

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
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The Asiatic Beetle Quarantine

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A new pest has appeared in the western or Westville section of New Haven in the form of a beetle, the grubs of which feed upon the roots of grass and probably other plants. This beetle is known to science as *Anomala orientalis* Waterhouse. We have called it the Asiatic Beetle to distinguish it from the Green Japanese Beetle, *Popillia japonica*, which now is present over some 6,000 square miles of territory in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. *Anomala orientalis* is said to be a native of the Philippine Islands, but in some way it was introduced into Japan and also into Hawaii, where it has caused severe injury to the sugar cane crop. Many lawns have already been ruined in the Westville section of New Haven. As it is not known to occur elsewhere in the United States, and as it may prove a very serious pest here, especially if it should spread southward, every reasonable measure should be taken to eradicate it and prevent its further dissemination.

Following a hearing at the Station April 5, of which due notice was given, quarantine restrictions have been established by the following order:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 8
CONCERNING ASIATIC BEETLE
Effective April 15, 1926.

It has been brought to my attention that a destructive insect pest known as the Asiatic beetle, *Anomala orientalis* Waterhouse, has been introduced into the western portion of the City of New Haven, and there is grave danger that this insect may be further spread or disseminated by transporting soil, turf, plants with soil about the roots, lawn clippings, rubbish, etc., from infested yards.

Therefore pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 107, Public Acts of 1925, I do hereby declare and order that the area bounded by Yale Avenue,

Willard Street, Forest Road, Cleveland Road, Central Avenue and Chapel Street, shall be a restricted area out from which, until further notice, the following materials will not be allowed to be moved except where treatment or inspection is practicable and permits issued by some person or persons authorized by me to issue such permits:

1. Soil or loam.
2. Plants with soil about the roots; plants in pots which have been set on or in the ground out of doors between June 1 and September 30, inclusive.
3. Turf or sod trimmings.
4. Lawn clippings.
5. Ground litter, weeds, manure or compost which has lain upon the ground.

This order does not affect such materials originating outside of and passing through the restricted area.

This order shall take effect April 15, 1926.

W. L. SLATE, JR.,

*Director, Connecticut Agricultural
Experiment Station.*

Approved:

JOHN H. TRUMBULL,
Governor.

On and after April 15, inspectors will be on duty in the infested area, to supervise the movement of such materials as are named in the quarantine order, scout around the infestations and later to treat the infested lawns.

The foregoing regulations do not constitute an embargo, and the movement of these materials will be prohibited only where there is great danger of carrying the pest into uninfested territory and where inspection or treatment is considered impracticable. Permits may be issued for the movement of such materials which are not in danger of carrying the insects or which may be rendered safe by inspection or treatment.

Headquarters will soon be established on West Elm Street, just east of Alden Avenue, where Mr. J. P. Johnson will be in charge of enforcing this quarantine and will supervise the treatment of all infested material. Applications for permits and information about the insect may be obtained at headquarters.