

Arngrim nicer than Nellie of 'Little House'

TWO FACES — Nellie Olesen, the grownup brat on "Little House on the Prairie," has curly hair, wears no makeup and is pregnant. The episode in which she gives birth, amid fighting between her Gentle family and her husband's Jewish family, is scheduled to be telecast in February.

Alison Arngrim, who has played Nellie since

she was 11 (she is now nearly 19, with a Jan. 18 birthday), has long blonde hair with not a curl in sight, wears subtle makeup which makes her eyes look huge, and is svelte, sleek and sexy.

Alison is also a very bright young woman who goes so far as to say, "I'm like Nellie in that I like people who are strong. I'm just nicer than she is," and

says that Nellie did exist in real life, although her marriage is a bit of fiction.

"Someone who knew Laura Ingalls Wilder said that there was really a Nellie — she appears in two of the Little House books but her real name was not Nellie. They said Laura was so afraid of Nellie, who was a terror, that she made up a fictitious name and was ex-



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pecting the real Nellie to come get her even until Laura died," Alison says.

FAMILY AFFAIR — Alison's family is from Iceland originally and her father, Thor, who

grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan, is not only her manager but also the manager of other show business personalities.

He's got a good

daughter and a very hot talent on his hands. Alison wanted to do something other than "Little House on the Prairie."

"I can't sing and I can't really dance, although I studied dancing for a while but I'm the kind who clunks into the furniture on the way to the dance floor. People always laugh at

me if I try to sing or dance. So I decided that if they were laughing anyway, I might as well do a stand-up comic routine."

Which she has, successfully.

ONE SETBACK — Things go well for Alison. She has only had one recent setback and that involved her pet, Astarte.

Alison and Astarte moved into a new condominium. One of the building's occupants saw Alison taking Astarte in the building and complained. Astarte, it seems, is a boa constrictor, a dear gentle lady, according to her owner, who wouldn't constrict a fly.

"But it turns out that

in condominium rules, if only one person complains, the complaint must be dealt with. So I knew I was going to lose and I took the snake to my parents' house. She's there now. But you know, after I complied, no one ever came to my place to check out that I was telling the truth." (c) 1981 Suburban Features

Area resident cast in TSU production

STEPHENVILLE — Terri Huneycutt, Tarleton State University junior from Southlake, is a cast member for the two Musical Theatre

productions to be presented Jan. 30-31 by the TSU Music Department.

The two works, "Amelia Goes to the Ball" and "The

Medium" by the American-based composer Gian Carlo Menotti, will be presented in the theatre of the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center

starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased by calling the central ticket office in the Center at 968-9634 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Huneycutt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Huneycutt and will be making her second Musical Theatre appearance. She is a member of the Chamber Choir and a recipient of a music scholarship.

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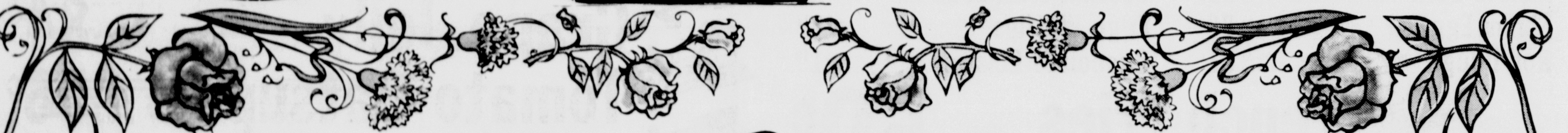
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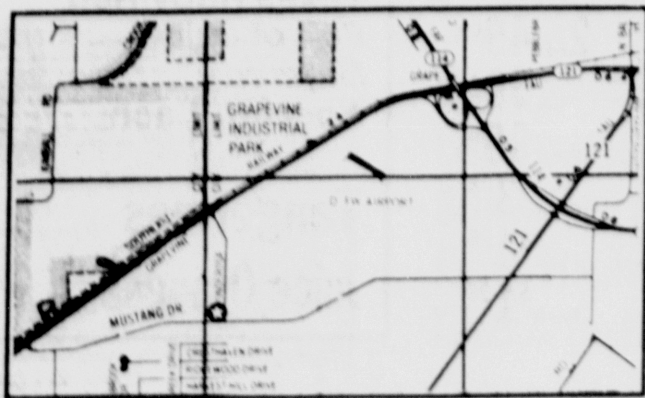


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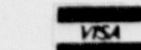
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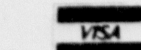
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