

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Knapp
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Mrs. Osmun Johnson passed away Monday morning, December 30, at the age of 85. Since the death of her husband, Osmun Johnson last September, she has been living with his daughter, Mrs. Judson Jones. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Judson Jones, Rev. E. W. Palmer officiating. Burial was at West Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green is confined to the house on account of sickness.

The West Farmington School opened Wednesday after an eight day vacation for the holidays.

Raymond Seeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Seeley, is out of school on account of sickness.

Mrs. Smith Green is sick and her mother, Mrs. Frank Robinson is caring for her.

William Tamm, one of the officers at the county cement block works at Pontiac, is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kurt were entertained at New Year's dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Robinson.

Frank Robinson, who has been sick with the flu, is much better. Clara Wixom has been ill with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox traveled to Brighton to attend a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, who at one time resided in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox entertained their children and grandchildren at a New Year's dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox.

Joseph Eisner, who has been very sick, is able to be out again.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen.
Phone 335-F3

Mrs. Austin Ault is visiting in Detroit with her sister, Mrs. Ralph Vorheis and Miss Marian Rowe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lovett of 868 Glynn court, Detroit, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Margaret Davis.

William Zwahlen Jr. attended a party Monday evening at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Arthur Stanley in Detroit.

The Adult Bible Class will hold its regular meeting at the Community Hall next Wednesday, January 9. Pot luck supper.

Austin Ault was taken to Harper Hospital Tuesday, and was operated on Wednesday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Maude Owen of Jamestown, Penn., is visiting her brother and family, Albert Owen, this week.

Misses Ernestine and Lucile Wolfe spent this week at Middle Straits Lake as the guest of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps.

TRY THIS

By EDNA PURDY WALSH

Making Use of the Cat Tail

WE HAVE found many interesting ways of using the cat tail for cat tails, painting them with different shades of iridescent paints, combining them with painted leaves for winter decorations, but the "adult" cat tail is too large for this purpose, and the inner feathers sometimes burst out surprisingly, flooding the room with a downy mass. Cat-tail down makes a wonderful fluffy filling for small decorative pillows, and one trip in the country will secure enough large cat tails for many delightful cushions.

The fluffiest of baby-crib covers may be made from cat-tail down. A strip of cheese cloth the size of the quilt to be made should be used to spread the down so evenly. The down will adhere to the cheese cloth, but cheese



cloth will not be a sufficient cover for the fine particles if any pressure is made on it, so another light, finely woven piece of cotton should be used for an exterior cover before the silk or silkeness is applied to the outside. The cover should then be quilted in the ordinary way, but the knots should be made quite close together.

The finished cover will be lighter than feathers, even though twice the thickness of an ordinary quilt. It is an ideal summer quilt for the carriage and can be used for a pad on the grass if hay is taken to the park or to the woods.

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How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

By T. E. STEWARD
WNU Service

Cabbage

A FLOCK examining a long series of plants that originated in warm climates, in Asia, or the ancient countries of the Mesopotamian region, it is refreshing to come to one that is a native of northwestern Europe. And cabbage seems properly enough to be a native of the shores of the North sea, near to the regions with which sauerkraut and the general use of cabbage as a food plant seem to be most naturally associated. Cabbage has been found wild on the island of Heligoland; in Denmark, the islands of the English channel, and in southern England and Ireland. With the possible exception of the onion, which may have been wild there in remote prehistoric times, cabbage is the first food plant native to this district that has been considered in the present series.

Botanical investigators that are accepted as authentic place this plant also along the shores of the Mediterranean as an indigenous species, especially near Nice and Genoa. In the wild state it haunts the seacoast, just as we found the potato to do in Chile and Peru. No trace of cabbage growing wild has come out of the East, where so many food plants originated. It is much grown in all civilized parts of the globe suitable to its culture, but has been introduced except in the places already described.

Use of cabbage as a food is extremely ancient. Science deduces from the various names given it that it was in use as a food in western Europe prior to the invasion of the Aryans, supposed progenitors of most of the present white race. It probably was a cultivated vegetable or as found in the wild state and cultivated, just as we today gather many wild foods, berries and nuts particularly.

Another indication that cabbage is distinctly European lies in the fact that it is in Europe where most of the early varieties of this plant have been developed. Three varieties were mentioned by the Greek writer, Theophrastus; twice that number by Pliny, while in the middle of the last century, De Candolle enumerated thirty well-established kinds of cabbage in Europe.

Investigators who have tried to trace the origin of plants by studying their names have brought to light the fact that in the ancient Indo-Germanic tongue the word "karambha" meant cabbage. Spelled differently a word of similar pronunciation "carumba," is a Spanish expression of disgust, "may have meant" "old cabbage head" in ancient times, a meaning which had disappeared from the vocabulary as it is used today.

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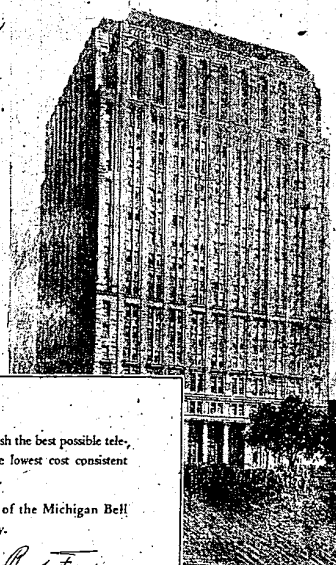
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