse the gathering.A report that a bomb was to be
exploded in front of the New York
city federal building, brought a
force of secret service men and
department of justice agents to
augment the New York police re-
serves called out to guard the
buildings.Fifty arrests were made by
Washington police and New York
police arrested ten. One New York
policeman was severely beaten by
the marchers.

AWAIT CONFERENCE ACTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—
The house naval affairs committee
decided today not to consider re-
commendations on the proposed
naval dirigible base on the west
coast until after the London naval
conference.The announcement was made by
Chairman Britten of the committee
after an executive meeting.
Secretary Stimson announced to-
day that the entire American dele-
gation to the London naval con-
ference would make the trip to Eng-
land on the United States liner
George Washington.Volcanoes Active
In The Far NorthDUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, Dec.
14 (AP)—Seven active volcanoes,
Mount Katmai, Pavlof, Mageik,
Kagamil, Akutan, Chiknagik and
Shishaldin were unusually active,
Captain Anderson of the steamship
Starr, westbound on her Christmas
voyage, reported on arrival here
yesterday. The volcanoes were
spouting lava and fire. Shishaldin
was spouting fire from the crater
to a height of several hundred feet
at very short intervals, the captain
reported.Legion Convention
Dates Aug. 14, 15, 16BAKER, Ore., Dec. 14—August
14, 15 and 16 have been set as the
dates for the American Legion's
1930 state convention, which will
be held here, George L. Jett, vice
commander of the local post in
charge of publicity, announces.The announcement was made as
a result of a conference between
the local post officers and S. S.
George, department commander,
and Carl R. Moser, department
adjutant. The dates were selected
largely in order that the Oregon
convention might not conflict with
other northwest department meet-
ings and make it possible to se-
cure men of national prominence
to visit several state conventions on
the one tour.Chance Ride
Ends Fatally
For TeacherSEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Miss Nina Severson, 23, school
teacher at Auburn, Wash., was
fatally injured in a head-on col-
lision between two automobiles on
the Seattle-Tacoma highway near
here last night. She was brought
to the city hospital unconscious
where she was identified by a
friend here. She died a few hours
after the crash.Houston Johnson, Portland sales-
man, with whom she was riding,
was seriously injured. Johnson,
who first gave his name as James
Bush of Seattle, told police he had
met Miss Severson on a Tacoma
street corner for the first time
shortly before the accident and had
offered to take her to Auburn. He
did not know her name, he said.
Police said he admitted having a
drink before the crash.The identity of the driver of the
other car involved had not been
learned.Reichstag Given
Confidence VoteBERLIN, Dec. 14 (AP)—The
reichtag today gave the Mueller
government a vote of confidence,
222 to 156, supporting it in its po-
litical battle on the Young plan and
financial reforms.**TAX RESOLUTION ADOPTED**
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—
The \$100,000,000 income tax re-
duction was adopted today by the
senate.

BOTH FLY

Like his famous brother, Com-
mander Richard E. Byrd, Gov-
ernor Harry Byrd of Virginia
is an aviation enthusiast. Gov-
ernor Byrd, left, is shown
above with Governor O. Max
Gardner of North Carolina at
the Raleigh airport shortly be-
fore Byrd took off for Rich-
mond after a visit with Gar-
ner.CARNEGIE SCORES
IN FIRST PERIODPassing Attack and Run-
ning Plays Pierce Tro-
jan Defense Early.By Paul B. Zimmerman
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
COLISEUM, Los Angeles, Dec.
14 (AP)—Coming out of the gate
to test the prowess of the Pacific
coast grid aggregation which will
defend western honors in the an-
nual Tournament of Roses game
New Years, the Tartans of Car-
negie Tech took the field here to-
day before a crowd of approxi-
mately 50,000 persons, primed to
give the Trojans of Southern Cali-
fornia the best they have in foot-
ball.Coach Howard Jones' aggrega-
tion lined up eight favorites over
their opponents from Pittsburgh.
The rainy weather was expected
to work a handicap on Coach
Steffens' proteges.Carnegie loosed a passing attack
early in the game to sweep to the
Trojan goal line, but pass there
was fumbled, failing into the end
zone and Troy took the ball on
the 20-yard stripe.The Trojan attack was hurled
backward and Shaver punted.
McCurdy returned the kick 10 yards
to Troy's 45-yard mark. When
running plays were stopped, Mc-
Curdy passed to T. Flanagan to
gain 30 yards. McCurdy and Mor-
bito made it first down on Troy's
three-yard line and Armentrout,
who replaced Byth when the lat-
ter was hurt, brought through cen-
ter for a touchdown.Taking the ball in the second
period after a punt, Carnegie came
back to midfield with Armentrout
and Karels making big gains.
Baker of Troy, intercepted Mc-
Curdy's pass, stopping the drive
on his 44-yard line. Saunders
raced 12 yards through a gaining
hole, but hereafter Carnegie held.
Getting the ball on Carnegie's
45-yard line when a punt went
out of bounds, Saunders shot a 30
yard pass to the Trojan end, Ar-
belide, who was clear and ran to a

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Astoria, Nearby
Districts Lashed
By 70-Mile GaleCommunications Inter-
rupted, Light Service
Disrupted—Heavy
Rains in Northwest.ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Astoria and other towns adjacent
to the mouth of the Columbia river
were recovering today from the
effects of a 70-mile gale which
whipped the coast throughout the
night, smashed windows, damaged
piers, interrupted communication
and held vessels harbor bound.
One man, Fred Layzell, Astoria
city employee, was known to have
been injured when the wind swept
him from his feet and hurled him
to the pavement.**Darkness in Darkness**
Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria
were in darkness for a time last
night when the gale tore down
electric light lines between the
cities and kept crews busy
throughout the night repairing the
broken cables.The United States weather bu-
reau office at the mouth of the
river reported tremendous seas and
the possibility of the gale's in-
crease. Surf was pounding the
beach at Seaside. Heavy gusts of
rain accompanied the wind.

Heavy Rains

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Rain which struck the western
portions of Washington and Ore-
gon during a storm continued to
drench a wide area in the north-
west today, being extended east-
ward as far as Spokane.The Grays Harbor area of Wash-
ington apparently received the
heaviest soaking yesterday and last
night when a 60 mile gale brought
a downpour that registered 2 in-
ches of precipitation. Basements in
the business section of Aberdeen
were flooded and fire engines were
called upon to pump out the water.Driving winds backed up the
tide, flooding the lowlands. The
Olympic highway east of Aberdeen
was submerged and water ran
curb-deep in some of the lower
parts of the city.

Seattle Gets Inch of Rain

Seattle received one inch of rain
in the 12 hour period ending at 5
p. m. yesterday and the downpour
continued this morning. Two un-
identified men in the salmon trol-
ler Lennox of Astoria, Ore., were
rescued outside the Grays Harbor
bar by Captain John Perron and
his crew from the Westport life
guard station. The troller fought
wind and waves for more than five
hours before being towed to safety.Shipping at the mouth of the
Columbia river was halted by a
southeaster that registered 70
miles an hour and caused some
damage.Snow which had been falling at
Yakima turned into rain.Women On Trial
For Wholesale
Murders of MenSZOLNOK, Hungary, Dec. 14
(AP)—Four women, including one
81 years old, are now on trial here
accused of wholesale poisoning of
husbands and other relatives as a
means of obtaining property.Numerous women have been ac-
cused of participating in the mur-
ders and they are being tried in
batches. The first group went on
trial yesterday before Judge Fuchs.
The case has attracted wide in-
terest in Hungary and spectators
crowded the court room. They in-
cluded scientists and high officials.
The judge has received several
anonymous letters saying that the
murders are still continuing. While
the exact number of persons poi-
soned is not known, 30 bodies al-
ready have been exhumed.One of the accused who already
has testified is Juliane Lippka, who
is alleged to have murdered seven
relatives including her mother, her
husband and an uncle. She charged
another woman, Lydia Ols, aided
her.A woman named Roma Hoybe is
accused of killing two of her hus-
bands.Eight Injured In
Head-on CollisionMEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Eight persons were injured three
seriously in a head-on crash of
automobiles on the Crater Lake
highway, near Trail, last night.
The seriously injured are: Jack
Florey, Eagle Point, cuts and
bruises about head and face; John
Wahlin, cuts, and Miss Josephine
Oliver, Trail, bruises and shock.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Oliver and two
children escaped injuries.To Build Lumber
Mill at LakeviewLAKEVIEW, Oregon, Dec. 14
(AP)—E. T. Dusenbury, owner of
a billion feet of timber near here,
announced yesterday that the right
of way had been obtained for a
railroad from Lakeview to his tim-
ber and that construction of the
road would start in the spring.
In connection with this announce-
ment, R. S. Adams, timberman, an-
nounced he would construct a lum-
ber mill at Lakeview and have it
in operation by spring.WILL SPEND
MILLION ON
STATE ROADSHighway Commission Or-
ders Several Projects
Advertised for JanuaryELGIN ROAD WILL
RECEIVE \$30,000Forest Money Allocated
by State Officials; \$10-
000,000 Available for
1930.PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
A million dollars worth of road
improvements, nearly all of it to
be done on the Oregon coast high-
way, was ordered advertised for
the January meeting of the state
highway commission yesterday by
commissioners during a conference
with federal and forest road of-
ficials.Estimates of revenues showed
that there will be available \$10-
000,000 beyond the bond and inter-
est requirements. Of this amount
\$3,000,000 will be required for
maintenance and \$7,000,000 for
new construction and improve-
ments.