

MEET THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY ONE-BY-ONE!

SHIRLEY JONES

Shirley Jones plays Shirley, the mother of the singing Partridges. She was born in Smithtown, Pennsylvania, where her father owned a brewery, and after high school she joined the Playhouse School of Drama in Pittsburgh. She also won the title of "Miss Pittsburgh" and the runner-up for the "Miss Pennsylvania" in the Miss America competition, and the following year was singing in Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera productions. She was in the chorus of the Broadway production of "South Pacific" and had a small role in "Me and Juliet" (although she played the lead in that show on tour).

The turning point in her career (and her whole life) was when she played the lead in the movie version of "Oklahoma!". It won her national recognition and she met her husband, Jack Cassidy, while working on that movie.

Shirley appeared in several feature films after that, and won an Oscar for her performance as Lulu Baines in "Elmer Gantry." Her most recent film is "The Happy Ending."

The Cassidys have three sons: Shawn Paul, 11, Patrick William, 8, and Ryan John, 4. Jack Cassidy's son by a former marriage, David, is his stepmother's co-star in "The Partridge Family." Shirley decided to work in television so she would have more time to spend with her children.

DAVID CASSIDY

David Cassidy plays Keith, the oldest of the five kids in "The Partridge Family" this fall on ABC. You'll be meeting David often in future issues of FLIP, but here's a brief history of his life: David was born in New York City on April 12, 1950, the son of actor Jack Cassidy and actress Evelyn Ward. David lived in West Orange, New Jersey until he was 10, then he moved to Los Angeles and attended Emerson Jr. High School and Rexford High School. Then he went to Los Angeles City College, where he majored in psychology.

David has wanted to act since he was three or four, but it's only in the last year that his guest roles on TV shows like "Marcus Welby, M.D.," "The FBI," "Adam 12," "Mod Squad," and "Ironside," have brought him national recognition.

While he was in school, David played guard on the basketball team for two years, and pitched and caught for a YMCA baseball team. He enjoys playing tennis and riding. (He used to own a horse, but sold it when he found he had very little time for riding.) David sings and plays electric guitar and drums. He'd like someday to have his own recording studio and later, to go into film making.

SUSAN DEY

Before she became Laurie in "The Partridge Family," Susan Dey was one of the top ten junior models in the country. She has appeared on the cover of Seventeen, American Girl and Simplicity magazines and has made three television commercials.

Susan was born in Pekin, Illinois on December 10, 1952, the second of four children. Her family now lives in Mount Kisco, New York, where Susan just graduated Fox Lane High School. She was in Hollywood at the time, working on "The Partridge Family," but she was able to finish her courses by correspondence in time to graduate with her class—three thousand miles away!

When she's home, Susan enjoys cooking and going on family outings. The Deys have an ice boat, and a sailboat built by Susan's father.