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Guide to Forestry Lectures of Carl Alwin Schenck, 1904 - 1909

This collection consists of lectures on the topics of forest policy and forest protection presented by Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck (1868 - 1955) to students attending the Biltmore Forest School, which he founded on George Vanderbilt's (1862 - 1914) Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1898. Schenck published the lectures in 1904 and 1909, respectively, to serve as reference texts for his students since forestry education in the United States was in its infancy and few relevant textbooks existed at that time. Topics covered in Schenck's Lectures on Forest Policy. Second Part: "Forestry Conditions in the United States" (Biltmore, N.C.: Biltmore Forest School, 1904) include: statistical information about forest distribution and ownership, timber utilization, irrigation, forest reserves, conservation laws, and public attitudes toward forests and forestry in the United States. Lectures in Schenck's work Forest Protection: Guide to Lectures Delivered at the Biltmore Forest School (Asheville, N.C.: The Inland Press, 1909) discuss measures that forest owners should implement to protect forest resources from adverse influences caused by: animals, climate extremes, erosion, insects, non-native plants, pollution, storms, and human activities. This guide to Carl Schenck's forest policy and protection lectures contains digital facsimiles of the two published volumes.

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Historical Note

In 1898 with the permission of his employer George Vanderbilt, Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck (1868 - 1955) founded the Biltmore Forest School, the first forestry school in the United States, on the grounds of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. The school offered a one-year course of study, and the curriculum focused on providing traditional classroom lectures in silvicultural theory supplemented with extensive forest management field training. Although Schenck conducted most of the lectures himself, he occasionally arranged for guest lecturers with topical expertise to periodically visit the school. Recognizing his students' need for forestry texts to serve as ready reference materials, Schenck published some of his selected lectures on the topics of forest policy and forest protection in 1904 and 1909. The Biltmore Forest School flourished for about a decade, but its enrollment began to slowly decline around 1910,

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and Carl Schenck finally closed the school in 1913 after having graduated over three hundred fifty students.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of digital facsimile reproductions of two volumes of Carl Alwin Schenck's published lectures on the topics of forest policy and forest protection. Schenck published his forest policy lectures in 1904 and his forest protection lectures in 1909 for the benefit of students attending the Biltmore Forest School in Asheville, North Carolina.

Organization of Collection

This finding aid is divided into two series representing the two volumes of Schenck's published lectures that comprise this collection. Series one describes Forest Policy Lectures by Carl Schenck Published in 1904 under the title *Lectures on Forest Policy. Second Part: "Forestry Conditions in the United States"* (Biltmore, N.C.: Biltmore Forest School, 1904). Series two describes Forest Protection Lectures by Carl Schenck Published in 1909 under the title *Forest Protection: Guide to Lectures Delivered at the Biltmore Forest School* (Asheville, N.C.: The Inland Press, 1909.) Each series description provides a link to a [Digital Surrogate] facsimile of the original text presented as an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file.

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Schenck, Carl Alwin, 1868 - 1955.

Vanderbilt, George Washington, 1862 - 1914.

Detailed Description of Collection

Series I: Forest Policy Lectures by Carl Schenck Published in 1904

1 volume (23 cm); 108 pages

Scope and Content Note

Published in 1904 by the Biltmore Forest School in Biltmore, North Carolina, *Lectures on Forest Policy. Second Part: "Forestry Conditions in the United States"* provides for each state of the union statistical information on such forest policy issues as: forest area; regional physiography; distribution of various forest types; forest ownership; timber utilization; public attitudes toward forests and forestry; forest and/or conservation laws and legislation in effect; whether or not any forest reserves existed at the time of publication; and irrigation.

Schenck, Carl Alwin. *Lectures on Forest Policy. Second Part: "Forestry Conditions in the United States"*. Biltmore, N.C.: Biltmore Forest School, 1904. 108 pp. [\[Digital Surrogate\]](#)

Series II: Forest Protection Lectures by Carl Schenck Published in 1909

1 volume (23 cm); 159 pages

Scope and Content Note

Published in 1909 by the Inland Press of Asheville, North Carolina, *Forest Protection: Guide to Lectures Delivered at the Biltmore Forest School* presents Carl Schenck's lectures about measures that forest owners should implement to protect forest resources from adverse influences caused by animals, climate extremes, erosion, insects, non-native plants, pollution, storms, and human activities. Includes a bibliographic reference list (pages 39 - 42) compiled by Carl Schenck and F. D. Couden supplemented with numerous tables (pages 43 - 108) providing reference information about government publications on insect damage to particular tree species. Also includes an index. Handwritten notations appear on pages throughout the book, especially towards the end.

Schenck, Carl Alwin. *Forest Protection: Guide to Lectures Delivered at the Biltmore Forest School*. Asheville, N.C.: The Inland Press, 1909. 159 pp. [\[Digital Surrogate\]](#)