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Dr. Wilson Compton, Mrs. Overstreet, John Rainie.

Front Row (left to right): P. R. Camp, Mrs. Camp and baby daughter;
Miss Frances Brown, Mrs. Lee Robinson, L. K. Pomeroy.

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WELCOME TO HOHEN LÜBBICHOW

Baron von Keudell, third from left, wearing field glasses, greets the Oberlaender party upon their arrival at his forest estate Hohen Lübbichow, near the Oder River, in Prussia, north and east of Berlin. The Baron honored us by making a special trip home from Tannenberg, in East Prussia, whither he had been called to assist in the funeral arrangements for the beloved President Hindenburg.

BEECH PLANTATION

Baron von Keudell has long recognized the value of broad-leaved trees for enriching forest soil, particularly where conifers have been grown for long periods of time. Here is a beech plantation seen on a rainy day at Hohen Lübbichow, his estate in Prussia.

SMART TURNOUTS

In smartly turned-out carriages and on foot, too, the Oberlaender visitors saw all the points of interest at Hohen Lübbichow, under the personal guidance of Baron von Keudell. With heads uncovered, we stood with him at sunset, before the village church, to hear ancient bells toll for the departed President.
KAMMERHERR von KALITSCH
BÄRENTHOREN
NEAR DESSAU, ANHALT

This estate, near Dessau in Anhalt,
consists of 8000 acres of almost
pure Scots pine. Date of visit,
August 6, 1934.

LUDWIGSBAUDE
Base from which the Oberleender party took the memorable hike over the flank of the Isergebirge into Oberschelberhau, through the spruce forests of Count Schulgotsch, ending with sore feet and aching muscles, at Kurhotel Lindenhof.
LAIRD OF BÄRENTHOREN
Kammerherr von Kalitsch proudly leads the Oberlaender party through his Scots pine estate, near Dessau, to give us visual proof of the correctness of certain theories of forest regeneration, which he put into practice many years ago. At his right is C. H. Guise of Cornell University.

SEEING BÄRENTHOREN
Transport systems of all kinds carried the Oberlaender party through the forests of Germany and Czechoslovakia. Most popular of all were such informal turnouts as those provided by the venerable Kammerherr von Kalitsch at Baerenhoren.

BANANAS AL FRESCO
Like a troop of small boys on a holiday, the Oberlaender party munched bananas on the streets of Dessau. The smiling Dr. Compton, next to end on the right, is credited with discovering them in a nearby shop.

A FOREST CLASSIC
Celebrated in German forest literature is "Barenthoren", Scots pine estate of Kammerherr von Kalitsch, near Dessau, where litter collection and grazing are prohibited and where natural regeneration is the policy. W. R. Brown in the foreground.

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REICHSGRAF von SCHAFGGOTSCH
WARMBRUNN
NEAR HIRSCHBERG, RIESENEBIRGE

This estate in German Silesia, consists of 88,000 acres, largely spruce of excellent quality. Date of visit, August 8-9, 1934.

IN GERMAN SILESIA:
Kurhaus of Bad Flinsberg, in the Riesengebirge, near Hirschberg, stirs memories of the Schaffgotisch forest estate. Good beer and soothing music sped fleeting hours, with genial hosts.
OBERFORSTMEISTER KÖHLER
To him is entrusted the administration of the forest estate of His Excellency, the Reichsgraf von Schaffgotsch, in the Riesengebirge and Isergebirge, with headquarters at Warnbrunn, near Hirschberg. Proud is he of that pipe, given to him by his good wife on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The Schaffgotsch holdings, chiefly spruce, comprise 58,000 acres.

PEELING SPRUCE PULPWOOD
Spruce pulpwood of an excellent quality is produced on the estate of Count Schaffgotsch in the Riesengebirge. Before sending it to the pulp and paper mills it is peeled a second time, as shown in the illustration.

SPRUCE OF THE ISERGEBIRGE
A revelation to the American lumbermen was the exceptional quality of the spruce in that great chain of mountains, separating Germany and Czechoslovakia. Here are some splendid specimens that caught the visitors' eyes in the Isergebirge.

CLEAN CUT SPRUCE AREA
Clear felling and replanting is the forest procedure on the Schaffgotsch estate in the Riesengebirge. A carefully planned sustained-yield program is followed, which allows a twenty percent factor for storm damage.
FRIENDLY FELLOWS, TOO

Wild boars on the estate of His Highness Prince Schwarzenberg, in Czechoslovakia. Having just been fed by a gamekeeper, they are quite tame and gladly pose for American cameras.

GRAF von HOLNSTEIN

MILKEL

NEAR BAUTZEN, SAXONY

Situated at Milkel, near Bautzen, this estate consists of 3500 acres of forest lands, almost all Scots pine.

Date of visit, August 12, 1934.
HOLSTEIN CASTLE AT MILKEL

The delightful home of the late Count Holstein, in Saxony, seems to reflect the very solidity of private forest ownership in Central Europe. The members of the Oberleender party are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing its late owner, whose death occurred in October, 1934. Of our visit Countess Holstein has graciously written: "You have all sent such kind words of thanks for the little we could do for you at our home and surely Count Holstein would have been pleased to have read them. All is sadly changed since then at our dear old place."

COUNT HOLSTEIN

The Oberleender party is happy to have known this friend of the forest and friend of America, who died within two months of our visit to his home at Milkel. Here we see him, pointing out to us the items of interest in his forests of Scots pine.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT MILKEL

The excursion by carriage through the Scots pine forests of Count Holstein and the delightful dinner in the fine old castle, make August 19, 1934, a day never to be forgotten. Here again we felt the warmth of sincere hospitality.

YOUNG PINE PLANTATION AT MILKEL

Dr. Franz Heske explains the character of the Count Holstein forest holdings and takes us to see the plantations of young Scots pine, on this interesting estate of 5600 acres.
BARON VIEETINGHOFF-RIESCH

NESCHWITZ

NEAR BAUTZEN, SAXONY

Forest estate Neschwitz, has 2340 acres of Scots pine, besides agricultural lands. Date of visit, August 10, 1934.

HERR STORK

Although they kept this fellow for a pet, a certain Forstmeister and his good wife, had no children. The best they could boast were two charming dachshunds.
BARON von VIETINGHOFF-RIESCH

With falcon and dog, the genial master of forest estate Neschwitz, near Bautzen, spends many happy hours in the field. Neschwitz has been in the Vietinghoff-Riesch family since 1763, and was formerly owned by August the Strong, who erected some of the buildings on the estate.

CASTLE PARK AT NESCHWITZ

The castle grounds at Neschwitz seen from the balcony of the fine old house. Neschwitz estate consists of over 4000 acres of land, of which more than half are in forests, chiefly Scots pine.

TREES OF TODAY AND OF TOMORROW

A striking scene in the Scots pine forest of Baron Vietinghoff-Riesch, showing a wide range of age classes. "Our fathers planted for us, we plent for our children. The element of time is of no great importance. Our trees were ready for us, theirs will be ready for them."
MILLING SCOTS PINE
A glimpse of the sawmill at Flinsberg, in Silesia, sawing three Scots pine logs at one setting. The excellent quality of the lumber from such small logs, proved a revelation to the American visitors.
VON ARNIM CASTLE AT MUSKAU
Gloriously situated in the heart of Pückler Park, pride of all Silesia, stands the beautiful castle of Count von Arnim. Its hospitable halls were opened wide to members of the Oberlaender expedition, who cherish memories of a delightful dinner party given by the Count and the charming Countess on August 13, 1934.

PÜCKER PARK: BEAUTY SPOT OF MUSKAU
At Muskau, between the rivers Neisse and Spree, stands the von Arnim castle, surrounded by Pückler Park, over 1300 acres in extent. This gem of landscape architecture is the work of its former owner, Count Hermann von Pückler, who occupied the estate from 1811 to 1845.

VON ARNIM SAWMILL AT WEISSWASSER
One of the two sawmills of Count von Arnim. This one at Weisswasser, not far from headquarters at Muskau, is equipped with five log gangs and one planing machine. This mill saws about five million feet of logs a year.

EDGE OF A CLEAR-CUT AREA
A fine stand of Scots pine on the forest estate of Count von Arnim, in Prussia, showing the tall, clean trees on the edge of a recent cutting.

AT MUSKAU
Graf von Arnim (left) with Oberforstmeister Brahm (right) on the castle grounds at Muskau, Prussia, headquarters of the Graf von Arnimischen Waldgutstiftung, a complete industrial empire, supporting 3677 people.

WOOD-GAS TRACTOR
On the von Arnim estate, the Oberlaender party inspects a tractor, whose fuel is wood gas generated by the tank-like device mounted on the left front. The tractor is towing two wagon loads of pulpwood.
ON THE DIENER von SCHÖNBERG ESTATE

Members of the Oberlaender party on a tour of the spruce forests of Dr. Diener von Schönberg, in Southern Saxony, not far from the border of Czechoslovakia. Spruce of the Erzgebirge is famous for long, clean bolts and heavy yield per hectare.

FELLING A SPRUCE

Woodsmen's tools, wholly different than those used in America, were seen for the first time on the logging operations of the Diener von Schönberg estate in Saxony.

HARVESTING SPRUCE

Bark for tanneries, branchwood for toys and fuel, small logs for pulpwood, large logs for building material—that is forest utilization in Germany, the envy of every visiting American forest owner.

SCHLOSS PFAFFRODA

Picturesque Pffroda, near Altenhau, Germany, has been the seat of the distinguished family Diener von Schönberg, since 1350. Saxony kings and princes have been frequent visitors to Pffroda. King William Frederick was a house guest on July 9, 1914, only a few weeks before the flames of war swept over Europe. Pffroda's hospitality is known throughout all of Saxony.
FORSTLICHE HOCHSCHULE
THARANDT
NEAR DRESDEN, SAXONY

The school forest at Tharandt, near Dresden, embraces 4000 acres of spruce and Scots pine. Date of visit, August 11, 1934.

THE OLD MILL
Landmark of Potsdam, symbol of German faith in German justice. When Frederick the Great ordered it removed, its owner firmly stood his ground with this immortal utterance: "There are still judges in Berlin."
THARANDT'S WOODED HILLSIDES

In the little valley below nestles the famous Forstliche Hochschule, oldest forest school in the world. Occupying the chair of its illustrious founder is our friend and guide, Dr. Franz Heske, from whose delightful hillside home this beautiful vista may be seen.

FOUNDER'S TOMB

Here sleeps Heinrich Cotta on the rugged hillside of Tharandt, in the shadow of his eighty oaks, ranged about him like the candles on a birthday cake, living symbols of his many good deeds.

AIR TESTING STATION

Remarkable instruments for testing air for toxic gases have been developed at the Forstliche Hochschule at Tharandt, Saxony. These instruments have been of great value in the protection of agricultural and tree crops.

COTTA HALL: THARANDT

One of the three main buildings of Forstliche Hochschule at Tharandt, Saxony. This one is named in honor of its illustrious founder, Heinrich Cotta, who began teaching forestry at Zülbach in 1795, removing to Tharandt in 1811.

SPLENDID SCOTS PINES AT THARANDT

In the school forest at Tharandt, one may see Scots pine at its best. This hardy species, which seems to thrive on poor soils, does best where litter gathering and grazing are prohibited. This 4000-acre forest occupied lands that were hopeless swamps when Cotta came first to Tharandt.
PRINZ HOHENLOHE-LANGENBURG
SCHLOSS ROTHENHAUS
NEAR KOMOTAU, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This estate in Bohemia, near Komotau, consists of 18,000 acres of excellent spruce, in addition to agricultural holdings. Date of visit, August 16, 1934.

ANCESTRAL ARMOR
Armory of the Schloss Hluboká, Schwarzenberg seat near Budweis, with its splendid collection of ancient weapons and armor, it said to be one of the finest exhibits of authentic family relics in Central Europe.
SCHLOSS ROTHENHAUS

Family seat of His Highness Prince Max Hohenlohe-Langenburg, near Gorkau, Czechoslovakia. The history of Rothenhaus estate can be traced to 1400, when a knight named Dietrich Kras is mentioned as owner. The present family ownership dates from 1771. Schloss Rothenhaus, with its charming environs, is famed throughout Europe for its hospitality. Royal visitors include the kings of Spain and Greece. Many of the most famous tennis players of all times have played on its courts.

SCHOOL CAN WAIT

The young son of Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg was hard at work on his lessons when the Americans arrived at Rothenhaus. In spite of the best efforts of his tutor he suspended his pursuit of knowledge until the Oberlaender party concluded its visit.

FAMILY MAUSOLEUM

Ancestors whose laughter in childhood rang through the baronial halls of Rothenhaus and whose feet once trod the green slopes of the Erzgebirge, sleep in the family chapel near the castle.

SPRUCE OF THE ERZGEBIRGE

Few places in the world boast better spruce than the Erzgebirge and the Böhmerwald. Here are some tall, clean fellows on the forest estate of Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg, in Czechoslovakia, near the border of Saxony, standing nearly 100,000 feet to the acre.
GRAF CZERNIN
CHUDENICE
NEAR KLATTAU CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Forest Estate Chudenice, near Klattau, Czechoslovakia, comprises 19,500 acres of timber lands, largely spruce, with mixtures of fir, and beech. Date of visit, August 18, 1934.

IN OLD BOHEMIA
Picturesque street in Krumau, Czechoslovakia, farthest point south reached on the Oberlaender tour. It was here that the Oberlaender tour broke up on August 99, with a farewell dinner at Hotel Alt Wien.