

# Tele-Visions

BY THORTON KANE

**WELL WHADDYA KNOW**—Jane Powell's April 28th NBC-spec will be done LIVE—a rarity in TV these days . . . "Bachelor Father" renewed for their 5th season, but on a new network (ABC) and new time 8 (p.m.) . . . The planned series for Ginger Rogers will see her playing a dual role of twin sisters—career types . . . Godfrey's CBS spec is set for May 19th, with a multi-location background. Guests include Buddy Hackett, McGuire Sisters (?) and Johnny Nash . . . "Shannon," new Screen Gems series starring George Nader, rolls April 24th . . . Dennis "Chester" Weaver has been set for "Shadow Play" seg of "Twilight Zone" . . . Bob Newhart turned down the Ford Motors offer, of a weekly summer series in the Tennessee Ernie Ford slot . . . Another bachelor "bit the dust" when "Stagecoach West" star Robert Bray got hitched this week at Lake Arrowhead . . . General Electric Theatre has bought the 1956 French theatrical short "The Red Balloon," which won a Cannes Film Festival prize as well as an Oscar, and will air it on April 2nd . . . Guess who will emcee KTTV's new Sunday night old pix program "Films to Remember," starting March 26th??? Give up well, Francis X. Bushman of course! . . . Jackie Cooper plans to do "Henry" on location next season—like from a submarine, etc . . . Warners TV is prepping a new series "Solitaire" starring Ray Danton and John van Dreelen . . . Kathy Nolan well enough to do a "Real McCoys" seg, but will return to the hospital soon for more back surgery . . . With "Acapulco" having only three episodes to go on a committed nine, the cast and crew will be chewing their nails till the network says whether or not they'll pick up for another 13 segs . . . ditto about the same story for "The Americans" . . . Ray Burr ill again, but refuses to hold up any "Perry Mason" shootings . . . Japan's favorite western is "Laramie"—thus Bob Fuller's bow-taking trip there this month.

# John Raitt, Huge Cast, in Song and Dance Colorcast . . . for Easter

The new season's arrival will be celebrated on the "Bell Telephone Hour" in song and dance in a color broadcast "The Signs of Spring," Friday, March 31 on the NBC-TV Network 9-10 p.m. As previously announced, John Raitt will be the host as well as singing star. Others listed in the cast are the international noted soprano of opera Birgit Nilsson; musical comedy star Martha Wright, Paul Hartman, the Brothers Four, dancers Allegra Kent and Tommy Rall, the Schola Cantorum and the Bell Orchestra conducted by Donald Voor-

tees. Part One will be "Songs of Spring." The chorus will offer "Spring Spring, Spring." Raitt will sing "Suddenly It's Spring." Miss Wright will sing "A Young Man's Fancy," and the Brothers Four will harmonize in "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Little Bird." Rall and Miss Kent will dance to a medley titled "Spring Dance," and Miss Wright and Raitt will sing "I Love You" by Porter. Part Two will be "Spring in the Park." John Raitt will sing the English song "London at Night," Martha Wright will perform in "Sunday in the Park," and Hommy Rall, Allegra Kent and Paul Hartman will be seen in a dance creation "Circus in Spring," depicting the circus moving out of winter quarters. "Spring Bouquets" is the sub-title for Part Three. The Brothers Four will sing "Green Fields," Miss Nilsson will sing "Wien, Wien, Nur Du Allein" by Siczynski, a salute to gay Vienna; Raitt will follow with "Younger Than Springtime," and Miss Wright will close the section with "My Romance." The fourth and final section of the program will be concerned with the religious aspect of Easter under the title "Music for Easter." Miss Nilsson will sing "Come unto Him" from Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." The Schola Cantorum will be heard in the "Sanctus" from Faure's "Requiem," and the concluding selection will be the "Inflammatus et Accensus" from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," for soprano solo and chorus. The "Bell Telephone Hour" is a production of Henry Jaffe Enterprises with Barry Wood as executive producer.

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PRETTY BARBARA RUICK is the lady in distress, and, as usual, the Brannagans come to the rescue. Left is Mark Roberts, who plays Bob Brannagan; center is Steve Dunne, who plays Mike Brannagan. Scene is from private-eye thriller, "The Brothers Brannagan," seen every Monday at 7:30 p.m. on KTTV, Channel Eleven.



TWENTY FOUR HOURS IN A WOMAN'S LIFE—Ingrid Bergman and Rip Torn star in a ninety minute special set in London and Monte Carlo, Monday on CBS-TV, Channel 2, at 9 p.m.



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