### 'Life with Father' Could Hardly Be Improved On

By John Crosby -



which makes itslightly less than four years old. For television, that's a very great In a recent

interview, Peggy Wood, who as Ma-ma, has been making with the Norwegian accent ever

since the series opened, declared that the success of "Mama" was largely attributable to the charm of the era just before the first World War. Children in particular, she said, were enchanted by this age of innocence whose peace and security they have never known. She's probably got something there. Nostalgia becomes salable in almost direct proportion to the perrect proportion to the par-lous state, of the world—an aphorism you might set down as Crosby's Third Law. The more troubled we get, the happier we are to retreat into

happier we are to retreat into the past.

In fact, "Mama" now has a running mate, "Life With Father," so you can sup at nostalgia twice a week in-stead of just once. "Life With Father," a fairly recent en-trant (CBS-WTOP-TV 7 p. m., Sundays), is for my money an infinitely subtler and funnier infinitely subtler and funnier and more palatable dish of nostalgia than "Mama" ever was. It is a live show from Hollywood, which rather embarrasses me. I have from time to time grumbled that. Hollywood couldn't seem to do anything as well as we could do it here in the East.

I'M AFRAID I'll have to take it all back. "Life With

"MAMA," the slightly gelatinous study of a family of Norwegian immigrants, has passed its 200th performance go to Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, who wrote the long ived play, and Katherine Tay, widow of Clarence Day Jr., who wrote the book, and who are acting as editorial advisers and presumably insisting on standards of taste and decorum a great deal higher than those that pre-

vail on, say, "Life of Riley." Father Day is one of the most interesting and fully realized characters around, largely because his son was a very perceptive, detached and honest writer (who, incidentally, inherited a good many of his father's crotchets and therefore understood them thoroughly).

Father Day was a male ty-rant—which in itself makes him a bit of a novelty in this era of skirted dominance on television families-but he was also a man of taste and integrity who insisted on the smallest perfection of detail.

"LIFE WITH FATHER" is on all counts in very good hands. It is sponsored by Johnson's Wax, which has a splendid record on both radio and television for programs of a high order. It is produced by Fletcher Markle, who used to produce "Studio One." And its leads, Leon Ames and Lurene Tuttle, as Mother and Father Day, while not quite in the class of How-Lindsay and Dorothy Stickney, who played the roles on the stage, are very good indeed.

The settings of the Day town house in New York in the 1880's with its weird and ridiculous clutter of grand-father clocks and rubber trees and portraits of ancestors and cameos and borrible lamps, is absolutely wonderful.

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Thursday Television Programs

## Radio and Television Thursday TV Highlights

2:30 p. m.—WNBW. A Christmas story on film. "A Star Shall Rise." 5-WTOP-TV, WMAL-TV, WNBW, WTTG. Ceremony of lighting of the White House

Christmas Tree. 8:30 — WTOP-TV. Charles Boyer and Maureen O'Sulli-van star in "The Gift," story of a man unwilling to admit his children have grown up. 8:30-WMAL-TV. Ray Bolger stars in a Christmas fan-

9-WNBW. Sergt. Joe Fri-

day investigates the theft of a figure of the Christ Child from a church's nativity setting. 9:30—WTTG. A Christmas

production by The Washington Federation of Churches, entitled "Christmas Dream."
9:30—WNBW. Robert Stack,
Audrey Totter and Edward
Arnold are featured in "Ever
Since the Day."

10 — WTOP-TV. "David's Star of Bethlehem" is the story of a young couple try-ing to forget the death of their son.

#### **Hume's Music Selections**

WGMS — 2:05 p. m. Bach: Shepherd's Christmas Music; Handel: Concerto Grosso No. 9; Cimarosa: Oboe Concerto.

WCFM-6:30 p. m. Lessons
and Carols from King's College, England.

WCFM-8. Rimsky-Korsa-

koff: Christmas Eve Suite. WGMS-FM - 9:05. Torelli: Nativity Pastorale; Haydn: St. Anthony Divertimento; Prokofieff: Cinderella. WGMS-FM - 10:05. \*"M e ssiah" by Handel, from St. John's Church, Lafayette

Square.
WTOP—12 to 5:30 a. m. McDonald: Children's Symphony; Tschaikowsky: Nutcracker Suites 1 and 2: Puccini: Boheme excerpts; Britten: Ceremony of Carols. \*Live broadcast.

### Thursday Radio Highlights

5 p. m. — WMAL, WRC, WGMS-FM—Ceremony of annual lighting of the White House Christmas Tree. (Repeat, WWDC, 10:30 p. m.)

8-WRC. Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitor" is presented.

8:30—WTOP. For a change, things are quiet and peaceful around Junior Miss's house-9-WMAL. Bert Parks, Paul

WBUZ-FM (96.7 mc.)—3:30 s. m. to midnight (103.5 mc.)—5:20 s. m. to midnight (105.5 mc.)—5:30 s. m. to 2 wash-FM (97.1 mc.)—7:30 s. m. to 10 p. m. wUL-FM (98.7 mc.)—5 p. m. to 1 s. m. wUST-FM (106.3 mc.)—7:15 s. m. to 9 wWASH-FM (100.3 mc.)—5 p. m. to 17 p. m. wFAN (100.3 mc.)—5 p. m. to 9 p. m. b. m. wIST-FM (107.3 mc.)—6 s. m. to 12:30 wFAN (100.3 mc.)—5 s. m. to 9 p. m. b. m.

OTHER STANDARD STATIONS WGMS—570 kc.—6 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. | WUST—1120 kc.—7:15 a. m. to 4:15 p. m. WPIK—730 kc.—7:15 a. m. to 4:45 p. m. | WFAX—1220 kc.—7:30 a. m. to 4:45 p. m. | WGAX—1080kc.—7:15 to 4:45 p. m. | WOGN—1340 kc.—6 a. m. to 1 a. m. | WDON—1540 kc.—7:30 a. m. to 4:45 p. m. | WOL—1460 kc.—5:30 a. m. to 1 a. m.

9-WTOP. Mr. McNutley gives a stranded French student and her family a Merry Christmas.
9:35—WRC. Sir Laurence
Olivier stars in "A Christmas Carol.' 10-WMAL. Vincent Price, the Metropolitan Chorus and

Don McNeill, Sammy Kaye and the Lone Ranger in a

variety program.

Frank Guerrera are featured in a special Christmas pro-Whiteman, Joseph Cotten, gram, Army of Stars. WRC-FM (93.9 mc.)—5:30 s. m. to l s. m. WWDC-FM (101.1 mc.)—7 s. m. to 2 s. m. WTOP-FM (96.3 mc.)—5:30 s. m. to 2 WGMS-FM (103.5 mc.)—6:25 s. m. to 2 midnight

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#### Thursday Radio Programs WMAL (ABC) | WRC (NBC) | WWDC (MBS) | WTOP (CBS)

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6:45. News. 6:50. Religions. 7:00, To-day with Garroway. 7:25. Take a Word. 7:55, 8:25.			orning Meditations, 6:55. Time & Mnsic. 6:30. Roy Meachnm with weather, news, interviews, local people, 7:00 to 9.	_	Your Timekeeper, Bob Reed. 6 to 9. News, 5:55, 7. 7:30. 7:45, 8. 8:80. 8:55.		<u> </u>
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Little Match Girl Dinah Shore News Caravan	Captain Video Movie Quick Quis What Christmas Means	Jim Gibbons Show John Dalv. News Lone Ranger (adventure)	Mark Evans Show Mark Evans Show News: Edwards Jane Froman Show	7:00 J. Vandercook :15 Sld Slappey :30 Capt. Starr of :45 Space; News	Symphonette Symphonette News: Beatty One Man's Family	Moody; Bandstand	Family Skeleton Lowell Thomas Chorallers Edward Murrow
You Bet Your Life Groncho Treasnry Men in Action	Broadway to Hollywood	Quick as a Flash Quick as a Flash Where's Raymond? Ray Bolger	Meet Mr. McNntley Meet Mr. McNntley 4-Star Playhonse 4-Star Playhonse	8:00 Record Shop :15 Sher'n Butler :30 Sherm. Butler :45 Butler: Credit	"Amahl and the Night Visitors"	Willis Conover	Meet Mille Meet Mille Junior Miss Junior Miss
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Harkness; Weather Christmas Eve Visit	News: Sports Sports: Night Owl "Dawn Express" Michael Whelan	Service from St. Pani's In	News: Weather Christmas Eve Services from Wash, National		Hour of Dreams Eddle Cantor Christmas Show	\$500 Massey \$500 Massey Christmas Eve Midnight	World Tonight Christmas Eve . Carol Service
Midnight Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral	Ann Nagel Night Owl Theater Night Owl Theater News	Service From Cathedral in Baltimore nntil 1:45	Cathedral Services from Cathedral	12:00 Trinity Chim's 15"Handel's Messlah" (Messlah"	Christmas Show Midnight Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral	Mass (to 1 A.M.) Jack Rowsle (1 to 6 A.M.)	News: Musle Muslo 'Til Dawn (till 5:80 s. m.)

## Aid Is Rushed to Japan to Combat Child Sales

Dec. 23 (NYHT).—Farmers in northern and central Japan are selling their children to keep themselves alive, the United Nations Children's Fund reported today. The sales occur in crop-shortage areas and re-

#### 7 College Editors Cleared for Visit To Soviet Russia

By the Associated Press

State Department officials said yesterday seven college editors have been cleared for a New York by air Thursday.

They will fly first to Paris and then to Berlin, where they will board a Soviet plane for Mos-

The seven include Dean Schoelkopf, editor of the University of Minnesota Student Daily and son of Harold Schoelkopf, editor of the St. Cloud, Minn., Daily Times. The other college editors are:

Dava Barroy editor of the

Dave Barney, editor of the Reed Quest, Reed College; Craig E. Lovitt, editor of the Knox Student, Knox College; William C. Ives, associate editor of Knox Student; Greg Shuker, editor of the Daily Northwestern, North-western University; Richard El-den, associate editor of the Daily Northwestern, and Richard E. Ward, managing editor of the University of Chicago



of last September.

milk for some 900,000 children

8 to 10 months from now.
The reports did not indicate how many children might have been sold or what sort of price they brought. In prewar days a comely girl might bring as much as \$125 yen when sold into a house of prostitution.

In northern Japan, where bad weather cut crops by almost a third, school attendance is off visit to Russia and will leave by as much as 60 percent and the children have inadequate

lunches, or none at all.
UNICEF is arranging to ship



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Broadway Starbeat

Noel Coward of London feasting at Lindy's ford and a pretty Platinumber at the Embers . . . Marlon To-Be." Brando at the piano, Ralph Meeker (of "Picnic") on the drums and Lionel Hampton beating the beat on the glasses at the WWA

Playgoers . . . Victor Borge (the One-Man Show) chatting with fellow-Dane Hanson at the latter's rendezvous on the 51st seat got \$50 . . . Billingsley re
Washington Post.) and 7th corner . . . Mrs. Mayorelect Wagner (one of the lovelybills) Sabbath eve . . . Arthur to-look-at set) at Theodore's . . . | bills) Sabbath eve . . . Arthur Piper Laurie and the Roney- O'Connell of "Picnic" and Plaza heir under the Major's model Sherri Windsor have Cabin mistletoe.

One of the Copa chorines was telling her rich boy friend what she wanted for Christmas: "Don't give me what I need. Give me what I can't afford!"

Song. Mrs.

One of the Copa chorines was telling her rich boy friend what yes, Santa Claus. There is a Virginia: There are thousands of Virginias... And Marys and Jimmys and Billys... They have a million faces and they have a million faces and they

Give me what I can't afford!"

Manhattan Love Song: Mrs.
Irving Berlin's favorite gift from her famous songwriter husband is a gold cigarette case. The inside inscription caught the eye as she opened it at the next table . . It consists of seven musical notes. They start his loveliest song, written for her: "T'll Be Loving You Always."

Me mos of a Midnighter: Martha Raye has a beautiful bracelet from her recently divorced Nick in another reconciliation try . . Peggy Joyce and her favorite beau (bank exec Andrew Meyer) are sending Yule c ar d s together from Cannes . . . Geoffrey Maginot (his grandpop built the Maginot Line) is beseiging Betty Reilly, the thrush . . Lillian Roth, who made it The Hard Way, and Julius La Rosa, who made it The Easy Way, open at La Vie Friday night . . Sudden Thawt: Did that punk who killed his parents (via poison) kill his kin two weeks earlier to see if he had the courage to kill? . . . The meaning of Christmas trees along swanky Park Avenue. They cover every other block and ironically skip 68th Street, the locale of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy Wath the service of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy met") hasn't recovered yet from the factory of the bothlagk parlor: "When it to the brital to parents (via poison) kill his kin two weeks earlier to see if he had the courage to kill? . . The legisled usher staff for (Kismet") hasn't recovered yet from the factory of the bothlagk parlor: "When it to the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the province of the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the province of the province of the Russian Embassy . . The sign in the Easy the province of the province of the province of the province of the province of

Ziegfield usher staff for (Kismet") hasn't recovered yet from the unknown tipper who distributed \$115 in 5s, 10s and 20s.

The sign in the E. 47th bootblack parlor: "When it rains we still shine" . . . The startling Hicks' specialty. Hot

#### Senate Workers Raise \$1000 for Miss Lemke

Fellow workers in the Senate Office Building have raised a \$1000 Christmas purse for Elsie W. Lemke, secretary to Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) who was shot by a purse snatcher last month. The check was given to John-

son who handed it to Miss Lemke at Casualty Hospital Monday. He said she is getting along "very well" after a setback two weeks ago. The fund raising by the secretarial staffs was a 'magnificent job" that should go a long way toward helping out with the hospital bills, he said. Miss Lemke was shot on the sidewalk in front of her apartment house at 211 Delaware ave. sw. by a purse snatcher working in a fog the night of November

THE WASHINGTON POST Thursday, December 24, 1953 stead of just people". Dubrow's; "Broadway's where a friend is a guy who'll do anything to help you help him"...
At the Stork: "Here's wishing
you a Nineteen-Fifty-Fourtune"
... At the Copa: "You're carry ing a Torch when every girl reminds you of your Used

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