

## New Plant Quarantine Facility Opened at Idlewild Airport, N. Y.

A new plant quarantine inspection station has been opened at the New York International Airport at Idlewild for the convenience of business firms and persons authorized to import plants and plant propagating material, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced.

The new station will make it possible for plant imports to be cleared in as little as three hours after arrival from abroad, according to officials of the USDA's Plant Quarantine Division. Previously, incoming plant shipments had to be trucked in bond from Idlewild to the Hoboken (N. J.) plant quarantine inspection house for processing, a procedure which often consumed three days. Thus, importers will be saved both time and expense. Furthermore, the risk of insect pests escaping during the trip from the airport to Hoboken has been eliminated.

Material carrying pests is treated by fumigation, hot water, or by a variety of chemical applications. The new station, located at the airport's newly-constructed Air Cargo Center, provides facilities for all types of inspection and treatment. It will handle plant propagating material arriving by air cargo and passengers' baggage.

Equipment at the new station includes a 240-cubic foot chamber for vacuum or atmospheric fumigation with methyl bromide, an autoclave for steam sterilizing soils, and a small tank for applying close tolerance hot water treatments. There is also an electric oven for dry-heat treatments of certain non-living plant material, equipment to permit fungicidal treatments of small lots of materials like seeds, and microscopes for close inspection.

Plant importations are inspected both for insects, plant diseases, nematodes and other pests. Ma-

terial come into Idlewild, at the present time, at the rate of 400-600 pieces monthly. The volume has been increasing steadily for a decade. Between October 1, 1956 and October 1, 1957, a total of 18,859 arriving passenger planes were inspected by the Division's Idlewild staff, and unauthorized plant material was found on 13,892 of them.

Permits for the importation of plants and plant propagating material should be obtained in advance of arrival from USDA's Plant Quarantine Division, 209 River Street, Hoboken, N. J.

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The structure is as nearly fire-proof as it is possible to build with cement floors throughout. Two fire-proof vaults have been installed, one on the ground floor and one in the basement. (LF Photo)

### Farm Forestry Course Listed for Home Study

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### Farm Calendar

**NOTE:** If you wish meeting dates of your organization to be listed, send them to Lancaster Farming to arrive before Wednesday noon. All notices must be signed. There is no charge.

- Today**  
Paradise 4-H Club Hallowe'en Party—8 p. m. at the home of Betty Bowman.  
Manor 4-H Club Hallowe'en Party—8 p. m. at Stehman's Church.  
Tailoring Meeting — 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. at Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillersville Road, Lancaster.
- Sat., Nov. 2**  
County Convention of Farm Women's Societies — 10 a. m. at Hempfield High School, Landisville.

**Mon., Nov. 4**  
County Extension Executive Committee meeting — 8 p. m. at Jamesway Manufacturing Co., Manheim Pike, Lancaster

**Tues., Nov. 5**  
Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Show — Lancaster Union Stock Yards

4-H Capon Club Roundup — noon at Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster. Roundup sponsored by Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

Egg Production Meeting — 7 45 p. m. at Lancaster Poultry Center, West Roseville Road, Lancaster

**Wed., Nov. 6**  
Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Show—Lancaster Union Stock Yards.  
Watershed Meeting—7 30 p.m. at Speedwell Forge.

**Thurs., Nov. 7**  
Southeast District Baby Beef and Lamb Club Show — Lancaster Union Stockyards.

Home Economics 4-H Club Leaders Banquet — 6 30 p. m. at Warwick House, Lititz.

Senior Extension Club — 8 p. m. at Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillersville Road, Lancaster.

**Fri., Nov. 8**  
Boots and Saddles Pony Club — 7 30 p. m. at the home of Erla Mae Rutt, Blue Ball

**Sat., Nov. 9**  
National 4-H Achievement Day  
**Tues., Nov. 12**  
Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg.

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