

That spoiled snob's not bad, after all

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Off screen, Alison Arngim, the spoiled kid you love to hate on "Little House on the Prairie," is a beautiful 16-year-old who is carving a career for herself as a stand-up comedienne.

Alison, a lovely and lively blonde, spends her Friday and Saturday nights breaking in her stand-up comedy act at small clubs in and around Hollywood. She's also out a comedy album, "Here's Amy," an impression of presidential daughter Amy Carter.

As clever as she is fetching, Alison is looking forward to the day when she has her own bigtime nightclub act and television series.

Meanwhile, she is advancing her career in the role of Nellie Oleson, the arrogant little snob who gives the Ingalls family a rough time in the NBC-TV series.

Alison lives at home with her family. Papa Thor Arngim is a talent manager. Her mother, known professionally as Norma Macmillan, does TV commercials and the voices for cartoon characters. Her brother, Stefan, 22, is a successful actor, too.

Stallone art work
Stefan has his own pad, but Alison lives with her parents in a Hollywood apartment house, complete with swimming pool. Her room is decorated a la early American teen-age mess, the most distinguishing feature of which is an abundance of Sylvester Stallone art work.

The walls are covered with posters and photographs and magazine pictures of the star of "Rocky" with whom Alison is unabashedly in love. Although she has never met Stallone, she has seen "Rocky" more times than she can count.

Her real life boyfriends are fellow students at Hollywood High School who don't seem to be intimidated by the fact that she is a blossoming television actress with plans to become a comedy star.

Alison helps out around the apartment, especially in the kitchen where she has taught herself to cook from cookbooks. Her father is the real chef of the family, but Alison goes out of her way to brag about her chicken Kiev.

When "Little House on the Prairie" is on hiatus Alison attends 11th grade classes at Hollywood High. During the run of the show she studies with a tutor in a trailer at Paramount Studios with other youthful members of the class, Melissa Sue Anderson and Melissa Gilbert.

But Alison is in a hurry to put school behind her. "I plan on taking the California proficiency examination which is the equivalent of a diploma



Alison Arngim

so I can take college courses next year. That means I won't have to be tutored on the set."

Normal life

Alison says she leads a normal teen-age life with a healthy interest in junk foods, dates and clothes.

She is considerably more mature than other girls her age and possessed of more poise than most females twice her age.

It takes courage to step up to a microphone in a club and go into a comedy routine. At first the customers don't know what to make of Alison or what to expect in the way of humor.

Her opening line sets the pace for her act: "I had my choice of playing this club or attending the Roman Polansky Daycare Center." The laugh is immediate and she goes on from there.

"I let the audience know right away I'm not going to do knock-knock jokes," Alison says with a wicked snicker.

"I guess I'm the only professional 16-year-old comedian in the country. But I'm a fairly smart 16-year-old!"

Because she appears in about half of the "Little House on the Prairie" episodes in a season, Alison has a flexible schedule. When the show is on location she usually arises at 5:30 to be ready to work at 8 a.m.

She likes to have dinner in fancy restaurants and go to movies on her dates, but her nightlife is considerably reduced by club work. Alison is more concerned with her career than romance.

Alison is addicted to blue jeans and torn T-shirts, some held together with safety pins in emulation of her punk rock heroines.

More than anything else, Alison is ambitious to become a star and, at the rate she's going, that day shouldn't be far off.

Television schedule

May 15

- 6:15 What's Going On? C-7
- 6:30 Muppets 6, 7, 12 — Edgar Bergen is guest.
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- 7:00 Muppets 6, 7, 12 — J.J. and three buddies own a car jointly causing much trouble over its use. (Repeat)
- 7:00 Consumer Survival Kit 8
- 7:00 Little House On The Prairie 2, 3, 11 — Nellie Oleson and schoolteacher Miss Beadle become brides. (Repeat)
- 7:00 Movie 10, 12 — "The Adventures Of The Wilderness Family" A family leaves the city and starts life anew in the northwest wilderness.
- 7:00 Essence C-7
- 7:00 Last Of The Wild C-2 (17)
- 7:00 Rock Church C-5 (27)
- 7:00 America 2Night C-6 (41)
- 7:30 Discover Wild Kansas C-7
- 7:30 Baby, I'm Back 6, 7, 12 — Ray reappears on the scene when he learns his wife client has declared legally dead. (Repeat)
- 7:30 Wanted: Dead Or Alive C-2 (17)
- 7:30 Turnabout 8 — Singles Lifestyle.
- 7:30 Joker's Wild C-6 (41)
- 8:00 Movie 2, 3, 11 — "Wheels" Drama. Conclusion
- 8:00 M*A*S*H 6, 7, 12 — Hawkeye and B.J. conceive a plan against Charles' French horn. (Repeat)
- 8:00 The 700 Club C-5 (27)
- 8:00 Meeting Of Minds 8 — Discussion.
- 8:00 Captions ABC News 5
- 8:00 Life In The Spirit C-5 (27)
- 8:00 News 2, 3, 11, 6, 7, 12, 10, 18
- 8:00 Gerald Dandine C-5 (27)
- 8:00 Star Trek C-6 (41)
- 8:00 Let's Make A Deal C-2 (17)
- 8:00 Dick Cavett 8
- 8:30 Movie 6, 7, 12 — "Sweet Hostage" Drama. With Martin Sheen, Linda Blair.
- 8:30 Ross Bagley Show C-5 (27)
- 8:30 Police Story 10, 12 — Crime drama.
- 8:30 Captioned ABC News 5
- 8:30 Tonight Show 2, 3, 11 — Orson Welles is guest host.
- 8:30 John Wayne Film Festival C-2 (17) — "The Quiet Man."
- 8:30 Police Story C-5 (27)
- 8:30 George and Diane Ivey C-5 (27)
- 8:30 Tomorrow 2, 3, 11
- 8:30 All-Star Wrestling C-6 (41)
- 8:30 Larry Lea Presents C-5 (27)
- 8:30 News 2, 3, 11, C-2 (17)
- 8:30 Open Up C-2 (17) — "Road To Zanzibar" with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby.
- 8:30 Playhouse C-2 (17) — "The Desert Hawk" with Richard Greene.
- 8:30 Ross Bagley Show C-5 (27)
- 8:30 Love American Style C-6 (41)
- 8:30 Up C-2 (17)
- 8:30 Dick Van Dyke C-6 (41)
- 8:30 The 700 Club C-5 (27)
- 8:30 Night Gallery C-6 (41)
- 8:30 Thriller C-6 (41)
- 8:30 Life In The Spirit C-5 (27)
- 8:30 Untamed World C-6 (41)
- 8:30 Wildlife Theater C-6 (41)

Highlights

- 6:30 p.m., Chs. 6, 7, 12 — MUPPET SHOW — Muppets welcome Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, and Mortimer Snerd.
- 7 p.m., Chs. 10, 13 — ABC MOVIE — "The Adventures of the Wilderness Family" is the escape of a Los Angeles family to a life on an isolated mountain lake in the Rockies.
- 8 p.m., Chs. 2, 3, 11 — NBC MOVIE — Conclusion of "Wheels"
- 8 p.m., Ch. 8 — MEETING OF MINDS — Steve Allen moderates historical roles of Attila the Hun, Emily Dickenson, Galileo, and Charles Dickens.
- 9 p.m., Ch. 8 — WODEHOUSE PLAYHOUSE — "A Voice From the Past" lingering in the mind of a young man provides the key to his future.
- 9 p.m., Ch. 8 — ANYONE FOR TENNYSON — Literary romances of Robert and Elizabeth Browning spoken by Jill Tanner, Jack Gwillim, and Nicholas Woodeson.

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Judge will be Carol-Jean Planthaber of Stillwater, Okla. Planthaber is assistant professor of music at Oklahoma State University. She is a frequent recitalist both as a soloist and with chamber music groups. Most recent recitals have been duo-recitals with Evan Tonson, cellist. Her judging experience includes the Federated Music Clubs in Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Music

Nickerson sets show

Nickerson High School's bands will present "Anything Goes," a combination concert and talent show, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the school gym.

The show is free and the public is invited. Concert, symphonic and jazz bands will play separately, as well as perform together as a farewell tribute to Director Doug Talbott, who is leaving Nickerson this year. Talbott has been at NHS six years.

With the bands, faculty members and students will perform acts ranging from acrobatics and dancing to playing the spoons.

On hearing board

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) — Gov. Robert Bennett today appointed Woodrow Rice of Wichita to the Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners. Rice, 63, will complete the term of Buel Kent Sr., who resigned. Rice is president of Belton Hearing Aid Co. and Mid-State Laboratories in Wichita.

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VIP treatment for home sellers grows

CHICAGO (UPI) — People selling their houses are more concerned with making a fair deal than in making a killing, a realty firm survey indicates. The survey was made by Realty World, which has 600 members nationwide in a firm which went into a franchise operation two years ago.

The purpose of the survey was to gather and distribute to member realty firms and brokers as much vital information as possible in the booming and highly competitive realty franchise business.

"We wanted to know what customers wanted from their brokers," said Henry Porterfield, Realty World's Midwest regional director.

"We found that a seller wants to feel he is getting a fair market price for his house, and he wants to feel he was properly handled by his broker. As a result, homeowners who want to sell today are being wined, dined and wooed."

Porterfield said the survey also showed a seller wants to spend as little time as possible with the broker, "but a buyer is willing to spend all the time the broker can afford to make sure the broker understands the buyer's precise needs."

Business booming
Porterfield said house sellers who bought their homes seven or eight years ago probably will get twice what they paid for their houses in today's market, which he described as "booming."

"What this has meant to realtors is that brokers and consumers are getting a myriad of services unheard of four or five years ago."

The advent of national franchising in the real estate business has increased competition and resulted in scores of services to make selling or buying a house a near-science, Porterfield said.

One of the major new services offered by Realty World to its brokers and customers includes a free interior design consultation service.

"We provide a team of experts to inspect a home which is ready for sale and work out interior decorating changes which will make the home salable," Porterfield said.

Ed Asner chairman

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI) — Actor Edward Asner has been named honorary chairman of the city-county YMCA capital fund drive.

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