



CELEBRATING 115TH BIRTHDAY, Mrs. Sallie Powell listens while nurse Grace Ransom reads to her in Oak Forest Infirmary, Oak Forest, Ill. Blind and bedridden, Mrs. Powell says "I'm living in God's hands these days."



Small Worlds Around Us

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The Eggplant's Beauty Is All External

The eggplant does not have the deliciousness of the tomato, the popularity of corn or beans or the universal appeal of potatoes. Even the cabbage and cauliflower rate higher. The eggplant just can't seem to reach any degree of appeal, as far as taste is concerned. It has the look-plump sides, as smooth as velvet, a glossy color, and a symmetrical shape—it's very beautifully built. It even has a certain degree of poise, grace and charm; if these attributes can be applied to a vegetable. As far as eye-appeal goes, it always can compete in the finals; but the contest depends on more than mere beauty. As far as food value is concerned it rates rather low. Very few vitamins hide in the pulp of the eggplant, and what few there are present seem pretty weak and dispersed. About all that can be honestly said about its value as a food, is that it furnishes bulk, or is a basis for com-

binations of other vegetables. The eggplant originated in the East Indies, and there, as in many other places, is known as the Guinea squash. The botanists say it is a relative of the tomato, but this relation would appear to be many times removed. Although it is a tropical plant, its cultivation has been extended in to the temperate zones. Its rapid growth in rich soil has made it possible to bring the plant to maturity during the short summer season of states many hundreds of miles away from a tropical climate. The extensiveness of the plant's cultivation is partly due to the attractiveness of the fruit. Probably many people buy it because it looks so good. The ovoid fruit is satiny smooth and of a rich purple color. Another species, coal-black in color, also has become common. The white and yellow varieties appear rather anemic, and their sickly color detracts from their sales appeal. In rich soil the plant is a

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Gertrude S.—I want to make up for the child we lost. Louis S.—We must put the past behind us.

Gertrude S.—My husband and I have been married six years and have two children. We could be very happy, but I have a terrible thing preying on my mind.

My husband and I were intimately involved before we got married. I became pregnant and resorted to illegal methods to get out of this difficulty. This was really my husband's fault. I wanted to have the child, but he said it was impossible—he didn't have a decent job, etc.

I had a religious upbringing, but my husband did not. He can't understand how I feel about this. I want to have another child to make up for the one we lost, but Louis doesn't see things my way. If only he would try to understand my feelings I wouldn't have to bear this burden alone.

Louis S.—I do understand Gertrude's feelings and I sympathize with her. It was not an easy thing to do and perhaps it wasn't the right thing to do, but it's done. What's done is done and we must push the past behind us.

We have two wonderful healthy children now. I think that makes a fine little family. It's all I'll ever be able to do right by. My job is fair, but the way things are going today I'll never keep up with very prolific producer; and with any kind of a season the market becomes glutted. When other vegetables are selling by the pound, the poor old eggplant can be bought for a few cents for a half bushel.

With rich, well drained soil, freedom from insect pests, and proper cultivation each plant will raise an enormous quantity of fruit. But after all the work you still have just an eggplant. But maybe you like it. If so, you're livin' (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959)

the cost of living. I feel that it's unfair of Gertrude to blame me for what happened in the past. It's true that I urged it, but she didn't talk about it then the way she does now. How was I to know that she would have so many regrets? I may have done wrong, but I'm no monster.

The Council: We think that Gertrude is going to the wrong source and seeking the wrong remedy for her oppressive sense of guilt. Her husband cannot give her forgiveness or comfort on this score and she has no right to think in terms of putting such a burden on a child.

Psychologists and family case workers find that when a child is conceived for the purpose of righting some wrong or to correct or alleviate a bad situation, things work out very poorly for both child and parents. A child should be wanted purely for itself and as the flowering of the love of the parents. When Gertrude sees that the new child doesn't really relieve her sense of guilt, she will unconsciously resent it. It is unfair to ask that one child serve as a stand-in for another or as a sop to a parent's need.

Gertrude is apparently writhing in many different directions in her effort to relieve her guilt. Her attempt to place the blame on her husband fails badly. She can lash out at him, but she can't hide from herself the fact that she was a responsible human being and did not behave according to her own standards of right.

Gertrude's guilt is so strong that she fears going to the only source from which there is the possibility of a little relief and new understanding—a clergyman of her own faith. Possibly he can help her find her way out of the destructive tangle she is building for herself and her family. (Copyright 1959, General Features Corp.)

New Gas Chamber Under Construction

A new gas chamber for disposal of stray dogs at the Jackson county pound should be ready for operation in approximately 10 days. County Commissioner Ralph James said Thursday.

Cost of constructing the chamber out of sheet metal is estimated at \$475 to \$500. The work is being done by Bergman's shop on Carter Lake highway. The new chamber, when completed, will be 48 inches high and measure six feet long and six feet wide. It will weigh 900 pounds, but can be shifted around on skids, James said.

SUB ON TV

Hollywood—UPI—The USS Sawfish, first of the "killer" submarines of World War II, will be seen on television early in 1959 in a modernized version of the "Adventures of Tom Swift." The first program of the series, "Solar Sub," tells how the redoubtable Tom installs solar energy aboard a submarine.

Salem—UPI—A bill which would allow courts to force either a husband or wife to leave home during divorce or separate maintenance proceedings when minor children are involved has been passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

Election Planned In Ashland District

Ashland—Eligible voters here are expected to go to the polls sometime between April 1 and 10 to express their opinion regarding the proposed new junior high school building.

The public school bond election was discussed this week at a meeting of the Ashland school board, according to Stanley Jobe, district school superintendent. Jobe, who disclosed that options on five of the six parcels of property in the proposed site have been obtained, said that the costs for both land and building are expected early next month. He added that once the figures have been determined the amount of the proposed bond issue can be set and the special election arranged.

NOT SO JOYFUL JOYRIDE

Biloxi, Miss.—UPI—Mrs. Anna B. Crapps of Seminole, Tex., is seeking \$25,000 damages from a bus company claiming she suffered a nervous breakdown when the bus in which she was riding was taken on a joyride by an off-duty driver.

Advertisement for RCA Whirlpool Washers & Dryers. Features include: 'SUDDENLY... the work's all gone!', 'February SPECIALS WHILE THEY LAST!', '30-inch RANGE Automatic Only a Few Left \$199.95', '16 cu. ft. FREEZERS (1) Custom \$339.95 (1) Imperial \$379.95', '2-Door Refrigerator Freezer Combination Only \$329.95 ex.', 'BOTTOM FREEZER 12 cu. ft. Auto-Defrost \$339.95 ex.', 'SELF-SETTING WASHER!', 'SELF-SETTING DRYER!', and 'SAVE your pocket book money. RCA Whirlpool Appliances can be purchased without a down payment. First payment in April—Payments to fit your budget.' The ad also lists 'HAL "K" APPLIANCES of FELDMAN & OLSON ELECTRIC' and provides the address 'Main & Bartlett' and phone number 'Phone SP 2-2456'.

Advertisement for Ford cars. Features include: 'WOW! you get Double the Value in a FORD', 'and our New Double Value Deals let you swing it!', 'Your present car is worth top dollar when you trade it in on a 59 Ford. Because we Ford Dealers are having a record sales year, we can top other offers and help you stretch your payments to make them low. Ask anyone who has bought a 59 Ford recently. You'll see.', 'ENTER THE SYLVANIA PHOTOFLASH CONTEST... SEE YOUR LOCAL FORD DEALER FOR DETAILS', '59 FORDS "THE BIG SELLING CAR FROM THE BIG-TRADING DEALERS"', 'CRATER LAKE MOTORS, INC.', 'MAIN AT FIR • PHONE SP 3-4547'.