



YOUNG REBEL RICK ELY AND DAVID meet on the set of the "Partridge Family." Both shows film at Columbia Ranch in Burbank, so it's not unusual for the two young men to run into each other!

●THE FIRE

Soon, all of us are talking like girlfriends who haven't seen each other in weeks. Suddenly Susan asks Shirley what all this talk about a fire on the lot involved.

Shirley says that last night's fire was one of three pretty costly ones. Unfortunately, one of the houses destroyed is the Partridge house. Susan leans over to tell you that the Partridge house used to be known as the Blondie house for the Blondie series. Everyone sits quietly thinking about the unlucky fires.

But the momentary silence is broken when David pops his head into the door and exclaims that a new, original Partridge house will be great. And the opportunities for going on location ought to be fun. Everyone agrees!

●VACATIONS

The conversation somehow ends up on the recent vacation everyone had when "Partridge" took a two week break from shooting. Shirley and David described their hectic promotional tour for Partridges in which they visited 10 cities in two weeks! As they talk about some of their experiences you note the warm, mutual admiration David and Shirley have for each other. They both get so excited telling about the events of their trip.

Susan's parents came to California to be with her during her vacation. They went camping in Northern and Central California. Susan loved going without make-up for those two weeks. She tells you that TV make-up is really heavy, dry, and pretty uncomfortable. But what she really dislikes is eye-liner! "I never use eye-liner because my eyes just aren't right for it, but on TV it's necessary so—".

Jeremy Gelbwaks goes scurrying by the room and David calls to him and playfully rumples his hair. David asks him how his trip to the mountains with his family turned out. The drum-playing Partridge beams as he joyfully reports that "It was great, and I got rid of that crummy cold!" Then Jeremy

gives David a mischievous punch in the ribs and runs away giggling!

You can't believe you're sitting there sharing experiences with the Partridges, but there is more fun in store for you. Now we're off to watch some filming at Sound stage 30. So grab your purse and let's run over there!

●TWO MORE PARTRIDGES!

We're just settling down in our chairs right behind a huge camera when Suzanne Crough, the baby in the "Partridge Family," runs up to us and gives us this gigantic grin. "Look," she says pointing a tiny finger in her mouth, "I lost another tooth!" We both laugh as she skips away to look for one of the baby bunnies. Suzanne's pet rabbits hop around wild and free on the lot and they presented her with several cuddly, soft baby bunnies!

Danny Bonaduce, the red-haired financial wizard of the Partridges, is roaring around outside in his Honda

down that chocolate road is a candy biker! Fantastic! But I'm sure that Danny could describe the cake with more flourish!

●BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

Soon the entire Partridge Family troops into the set to film a scene in which they'll be singing in a nightclub. David gives you a big grin and Susan and Shirley wave to you.

The enormous lights direct their bright, unblinking stare on the Partridges. You think that spotlights couldn't have chosen a more perfect group of people to shine upon. Then the music begins and David sings, not directly into the camera, but to a girl sitting just behind that camera—YOU!

Ooops, that's all the space we have this month, but I do hope you'll be right here next month as I take you ON-THE-SET WITH "THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY!" Hope you'll be here!



MUSICAL NUMBERS are favorites with all the regulars on the show! They seem to be most natural when they are singing to the fabulous music written especially for the show. Above, are David and Shirley!

70. Danny is really wild about his mini bike. In fact, if you give him a chance, he will describe—in detail—the huge chocolate cake the cast and crew of Partridge gave him when they celebrated his 11th birthday on the set.

The cake was fantastic! The frosting and decorations was a road with hills sloping here and there. And speeding



More inside scoops from the girl who really knows what's happening on the set of "The Partridge Family!"