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Expect Lotus Crops in Grass Lake to Exceed Record this Summer

Basing his predictions on the fact that the number of plants is showing two-fold increase this year over the number of last year, John O'Connor, who resides on an island in Grass lake, states that the number of lotus blossoms on the lake will be double that of last summer, according to a Waukegan paper.

Origin of the Grass lake lotus beds has always interested botanists and other scientists, for the lotus ordinarily is found only in Egypt and in parts of China.

The lotus beds existed in Grass lake when the first white settlers came to that region, according to Lake county historians. One theory of the origin of the Grass lake beds is that the seeds were carried there by fish hawks which migrated from the Orient.

Soil on the bottom of the lake, according to botanists, seems to contain elements favorable to the lotus plants, which are not to be found in the adjoining lakes.

Thousands visit Grass lake when the flowers are in bloom.

Statistics tell us that a great many of the accidents around the house are caused by members of the household slipping in the bath tub. Well that proves that we are a cleanly nation, in spite of the charges of some of the internationalists.

POPULATION GROWTH TO AID SUPERVISORS

Several Townships Entitled to More Assistants; Deerfield to Get One

Waukegan township's increase in population in the last decade entitles it to six more assistant supervisors on the county board or a total of one supervisor and 15 assistants it became known last week, when officials tabulated the representation for each town based on the 1930 census, says the Waukegan Times.

One other township, Deerfield, would be entitled to another assistant. All other districts have full representation.

There now are 17 supervisors and 20 assistants on the county board. Each township is entitled to a supervisor and, after 4,000 in population is reached, one assistant for every 2,500 in population or a fraction thereof, it is understood.

Waukegan Has 10 Now

Of the 20 assistants on the board Waukegan has nine and with Supervisor Matt Dilger it claims 10 votes. Other assistants are: Deerfield township, Charles Harbaugh; Arthur W. Vercoe, William E. Bletsch, and Paul Udell. The supervisor there is William J. Obee. Shields township: Thomas V. Murphy, Edward M. Mawman, Wm. Dickinson, and James Kelly. The supervisor is Edward Monahan. Libertyville township: W. E. Miller. The supervisor is Charles Wilcox. Benton township: John D. Thomas and Hans M. Dronen. The supervisor is Bert C. Thompson.

In Waukegan the assistants are: Fred Decker, John F. McCann, Dan Short, W. C. Berry, D. A. Hutton, Walter Piquette, Ira W. Holdridge, Frank Burke, and A. J. Sutkus.

Brings Board to 44

If advantage is taken of the population the personnel of the board would be brought to 44 with 17 supervisors and 27 assistants with 15 from Waukegan and 12 from all other townships.

In the event proposal to create a new town is permitted in Benton township it would bring no change as the proposed Town of Zion would be entitled to a supervisor and one assistant instead of two and the divorced section of the township would then have a supervisor of its own, bringing the supervisors up to 18 and the assistants down to 26.

No change in the board will be brought, it is understood, until the elections in the spring.

Libertyville-Mundelein

Union Is Being Talked

Agitation favoring a merger of the towns of Libertyville and Mundelein into one town with a different name is being started in that district, and, according to present reports, is spreading at a rapid rate in both places.

While no definite action has been taken on the matter, private discussions among businessmen, members of the Libertyville chamber of commerce and other groups have been carried on and it is said that a number of the prominent civic leaders of both towns are heartily in accord with the proposal.

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