

DEAR CAROL



Q. Is it true that David Cassidy is going to marry Linda Ronstadt?

K.M.—Punxsutawney, Pa.

A. No, no, no. David and Linda have never even dated.

Q. I would like to know if Eve Plumb's mother's name is Flora Plumb?

D.M.—Ottawa, Ohio

A. No, Flora Plumb is Eve's older sister.

Q. There's a horrible rumor going around here that Tom Jones has tuberculosis and that is why his show went off the air. Is it true?

A.M.—Covington, Tenn.

A. Tom's show went off the air because of low ratings. And Tom is still super healthy, no TB.

Q. Do the Osmonds really get their fan mail or does a secretary answer it all? Please tell me. I have to know.

S.N.—Westminster, Calif.

A. The Osmond Brothers fan club is run by some very special "secretaries"—their grandmothers! Their mail all goes to them and they read it and sort it out for the boys to answer.

Q. Is Susan Dey going steady? If so who is the lucky guy?

T.R.—Blaine, Minn.

A. No, Susan Dey is not going steady presently.

Q. Did Shirley Jones help David Cassidy get the part of Keith on "The Partridge Family"?

D.G.—Dowagiac, Mich.

A. No, no one knew that Shirley was David's step-mother until after they had signed him for the part.

Q. I've just got to find out how tall Philippe Forquet is or I'm going to pull my hair out! Please?!

M.M.—Elmhurst, Ill.

A. Heavens, don't pull your hair out! Philippe is 6'2" tall.

Q. I just heard an almost unreal story about Neil Diamond and I'm really shook up! Someone said that he was married before and divorced and that's why he's so casual these days. They even said that since his divorce he's been drinking very bad. When I asked how this person knew, he said that is what Neil's song "Cracklin' Rosie" is about. Could you please tell me what is true and what isn't! I'm really worried.

E.A.L.—Wakefield, Mass.

A. That story is not only unreal, it's untrue! Neil was married and divorced before, but he is now happily married again. The song "Cracklin' Rosie" is about drinking—it's a saying up in Alaska when a guy doesn't have a girl to go out with he goes out with a bottle of "Cracklin' Rosie" wine instead, but Neil just wrote the song, he doesn't live it. He has no drinking problem.

Q. Is it true that the Jackson 5's father manages the Osmond Brothers?

J.D.L.—Boston, Mass.

A. I think you're a bit mixed up. The Jackson 5 are managed by their father, Joe, and the Osmond Brothers are managed by their father, George.

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