

SPEC'S ANSWERING SERVICE



HAVE YOU EVER had a question you couldn't find the answer to anywhere? Maybe it's a great big question or maybe it's just a "silly little one"—but it's something you really want to know! Well, your worries are over! SPEC has come up with SPEC's Answering Service—a new feature devoted to answering every single one of your questions, no matter how big or small! So no matter what's on your mind, frame it as a question, shoot it to SPEC's Answering Service, SPEC Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022—and then look for your answer here in future issues of SPEC!!

DARBY HINTON

Could you please tell me what's happening with Darby Hinton? I haven't seen him on TV in a long time—and I like him a lot!

Sara Lucas

Miami, Fla.

• Adorable Darby is very much on the scene. If you've been watching your ABC-TV listings, you probably caught him on a recent segment of Owen Marshall, Counselor At Law. Darby is just finishing up a full-length movie called Jamaica Reef, which should be released in the spring of '72.

DANNY BONADUCE

How old is Danny Bonaduce, when is his birthday and where can I write to him?

Christine Donahue

Albany, New York

• Danny is 12 years old, he was born on August 13, 1959, and here's a recent picture of him—just for you, Christine. You can write to Danny—and all the PF gang—at Screen Gems, 1334 N. Beechwood Drive, Hollywood, Calif.

AN OSMOND DEAD?

I heard an awful rumor that an Osmond was killed in a motorcycle accident. Please say this isn't true!

Melissa Beck

Little Rock, Ark.

• When Duane Allman—of the Allman Brothers—was killed late last fall in a motor-bike accident, some Osmond fans got confused and thought the radio announcer (or newspaper item) said Wayne Osmond

instead of Duane Allman. Fortunately, Wayne Osmond is alive and well—and, tragically, super-talented Duane Allman is no longer with us.

MAUREEN'S AGE & ADDRESS

Could you please tell me Maureen McCormick's correct age and where I can write to her?

Therese Bramble

Albion, Mich.

• Maureen was born on August 5, 1956, which means that she is going to be 16 years old next August. You can write to Maureen at The Brady Bunch, ABC-TV, 4151 Prospect Avenue, Hollywood, Calif.—or at her Dear Maureen column in this magazine (see page 24).

MITCH VOGEL

Why don't you put more about Mitch Vogel in SPEC and 16? I think he's great—and so do a lot of other people. Please give me his address and tell me when his birthday is.

Nona Crowder

Abilene, Texas

• SPEC thinks Mitch is great too—so all you Mitch Vogel fans get together and start sending in those cards and letters! Remember—the more mail we get on a star, the more pages he (or she) gets in SPEC and 16. Mitch was born on January 17, 1956, which means that he just turned 16. You can write to Mitch at the Bonanza office, Warner Bros. Studio, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, Calif. 91605.

WHO MAKES PF MUSIC?

In a recent SPEC, it was printed that

none of the Partridge Family play any instruments or sing except for David Cassidy and Shirley Jones singing on the Partridge Family records. But on the show, when the Partridge Family gang sing—they're all singing and playing instruments! Could you please straighten me out?

Ceil Combs

Brookfield, Wisc.

• Both David Cassidy and Shirley Jones sing all Partridge Family records on the show. All the other Partridge Family members are pretending to sing and play. Since the music for The Partridge Family is recorded in advance, before the actual filming of the show, all the Partridge Family gang sit around and listen to the tapes of the music to learn to do lip and hand synchronization—so that when the actual film is made, it looks as if the entire Partridge Family is singing and playing. This is not a trick—as it is a practice commonly used in movies and TV. David does not play guitar on the show, but that is him singing—and Shirley does her own singing too.

SUZANNE CROUGH'S AGE

I joined a Partridge Family fan club and it said that Suzanne Crough has just turned seven. In SPEC, it said she just turned eight. What is her real age?

Sue Angelotti

Gibsonia, Pa.

• Suzanne Crough was born on March 6, 1963, which means that she has been eight years old since March 1971—and she will be nine this coming March. SPEC printed the correct information.



Darby H.



Danny



Mitch



David singing



Suzanne