

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### STORMS

The winter storms of 1954-55 have caused enormous losses through wind-throw in the forests of Western Germany. More than 150 million cubic feet of timber was blown or broken in the January gales—this would be approximately one quarter of the calculated annual cut. In one forest property a freak gale in March smashed down close on half a million cubic feet of timber in the course of a few minutes.

### A VALUABLE MONARCH

A 500-year-old oak felled in the Spessart in Germany in 1954 measured 56 inches diameter at the butt and had a timber length of 30 ft. It was sold as veneer oak and realized 19,448 marks.