

THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY

"Wait a minute!" shouts somebody. "Why don't we let Mom sing Gloria's part?" *Shazam!*

Next thing you know, the Partridge family (young widow and five children) has been transformed into The Partridge Family (pop-rock group with hit record and night-club contract). They buy an old school bus; give it a psychedelic coat of paint; load it with instruments, amplifiers and one large dog; and leave Ohio, headed for Las Vegas, Hollywood and other points west. And there you have the premise of *The Partridge Family* (TV series).

Shirley Jones, starring as Connie Partridge, drives the bus, sings lead and tries (vainly, of course) to keep the kids out of trouble. Her children are played by David Cassidy (Shirley's stepson), Susan Dey, Danny Bonaduce, Jeremy Gelbwaks and Suzanne Crough. They set a dizzying pace for their road manager (Dave Madden), who begins to think he sees a Partridge in every palm tree. Debut: ABC,

Sept. 25. Pictured: (front) Jeremy Gelbwaks, Suzanne Crough, Danny Bonaduce; (rear) Susan Dey, Shirley Jones, David Cassidy.

