



ALL IN THE FAMILY: Sarah Child

We have had gardens other years and in other back yards but this one is different.

It is not very large, about eight feet across and 15 feet long situated along one edge of the yard. I wanted a bigger one but digging out sod is an impossible job.

Then there was the decision as to where to place it. I didn't want it too near the house. And I was afraid to put it where the lawn slopes away for fear it would be covered with standing water should we get a lot of rain.

Most particularly I didn't want it along the ridge where the small patch of woods begins for I thought nothing should interfere with our line of vision.

As it turned out we chose possibly the best spot we could have.

When my husband mentioned to the tract foreman that we didn't find as many stones as we expected in what is known to be rocky terrain he admitted that during grading last year the fellows who'd been driving the big earth mover had dumped too much top soil in that spot by mistake.

Happy mistake! Yesterday I counted ten tomatoes, some of as big as a baseball — well, almost as big as a baseball — on one plant. So fruitful has been the yield that my husband has had to use two bamboo stakes on each plant in several instances.

The buttercrunch lettuce has provided salads for several weeks now, the green beans are showing signs of miniature shoots and the cucumbers are threatening to over take everything else.

Actually the garden is somewhat lopsided in design. I planted three kinds of squashes which is a lot in view of the scarcity of space. But, I'm crazy about zucchini provencale (practically calorieless) and summer squash in batter (not so

calorie free) and I was determined I'd grow our own Thanksgiving hubbards this year.

My father warned that our squash and cucumbers may cross despite the fact we've separated them with several rows of beans and next year we've determined the cukes will get a patch of their own.

The whole thing started out as an economy measure after recalling that each visit to the vegetable stands last summer averaged out to a costly four or five dollars.

But, the miracle of things growing has captured the fancy of us all with my husband taking a walk around the miniscule plot just before he leaves for work in the morning, as soon as he gets home at night and just before dusk turns into darkness.

Even our favorite lady pheasant — named Marigold because she likes to nest among the yellow blossoms under the Sycamore — bypasses the flowers in favor of the cucumber tangle leaving among other mementoes a choice feather or two.

Bishop on Farah Situation

'Latin America Begins in the Southwest'

San Antonio [RNS] — Solidarity with striking workers was expressed here by the nation's only Mexican-American Catholic bishop.

"Today's problem of the United Farm Workers in California or Florida or the Farah strikers in San Antonio or El Paso, is actually everybody's problem," said Auxiliary Bishop Patrick F. Flores of San Antonio. "Their success or their failures become ours too."

Speaking at an "Independence Day Mass" at San Fernando Cathedral, Bishop Flores deplored the low wages, that resulted in some workers turning to government aid even when they were employed.

"In the past, surplus commodities, free school lunches, free milk and other government subsidies have been offered," he said. "If the people are working full-time and doing a full-time job, their wages should be the family's one and only subsidy."

Bishop Flores called for unions to support each other during strikes, and said that otherwise "big capital" would be able to "starve to death the poor working people."

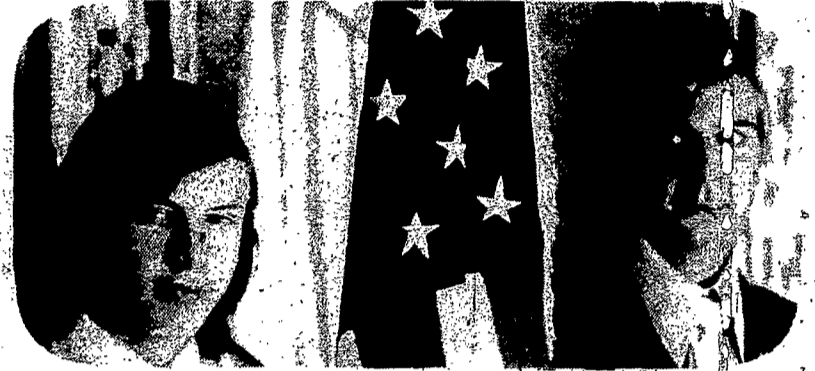
He also stressed that Christians should follow the path of non-violence, and said that "the oppressed" should not take on the ways of "the oppressors."

Also speaking at the special Mass was Bishop Sidney M. Metzger of El Paso, who has publicly supported the Farah strikers.

He told the overflow crowd that "when we talk about social justice and of paying the worker a just salary, we touch the most sensitive nerve of those who do not practice this virtue."

"We see that many Christians run out to combat the more common scandals of society such as pornography, delinquency and drug addiction," he said. "Certainly they do not feel guilty of these evils and they find it easy to denounce them and condemn everybody who may be guilty. But we know well that there are other social evils more grave and more disguised."

"We frequently hear talk of the economic suppression that exists in Latin America," he said. "But I believe that due to the social injustices Latin America begins here in the Southwest."



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William Hayden and Stephen Popham have been named Standard Bearers at Aquinas Institute for academic achievement during the past three years. In addition they have been given \$550 scholarships.

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Australia Names Envoy To Vatican

Canberra [RNS] — Lloyd Douglas Thomson, Ph.D., a long-time career diplomat, has been named Australia's first ambassador to the Vatican. Dr. Thomson, 54, who also is ambassador to the Netherlands and Denmark, will maintain his residence in the Hague, and make "periodic visits" to the Holy See, according to an official announcement at government headquarters here. Archbishop Gino Paro, 63, apostolic delegate to Australia and Papua - New Guinea since 1969, has been named apostolic pro nuncio to Australia.

Agreement to establish full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Australia was reached last March.

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