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THE DUTCH ELM DISEASE BREAKS OUT ANEW

"The Dutch elm disease has broken out anew in the United States.

This time it has been found in the State of New Jersey. Already sixty-nine authentic infected trees have been found scattered among the elms of an area of perhaps a hundred and fifty square miles in Essex, Hudson and Passaic counties," says R. Kent Beattie of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who has just returned to Washington after investigating the outbreak in New Jersey. The Public Works Administration, acting under the National Industrial Recovery Act, has authorized the Department of Agriculture to spend up to \$80,000 to combat the disease.

This new epidemic infection is in the vicinity of our largest seaport and is in an area where the elm is one of our most important trees, and it is also feared that the disease may be present in other localities from which it has not yet been reported. Therefore, tree lovers everywhere should examine their elms.

"Watch for wilting or yellow or brown leaves accompanied by brown streaks in the young wood," Mr. Beattie advises. "When such cases are found, cut pieces of the infected twigs as big as a lead pencil and send them to the Dutch Elm Disease Laboratory, care Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio. If you are in the infected region or its vicinity send your specimens to, or communicate with, the Dutch Elm Disease Office - - - - -"

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care Shade Tree Commission, City Hall, East Orange, N.J.. telephone No. Orange 3-4100. There are other diseases with the same symptoms and we cannot be sure of the cause of the trouble till the specimens have been cultured."

"The Cleveland, Ohio, infection of this disease seems to be well in hand," says Mr. Beattie. "Three trees were found in 1930; four in 1931; none in 1932, and one tree tree thus far this year. Only one tree was ever found in Cincinnati and that in 1930. These are the only infections found on this continent till the outbreak in New Jersey.

"All the New Jersey State and local authorities are cooperating with the Federal department to find and eradicate this disease before it spreads further. A force of men is already at work in the region. But the working forces are inadequate. Every tree lover must help. Watch your elms."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture Circular 170-C, entitled, "The Dutch Elm Disease" gives detailed information in regard to this disease.