



EMERGENCY MEETING—Labor Party leaders and Cabinet members leave No. 10 Downing-st in London after an emergency meeting with Prime Minister Attlee following the Party's narrow escape from defeat in the British general election. Left to right: Hugh Dalton, former Chancellor of the Exchequer; George Tomlinson, minister of education; Harold Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, and George Isaacs, labor minister. Others are unidentified.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens

Foresters Say . . .
The whole woodland harvest—thinings plus final crop—will bring more money from thinned than from unthinned woods, and in a shorter time. Thinning makes lumber.

The last crop may not be as large from a thinned forest but it will have wood of higher lumber grades in it, bringing better prices.

In thinning harvests "crown thinning" will produce best lumber quality, best prices. "Crown thinning" which means taking out all trees from among tall trees, calls for heavier logging and risk of considerable damage to the trees that are left. This should be calculated when amount of timber to be cut is decided.

Crown thinning at a profit can be started sooner than "low thinning" in the stand.

Low thinnings are more simple and easy to carry through, they do not call for so much technical knowledge as crown thinning, and they have less risk of expensive mistakes.

Thinings do not only provide for better growth but they lower the death rate among the best woodland trees, bringing more of them through to a ripe old age for lumber harvest than in nature's way of letting the trees fight it out.

Farm Forest Mainstay
The sawlog is the main product of the farm woodland in the long-range harvest, as it is the first product of the industrial forest.

This rule will surely hold good for many years to come. The plywood peeler log, the pulp log, the shingle bolt, the fuel log, are the side products.

Since the 1820s the railroad tie has provided a market for the American farmer with a woodland, and has helped pay for forestry.

Hewn ties were the rule through most of the history of the railroads, a time when the farmer was as skilled with the adze as with the ax. Now practically all ties are made in the sawmill.

The "tie mill" that specializes in this market is one for the farmer with sawtimber on his land to look into.

But lumber is the main thing. Most of the wood used in every-

day building is lumber from sawlogs.

Such building is to logging and tree-growing what bread baking is to wheat harvesting and wheatgrinding.

Everyday building, the light construction industry, is the meal ticket of lumberman and forester, and the main hope for the farmer who wants to see money growing on his trees.

Timber Threshing
Foresters think of timber in terms of wheat or corn.

It takes a tree crop longer to ripen, of course. Time aside, wheat and wood are both sold crops and both crops are harvested by cutting. Then the logs of the tree are run through the sawmill just as the stems and heads of wheat are run through the threshing machine.

As wheat is made into flour, bread and other food products, so are sawlogs made into lumber which is worked up into houses and farm buildings. Then, in an ideal state, new food crops are grown on wheat land and new building crops on tree land.

Floods may erode the wood land. Fire may burn the tree cases can rob the soil.

There are leftovers from the logging and milling of trees. Wheat straw and tree branches are left in the woods. Chaff compares to sawdust.

Bread from wheat and houses from trees have a future. Lumber is a permanent fixture in the American scene, and the sawlog will remain the best crop of the farm woodland.

CLAM CHAMPS
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 27.—(AP) Dick Taylor of Seattle won the third annual clam-eating championship contest. He wolfed 277 steamed little neck clams in 10 minutes.

Table Rock

Table Rock, Feb. 27—Sunday visitors at the J. S. Richardson home were Miss Marjorie Anderson, physical education teacher at Central Point high school; J. M. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dodge of Medford and Mrs. Robert Reed of Reno, Nev.

Table Rock road west of the Table Rock store is undergoing some badly needed repairs by county road crews. The road bed was getting into bad shape with the pavement breaking through in many places and leaving deep holes which made driving hazardous.

Wild ducks are destroying grain crops in the Beagle district, according to reports. The grain crop on one farm has been practically wiped out.

Don Wheeler reports the loss of a valuable milk cow. A man looking for pasture for a large number of horses was interviewing farmers here one day last week, but from last reports was unsuccessful.

Next meeting of Table Rock Ladies club will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith Wednesday afternoon, March 3.

Orchard pruning here is a little behind schedule owing to the past stretch of bad weather.

Workmen are busy at the Table Rock store where general overhauling and remodeling is in progress. The seats and tables for cafe customers are being arranged on the fountain side of the room, making it much more convenient and private, and with new ceilings, new paint and decorations.

A recent arrival is a white and tan female dog of the terrier breed which may have been lost by some one, probably intentionally as the dog license dead line is just a head. She is a friendly little dog and would be a nice pet for children, but with the bobbed tailed cat that moved in on us and refuses to leave, and our own bunch of cats and others pets, we don't need her.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Nickel Losing Popularity; Folding Money Use Gaining

By Raymond H. Wilson
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Feb. 27—(AP)—The nickel is losing its popularity.

Suffering from the effects of postwar inflation, the five-cent piece no longer pays for a subway ride in New York, a bus ride in Washington or a cup of coffee in many restaurants.

The nickel, however, is not the only coin that isn't being used as much as formerly. Government figures show that all coins are declining in use and "folding money" is gaining.

Peak In 1945
Even the advent of retail sales taxes and parking meters in the past year has failed to halt the postwar decline in coin usage.

The United States mint delivered only 149,064,000 nickels to banks in fiscal 1949. The peak was 223,870,000 in 1945 and the number has been dropping since.

Production of other coins is off even more. Banks required only a third as many pennies in fiscal 1949 as they did four years earlier. Sixty million half-dollars were shipped out by the mint in 1945; in 1949 only 11,455,000 were dispatched to banks.

Meanwhile, the bureau of engraving and printing has been hard pressed to keep up with the demand for currency. In 1947, bureau presses rolled out 113,000,000 sheets of currency with 12 bills on each sheet. In 1948 the figure jumped to 124,000,000, and last year the number rose to 140,000,000.

New Coins Asked
Despite the reduced usage of coins, congress has been asked this year to approve at least five new coins: Three cent, six and a quarter cent, seven cent, seven and a half and 12 1/2 cent pieces.

However, treasury department officials take a dim view of the idea, particularly in regard to the fractional currency. The fractional coins, they maintain, would cause more headaches than its worth.

Cash registers, change makers vending machines and millions of dollars worth of calculating machines would have to be materially altered or scrapped.

Businessmen and the public would be so annoyed by the coins "they probably wouldn't fool with them," according to Leland Howard, assistant director of the mint.

Would Be Handy
He agrees that the coins would come in handy for such things

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
After breaking diplomatic relations with Bulgaria the other day, we now FREEZE THE ASSETS held by Bulgarian, Hungarian and Romanian citizens in the United States. All three countries are communist satellites.

It's a grim road we are traveling. There is no use kidding ourselves. We have traveled this road before and usually it has led to war.

Sooner or later.

IN London, Prime Minister Attlee says his Labor government will carry on, even though it has perhaps the smallest parliamentary majority in a century.

As this is written, the Labor majority appears to have been whittled down to about nine. Morgan Phillips, secretary of the Labor party, said YEMINUM a majority of 30 is the MINIMUM with which any single-party British government can effectively get through its major policies.

Premier Attlee announced his decision to carry on after a 75-minute emergency session of his cabinet. It means that the Labor party will form another government even at the continuous risk of being forced into a new election at any time.

LET'S get this new election business straight in our minds.

In our country, a new congress is elected for a definite period of time. Under the British system, a new parliamentary election is called whenever the party in power is defeated in parliament on any major issue to which it has committed itself.

For example: The Labor party has committed itself to nationalization of the steel industry. Before the election, it passed the enabling legislation. It is now obligated to put the nationalizing law into effect. If, in the new parliament, there should be a defection of ONLY A FEW Labor votes, the party would fail to carry through its steel nationalization policy, and there would have to be a new election to choose a new house of commons.

It could come even quicker. The new parliament elected on Thursday will convene next

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