

LENA ZAVARONI—THE NEWEST STAR

You've probably heard "Ma! He's Making Eyes At Me" by now, haven't you? Did you know it was recorded by 10-year-old Lena Zavaroni? We know it sure doesn't *sound* like someone 10 years old—in fact, Lena's always sounded older than she is (she started singing when she was 3). She got her real "start" in the biz by appearing on an amateur entertainers TV show called "Opportunity Knocks"—and it sure did for her! She won for 5 consecutive weeks and was approached about her record contract! Her favorites? "Donny Osmond is OK!" she tells us, "but I also like Lulu, Gilbert O'Sullivan and . . . Frank Sinatra!"



LENA

DAVID CASSIDY LEADING A NORMAL LIFE

That's what he tells us—he's built a house in Hawaii and is trying to settle down after his wild tours recently. You probably know by now that David's not *going* to be touring anymore—he got very discouraged with all the injuries to his fans, and really wanted to take it easy for a while—but he will be recording still, so watch the record stores for his next single (that'll be out pretty soon).



DAVID

MUSIC ODDS 'N' ENDS

There may be a new star on the horizon—some people even think he might be bigger than *Donny* or *Tony DeFranco*! His name's JOHN CHRISTIE, and his first single, on Capitol Records, is "4th of July" written by Paul and Linda McCartney (and produced by Dave Clark—remember the Dave Clark Five??). If you've heard it, write us and let us know if you think he'll be one of your faves—replace our Tony??? We dunno—that's a tall order! . . . Here's a wild combo for you: THE BEACH BOYS, ELTON JOHN, and PAUL SIMON at a recent New York appearance, singing an encore of "Help Me Rhonda"! . . . PAUL WILLIAMS, who's known for his "We've Only Just Begun" and the many other great songs he's written, and also for his talk-show appearances (he's really a funny person!) is going into another realm . . . producing movies, and he's going to produce some with actor BILL BIXBY! . . . HELEN REDDY's in her first movie, "Airport '75," in which she plays a singing nun (she sings "Best Friend," from her first album). . . . BARBRA STREISAND and KRIS KRISTOFFERSON will star in a remake of "A Star Is Born" (but with modern rock as the base) — called "Rainbow Bridge." . . . There's a new group on the scene called BRIDEY MURPHY, but there's something

familiar about them! Not the fact that they're managed by JEFF WALD, HELEN REDDY's manager/husband, but two of the members are PAUL COWSILL and BILL COWSILL (although for some reason Bill is going under the name of BILLY JAMES . . .?). If you remember THE COWSILLS of several years back



TWO OF THE COWSILLS—Paul (far left) and Bill (rear) are now back in the business! But they're really different now!

(another successful family record act), you'll have to re-listen to Bill and Paul—'cause they sound a lot different! . . . SUZI QUATRO, that international star who's really from Detroit, has a hit with "All Shook Up," which is the same song ELVIS PRESLEY made so famous lo these many years ago! . . . Quite a different version, though! . . . The

American Song Festival, a contest set up for aspiring songwriters, had its finals in Saratoga Springs, New York, just a few weeks ago. Singing the finalists' songs were such stars as PAUL WILLIAMS, THE POINTER SISTERS, LOGGINS & MESSINA and JOSE FELICIANO. It was quite an affair! . . . If you really want chills, listen to PAUL ANKA's newest single, "(You're) Having My Baby"—neat! . . . THE POINTER SISTERS, touring again, will have a "live" album out next—from The San Francisco Opera House. . . . ELTON JOHN, who's known for his extravagance, picked up another Rolls Royce at a car lot—without even asking the price! He's moving into a Santa Monica beach mansion soon and selling his place in England (the taxes are even higher there!). . . . That's it for this month! Study hard and start practicing your chain-rattling and moaning 'cause Halloween's comin' up soon!

