

Governor to Inspect Waukegan Flats Where State Park Is Asked

Revival of the long agitated plan to convert the Flats, north of Waukegan, into a state park, was seen in an announcement made last week by Mrs. Robert Aiken, of Winthrop Harbor, member of the Lake County general dunes committee and long active in the state park plan, that she had been informed by Governor L. L.

Emerson that he will make an inspection of the tract this fall to determine its advantages for state park purposes.

She also announced that she had been informed by State Senator Ray Paddock of Wauconda, that he will introduce the measure providing for the state park in the state senate for the next session for the second time.

Interest in the conversion of the local tract into a state park was

aroused by the Waukegan Woman's club nearly five years ago. The club interested the city club of Chicago and the State Federation of woman's clubs and local representatives in the state legislature in the project.

Senator Paddock then introduced a bill into the state senate.

The matter was referred to a committee of the legislature, which, after visiting the dunes, reported favorably on the bill.

GRASS LAKE LOTUS AMERICAN PRODUCT

Botanical Expert Says It Is Not Like Egyptian Type; Found Elsewhere

Grass Lake and its world famous lotus beds get a lot of attention these days among garden fans. Fanciful stories have been published, stating that the beds are rare, and that botanists cannot explain the appearance in this country of this plant, which some assert is the true Egyptian lotus.

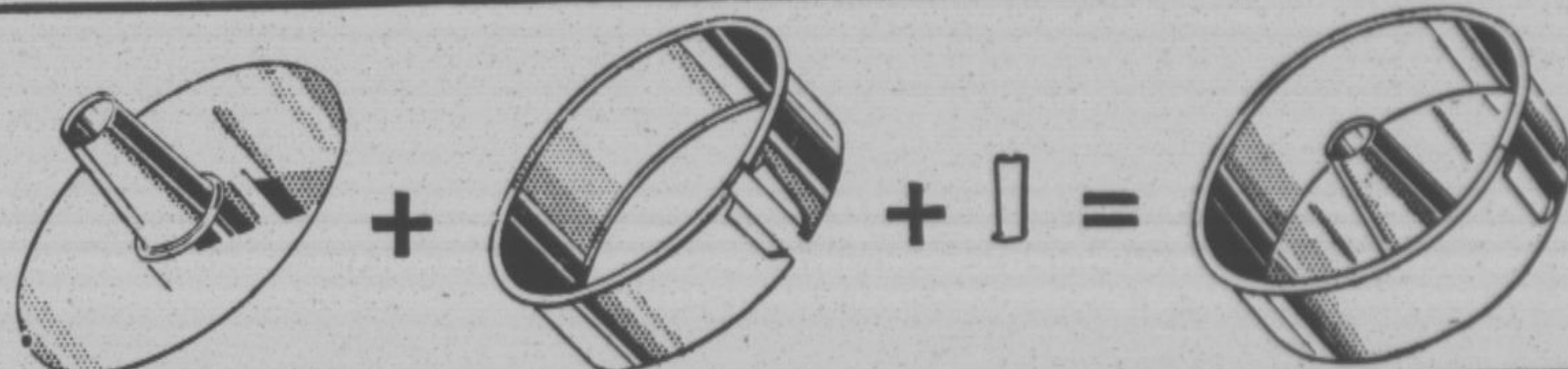
Inquiry at the Field museum brought the information that the Grass Lake lotus is in the botanists *nelumbo lutea*, says the Waukegan Times. Bailey states that this is one of two species, and is native to North America. The other species, *nelumbo nucifera*, which is widely distributed in commerce, is known in trade as the Egyptian lotus, though it is not native of the Nile region, and was not known to the ancient Egyptians. The Egyptian lotus of history is believed to have been a *nymphaea*.

Nelumbo lutea is 100 per cent American. It is the only yellow member of its genus and was unknown before the discovery of this country. It soon became known, however, and four centuries ago was cultivated by Indians in the waters of the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, according to Bailey, and was extensively established in the tributaries of the Mississippi. At present it is found over most of the United States and is obtainable in commerce. There are many beds in the vicinity of Chicago, but they have been reduced in recent years by the practice of collecting their seed pods for winter bouquets.

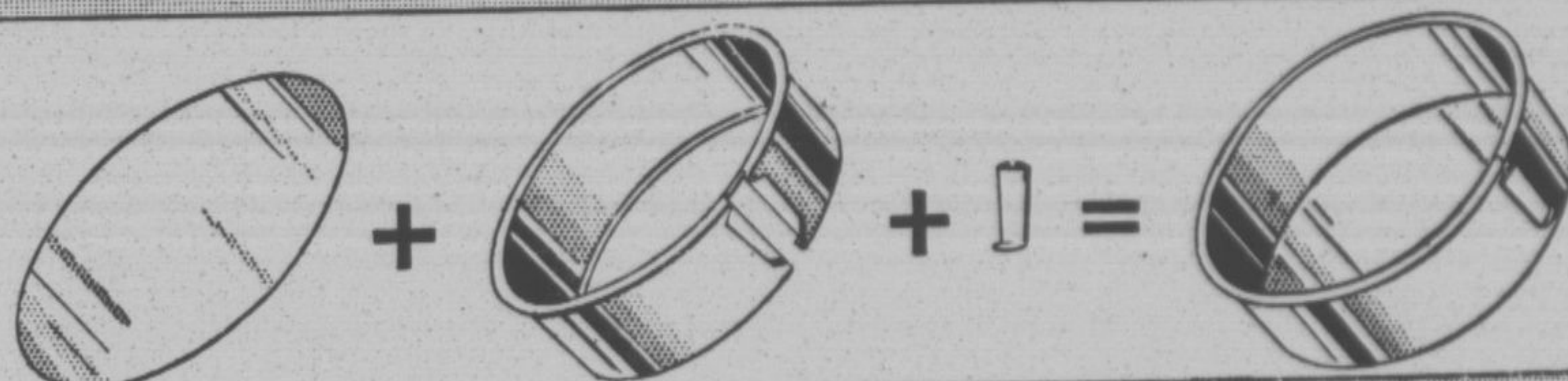
Nelumbo lutea does not succeed in cultivation where the roots are confined in tubs of soil, because it is a gross feeder. It is easily grown in natural ponds and lakes, which enable it to spread its roots widely.

Census Figures on Unemployment Here

The government in releasing census figures of the unemployed, confirmed the survey of the census takers in Lake county, published early in the summer. The figures showed 1,965 out of work in the county. The record by cities and villages is as follows: Waukegan, 1,035; Highland Park, 153; Antioch, 19; Grayslake, 31; Hainesville, 1; Round Lake, 6; Winthrop Harbor, 24; Zion, 141; Deerfield, 5; Highwood, 259; Lake Forest, 84; Lake Zurich, 2; Mundelein, 4; Fox Lake, 17; Lake Villa, 7; Libertyville, 93; Lake Bluff, 22; North Chicago, 314; Gurnee, 7; and Wauconda, 15.



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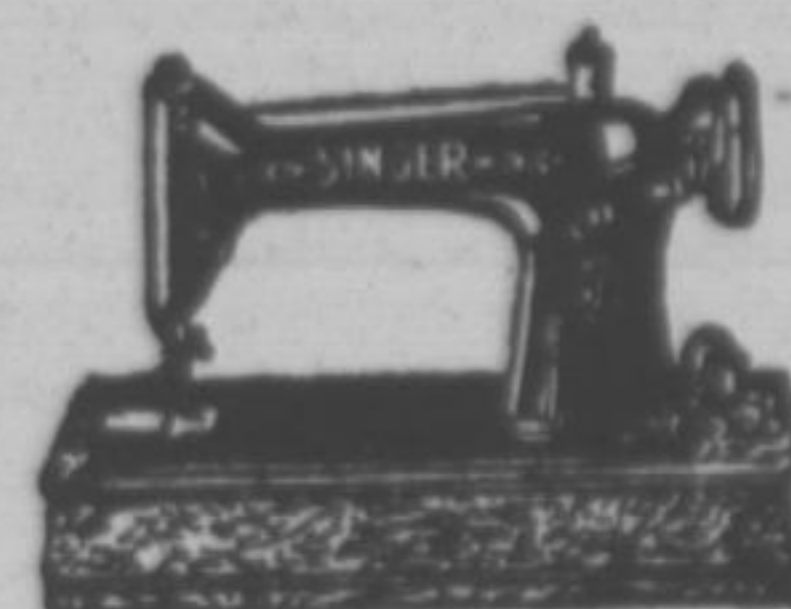
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