

# 4-State Coalition To Battle Pesticide Pollution Of Lake

Conservation officials of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana this week formally adopted a "milestone" agreement to combine their efforts in protecting the Lake Michigan Basin from further pesticide pollution.

They formed the 4-state coalition in Chicago at the 35th Annual Convention of the Midwest Fish and Game Commissioners, signing the pact for Michigan's Conservation Commission Chairman Harry H. Whitley and Conservation Director Ralph A. MacMullan. Under their agreement, the states will join forces to tighten enforcement over all pesticide pollution in the Lake Michigan complex. Their efforts will be focused upon such developments as industrial processes, municipal Dutch elm disease and mosquito control programs, and agricultural and gardening activities.



William A. Howe, senior vice president of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, retires August 31, 1968 after 35 years of service. He began his banking career in 1923 with the First National Bank of Detroit. Ten years later he became an officer of the bank in 1933, a vice president in 1934, and a senior vice president in 1956.

Following this week's signing ceremonies, Michigan Conservation Director MacMullan commented: "This agreement marks a milestone in mobilizing a united attack against the haphazard use of pesticides in the Lake Michigan area. This is not going to be a paper program. I have already instructed my staff to pull out all the stops in working with the conservation agencies of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana to translate this agreement into a dynamic counterforce against pesticide pollution."

MacMullan hopes the Lake Michigan pact will be the forerunner to a broader pesticide control program. He said that steps will be taken immediately to encourage all Great Lakes states to join in a similar agreement.

Also, in September, the International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners will be urged to adopt the same type of program to provide more uniform control over pesticides throughout North America. MacMullan explains: "We think the points worked into our Lake Michigan agreement are pretty fundamental to this whole pesticide problem and they deserve to be incorporated into a continent-wide effort."

FORMATION of the new coalition also takes firm note of the fact that about 80 per cent of Lake Michigan's 1,600 miles of shoreline has high potential for outdoor recreation. It also takes into sharp focus the importance of Lake Michigan to the growth and health of communities bordering the lake's shores.

For example, Lake Michigan is a principal source of drinking water. Backgrounded by these facts and figures, the four states' agreement solemnly notes: "We believe that unless timely steps are taken to control persistent pesticides and other economic poisons, Lake Michigan's usefulness will shrink to a fraction of its potential."

## Name Livonian Credit Manager

Gerald J. Knoll of Livonia, has been appointed to the position of Detroit district credit manager for United States Steel Supply Division. His office will be located at the division's new steel service center facilities in suburban Taylor Township. Joining the Supply Division in Chicago in 1961, Knoll served as a credit correspondent until 1964 when he was promoted to



William C. Hamming, Nathaniel Avenue, Redford Township, has been appointed an assistant trust officer of Detroit Bank & Trust. Hamming recently joined the bank's pension and profit sharing staff in the trust department. He is a member of the Economic Club of Detroit and serves on that organization's advisory board and reception committee. He is also involved in many of the activities of St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Hamming is married and has three sons.

the position of assistant credit manager in the Chicago district office. He was transferred to St. Paul, Minn., later that year as district credit manager and in 1966 went on to a similar position in the Seattle, Wash., district office.

Mr. Knoll, his wife, Janet, and their four sons reside in Livonia.

## Perennials Grow Well From Seeds

A good many perennials grow so easily from seeds that it makes no sense at all to buy plants. If seeds are available by August of each year of plants that bloom earlier, they can be sown then; most will grow into plants large enough to bloom next year.

The easiest way to handle seeds of perennials is in either a special bed, preferably raised a few inches above ground level, or in a cold frame, commercial or home-made.

A raised bed can be made of 4 pieces of 2x4 set on edge. Use 2 pieces the same length for the sides, 2 shorter ones for the same length for the ends. Hold them in place with wooden pegs.

Filled with a mixture of 1/3 each garden soil, sand (if the soil is not sandy) and granulated peat moss and allowed to settle a few days, the bed is then ready for planting. The soil mixture should be watered well the night before planting, which will further settle the soil. Watering after planting should be with a fine spray, possibly through burials or cheesecloth, so the seeds do not wash out of place.

Which perennials to sow? There are so many that come readily from seeds that you can pick and choose, according to the height of plant or color of bloom you wish for your garden. If blue flowers are your need, you can grow delphiniums (seeds MUST be fresh), anemones, hardy cornflowers or some of the perennial Canterbury bells.

Perhaps you'd like low-growing plants for the front of the border? Rock cress, Basket of Gold Alyssum, hardy carnations, violas and happy primroses are all possibilities.

Coreopsis has bright yellow flowers, col. rubines grow well in shade and are dainty and graceful, hollyhocks are stately with rosettes for flowers. Russell lupines sport spikes of bloom in a wide range of colors — and so one can go through the roster of perennials.

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