



A SPECIAL GIFT — Alison Arnglim, who stars weekly as Nasty Nellie Oleson on NBC-TV's "Little

House on the Prairie" (MONDAYS, 8-9 p.m. NYT) shows the very special egg sent to her by an admiring fan.

## Best bets on TV

### Tonight

10 p.m. (50) — **WILSON'S REWARD** — Special — Somerset Maugham's short story "Vessel of Wrath," inspired this drama about a strait-laced missionary named Martha (Sandy Dennis) and her efforts to reform a drunken womanizer named Ginger Wilson (Gerald S. O'Loughlin). Set in the West Indies during the 1920s, Martha and Wilson find themselves thrown together one night when the boat they are traveling in develops engine trouble. Martha resolves to bringing out the good she sees in him. Directed by Patrick O'Neal.

### MOVIES

4 p.m. (11) *One Desire*, Anne Baxter.  
8 p.m. (15) (11) *Charlotte's Webb*,

conclusion, Cartoon.  
8 p.m. (50) *Escape From Zahrain*, Yul Brynner.  
9 p.m. (33) (35) *Standing Tall*, Chuck Connors.  
12 mid. (11) *The Baby Maker*, Barbara Hershey.  
12 mid. (50) *Too Many Girls*, Lucille Ball.  
2:35 a.m. (9) *Tarantula*, John Agar.

### Friday

8 p.m. (9) — **JUMPING JACKS** — movie — In one of their best service farces, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis play paratroopers who make a shambles of an Army camp. (1952)

9 p.m. (13) (33) (35) — **ROCKFORD FILES** — Rockford is dismayed, then alarmed when a cherished friend asks him to search for her fiancé, who's wanted for murder.

10 p.m. (21) (24) — **TENSPEED AND BROWNSHOE** — Lionel (Jeff Goldblum) wants to impress his visiting parents, so E.L. (Ben Vereen) "arranges" access to a posh office where they later learn stolen diamonds may be secreted.

### MOVIES

10 a.m. (9) *Little Miss Marker*, Shirley Temple.  
1 p.m. (50) *'Til We Meet Again*, Merle Oberon.  
2 p.m. (55) *The Romance of Rosy Ridge*, Van Johnson.  
4 p.m. (11) *Francis Joins The Wacs*, Donald O'Connor.  
8 p.m. (9) *Jumping Jacks*, Dean Martin.  
8 p.m. (24) (21) *Trouble In High Timber Country*, Eddie Albert.  
11:30 p.m. (15) *The*

## Scott's world

By VERNON SCOTT  
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — The meanest character this side of "Dallas" J.R. Ewing on weekly television is Nellie Oleson, the vile teen-ager in "Little House on the Prairie."

Nellie, aka Nasty Nellie, could give lessons in rottenness to J.R.

Her sole mission in life is to terrorize the town of Walnut Grove, bringing misery and tragedy to all, especially poor little Laura Ingalls, the fresh-scrubbed heroine of the show.

Last season, Nellie purposely caused Laura to flunk a vital teaching examination. As Laura wept over the calamity, Nellie was having lunch with Laura's beau. She then triumphantly informed Laura of her double-cross.

Early in the history of the show, Nellie humiliated a crippled little girl by making her remove her corrective shoes so everyone could see her deformity.

She employs blackmail when necessary, calls people disparaging names. She made a little girl stutterer do tongue twisters like Peter Piper.

"Nellie is a mean, petty, gossipy, vile bitch," said Alison Arnglim who has grown up in the role during the past six years. "She's despicable and diabolical and those are her good points. She's also delightful to play."

Were it not for vicious Nellie Oleson, the entire cast, crew and most of the viewers of the sugary NBC series would doubtless contract diabetes.

Alison, a luscious blonde 18-year-old who joined the series as Nellie at the age of 11, has paid the price of

juvenile villainy. She is roundly reviled by fans of the show of every age.

Only once, during her first year as Nellie, did Alison make a public appearance in full costume, ruffly pinafore, blonde wig with Shirley Temple curls, and long white stockings.

"It was terrible," Alison recalls today. "I went to an Easter lawn party for a charity event. When the other kids saw me, they hit and kicked me. I never put on that wardrobe off the set again."

"Nellie gets me in enough trouble when I make public appearances without costume and wig. People booed me the last time I rode in the Santa Claus Lane parade down Hollywood Boulevard. They threw garbage at me."

"In public restrooms, at least one woman will say, 'I hate you.' Usually a woman will say, 'I hate your guts. You're wonderful. I see you every week.' Or they'll call me a bitch — or worse — before they know what they've said."

"Their opening remarks are usually a shock reaction. They get red-faced and excited. Then they realize I'm an actress and they soften up."

"I've based Nellie's character on some frightful little girls I knew in real life. Girls are much meaner than little boys. Boys may hit you when they get mad, but girls will scheme for weeks and months and years to do something vile."

"There was a rough gang of about 10 girls when I was in junior high school in Hollywood. When they found out I was Nellie, I became their heroine. But it was really tough for me to find boyfriends."

"Boys wouldn't touch me with a 40-foot pole. The minute they found out I was Nellie, it was goodbye. I only had five dates in high school."

Now available young men are lining up for dates. She has platinum blonde hair, enormous eyes and a spectacular figure.

But as a newlywed in

"Little House On The Prairie," she is the same despicable, onery Nellie. The producers have made her the owner and operator of Walnut Grove's hotel and restaurant where she can vent her spleen on customers.

"Nellie has gotten worse with age," Alison giggled. "As a child she could be excused because she didn't know any better. Now her viciousness is adult premeditation, thanks to years of experience at being rotten."

"Playing a bitch like Nellie makes it more fun to go to the studio every morning. I hear people complain about having to go to work and be nice to people. I get to go to work and be rotten."

Alison admits to a small streak of Nellie in her own character. Three years ago she began heckling a comedian from the audience of a small nightclub. She finally wound up on stage with the comic, topping all his lines.

The angry comedian said, "If you think this is easy, why don't you try it?"

Alison said, "One week later I was on the same stage doing a stand-up routine. After that night the comedian quit the business."

"Now I work two or three nights a week in small clubs in the Los Angeles area as a stand-up comedienne. They boo when I walk on stage. I hear people in the audience whisper, 'It's the bitch!'"

"I say, 'That's right. I'm the bitch. I use a microwave oven as a bird cage. Now that I'm 18, I'm too old for the Roman Polanski Daycare Center. Of course, any girl over 14 is too old for Polanski.' And I go on from there."

"The audience warms up to me and forgets about Nellie Oleson. Sometimes I wish other people would, too."

"It would be nice to be liked for a change. That's why I've put on a bikini for some posters I've had done. Maybe that will help change my image."



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| Movie<br>Odd Couple<br>MASH | News<br>ABC News<br>Tom & Jerry | News<br>ABC News<br>Tom & Jerry | Dinah<br>M.T. Moore | A. Griffith<br>C. Burnett | Star Trek<br>Star Trek       | Stargate<br>Hutch            | Baseball<br>Jeannie     | Space<br>A. Griffith      | Mr. Rogers<br>Electric Co. | Sesame<br>Street        | 3 Stooges<br>Superman     |
| News<br>CBS News            | News<br>NBC News                | News<br>NBC News                | One Day<br>CBS News | Happy Days<br>NBC News    | Newlywed<br>NBC News         | News<br>NBC News             | McHale<br>3 Sons        | I Love Lucy<br>B. Newhart | News<br>Over Easy          | Mr. Rogers<br>Over Easy | Beaver<br>Jeannie         |
| Match Game<br>Joker's Wild  | Happy Days<br>Tic Tac           | Sanford<br>All Family           | News<br>Match Game  | ABC News<br>Tic Tac       | News<br>What's Hap.          | MASH<br>M.T. Moore           | A. Griffith<br>Van Dyke | MASH<br>Sullivans         | MacNeil<br>D. Cavett       | MacNeil<br>D. Cavett    | Hillbillies<br>Gomer Pyle |
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| Barnaby<br>Jones            | A Time<br>For Love              | B. Miller<br>Nobody's           | Barnaby<br>Jones    | B. Miller<br>Nobody's     | Movie<br>Movie               | Movie<br>Movie               | Awards<br>Maude         | Movie<br>Movie            | Victory Gar.<br>Health     | Apples<br>Camera 3      | Joker's Wild<br>Merv      |
| Knots<br>Landing            | A Time<br>For Love              | 20/20<br>20/20                  | Knots<br>Landing    | 20/20<br>20/20            | Movie<br>Movie               | Movie<br>Movie               | News<br>& News          | Wilson's<br>Reward        | Royal<br>Heritage          | Murder<br>Murder        | Griffin<br>Show           |
| News<br>Jeffersons          | News<br>Tonight Show            | News<br>ABC News                | News<br>Jeffersons  | News<br>MASH              | News<br>Tonight Show         | News<br>Tonight Show         | Love, Amer.<br>Prisoner | Prisoner<br>Benny Hill    | D. Cavett<br>ABC News      | D. Cavett<br>MacNeil    | News<br>News              |
| Movie<br>Movie              | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show    | C. Burnett<br>Sanford           | Movie<br>Movie      | ABC News<br>Charlie's     | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show | Movie<br>Movie          | Movie<br>Movie            | Datebook                   | Big<br>Valley           |                           |

## Friday

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| 9  | Dating Game<br>One Day     | Phil Donahue<br>Phil Donahue | Edge Night<br>All Family   | Captain<br>Kangaroo   | Good<br>Morning              | Today<br>Today               | Phil Donahue<br>Phil Donahue | Goolies<br>Family Affair     | Eat Daisies<br>Family Affair | Sesame<br>Street           | Popeye<br>Huck & Yogi     |                        |
| 10 | Jeffersons<br>Alice        | David<br>Letterman           | Magazine<br>B. Newhart     | Jeffersons<br>Alice   | Phil Donahue<br>Phil Donahue | David<br>Letterman           | David<br>Letterman           | Movie<br>Movie               | Detroit Today<br>Health      | Guten Tag<br>Guten Tag     | Jim Gerard<br>Focus       |                        |
| 11 | Price Is<br>Right          | David<br>Wheel of            | Laverne &<br>Family Feud   | Price Is<br>Right     | Mor. Break<br>3's Crowd      | David<br>Doctors             | David<br>Wheel of            | Movie<br>Movie               | Romper Room<br>Lucy          | Quitting<br>Camera 3       | 700 Club<br>700 Club      |                        |
| 12 | News<br>Search             | News<br>Password             | Pyramid<br>Ryan's Hope     | Young &<br>Restless   | Family Feud<br>Ryan's Hope   | Card Sharks<br>Password      | Easter's<br>Parade           | Phil Donahue<br>Phil Donahue | Munsters<br>Hillbillies      | Law Makers<br>D. Cavett    | 700 Club<br>Mike          |                        |
| 1  | Young And<br>The Restless  | Days Of<br>Our Lives         | All My<br>Children         | News<br>Search For    | All My<br>Children           | News<br>Days Of              | Days Of<br>Our Lives         | Bozo's<br>Circus             | Movie<br>Movie               | Nova<br>Nova               | Douglas<br>Show           |                        |
| 2  | As The<br>World Turns      | Doctors<br>Another           | One Life<br>To Live        | As The<br>World Turns | One Life<br>To Live          | Our Lives<br>Another         | Doctors<br>Another           | News<br>Baseball             | Movie<br>Movie               | Bill<br>Moyers             | Movie<br>Movie            |                        |
| 3  | Guiding<br>Light           | World<br>Another             | General<br>Hospital        | Guiding<br>Light      | General<br>Hospital          | World<br>Another             | World<br>Another             | St. Louis<br>Cardinals       | Brady Kids<br>Woody          | Over Easy<br>Zoom          | Movie<br>Movie            |                        |
| 4  | Movie<br>Movie             | Rockfor.<br>Rockford         | Tom & Jerry<br>Flintstones | Dinah &<br>Friends    | Edge of<br>Brady Bunch       | Star Trek<br>Star Trek       | A. Griffith<br>Sanford       | vs Chicago<br>Cubs           | Flintstones<br>Lost In       | Sesame<br>Street           | Underdog<br>Bugs Bunny    |                        |
| 5  | Movie<br>Movie             | Odd Couple<br>MASH           | C. Burnett<br>News         | Dinah<br>M.T. Moore   | A. Griffith<br>C. Burnett    | Star Trek<br>Star Trek       | Stargate<br>Hutch            | Baseball<br>Jeannie          | Space<br>A. Griffith         | Mr. Rogers<br>Electric Co. | Sesame<br>Street          | 3 Stooges<br>Superman  |
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| 8  | Incredible<br>Hulk         | Boomer<br>Me & Maxx          | Movie<br>Movie             | Incredible<br>Hulk    | Movie<br>Movie               | Boomer<br>Me & Maxx          | Boomer<br>Baseball           | Movie<br>Movie               | National<br>Geographic       | Wash. Week<br>Wall St.     | Wash. Week<br>Wall St.    | Van Dyke<br>Baseball   |
| 9  | Dukes of<br>Hazzard        | Rockford<br>Files            | Movie<br>Movie             | Dukes of<br>Hazzard   | Movie<br>Movie               | Rockford<br>Files            | Cincinnati<br>Reds vs        | Movie<br>Movie               | Jacques<br>Cousteau          | Non-Fiction<br>Television  | Non-Fiction<br>Television | Cincinnati<br>Reds vs  |
| 10 | Dallas<br>Dallas           | Man Called<br>Sloan          | Tenspeed &<br>Brownshoe    | Dallas<br>Dallas      | Tenspeed &<br>Brownshoe      | Man Called<br>Sloan          | Houston<br>Astros            | News<br>News                 | Groucho<br>Honeymooners      | Masterpiece<br>Theater     | Search For<br>Solutions   | Houston<br>Astros      |
| 11 | News<br>Avengers           | News<br>Wimbledon            | News<br>Fridays            | News<br>Movie         | News<br>Fridays              | News<br>Wimbledon            | News<br>Wimbledon            | Love, Am.<br>Prisoner        | D. Cavett<br>Benny Hill      | D. Cavett<br>ABC News      | D. Cavett<br>MacNeil      | Baseball<br>News       |
| 12 | Avengers<br>Saint          | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show | Fridays<br>Rock Concert    | Movie<br>Movie        | Fridays<br>Movie             | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show | Tonight Show<br>Tonight Show | Movie<br>Movie               | Movie<br>Movie               | Datebook                   | News<br>Movie             |                        |