

THE GRAPEVINE

DAVID GOING STEADY?!
OSMONDS' NEW TV SERIES?!
BOBBY ON ED SULLIVAN!!

DAVID CASSIDY, SHIRLEY JONES and DAVE MADDEN were among *The Partridge Family* regulars who showed up for Bell Records' fabulous party in Hollywood to celebrate the release of *The Partridge Family Album*. David looked absolutely smashing in a medium blue suit, white tie and dark blue shirt with a white design on it. His date was an adorable young actress named Judy Strangis, who is a regular on *Room 222*. (Don't howl, ladies—David insists he is NOT GOING STEADY with any girl—like who has the time?!) Surprise guest of the evening was David's real-life father and husband of his step-mom Shirley, handsome actor JACK CASSIDY. Of course PF's laff-a-minute man (formerly of that old television stand-by *Laugh-In*) Dave Madden was there to keep things humming. Party guests included sweet and beautiful SUSAN DEY, 16 SPEC's Editor-in-Chief GLORIA STAVERS, KHJ's top deejay "The Real" DON STEELE and musician WES FARRELL (who not only cut *The Partridge Family Album*, but also did David's Bell Records' single *I Think I Love You*).

Not only is it very likely that the OSMOND BROTHERS will have their own new TV series mid-season, they're definitely doing two ABC-TV color specials for Chevrolet—aside from which, of course, you must catch the Osmond boys on NBC-TV's Christmas Kraft Music Hall, air date December 23. One of the Osmonds' Chevrolet specs will be in early December, the other one sometime after January 1—so be sure to keep a good watch on your local TV listings so you won't miss DONNY, JAY, MERRILL, WAYNE and ALAN when they come your way on ABC... By the by, the Osmonds will not be doing The Ed Sullivan Show, as previously announced, but beautiful BOBBY SHERMAN will be there, front and center. Bobby will be doing two Ed Sullivan segments before the end of the year—so, once again, stay tuned to your local TV listings so you won't miss any of the fun. Of course, aside from that—Bobby is doing a marvelous TV pilot called Zoom! If it's accepted by a network, you'll be seeing Bobby back on TV as early as September 1971!

Adorable double-daters at an opening night party at Hollywood's swank Coconut Grove nightclub turned out to be none other than MICHAEL COLE with his sometimes steady PAULA KELLY, and his adorable mom KATHLEEN COLE and her date businessman JACK STANTON. Eternally house-hunting (every time he runs someplace, the fans find out where he is and "invade" his privacy) Michael Cole shared a house on Malibu Beach with co-star TIGE ANDREWS this summer... Sad but true, diddily-bops, it looks like JACK WILD will definitely not be back to do a new Pufnstuf series. It's not unlikely that his former understudy will go into the role if and when NBC decides to move H. R. Pufnstuf from re-runs into a brand new series. Whatever, it's no problem for Jack. After helping TRACY HYDE celebrate her eleventh birthday on the set of Melody, Jack hopped off to Ireland—where he's now co-starring with RON MOODY in a full-length movie Flight Of The Dove... Meanwhile, back in London ever adorable MARK LESTER found time for a little "hand holding" with Melody starlet (the above-mentioned) TRACY HYDE. But don't worry, girls, t'weren't nothin' serious, just publicity shots for the Melody movie—after which Mark also hied off to Ireland, where he started shooting a full-length movie version of Black Beauty.

JIM and JOHN HAGER have just released a brand new LP on Capitol Records—it's called *Two Hagers Are Better*

Than One and it features their single *Silver Wings*. Aside from being regulars on CBS-TV's *Hee Haw*, they'll be doing guest appearances on *The Glen Campbell Show* this season... Adorable RON DANTE (hope you dug his hit record *Let Me Bring You Up*) appeared with DAVID CASSIDY on the syndicated TV show *Upbeat*—and the two of them became good buddies... BARRY WILLIAMS and MAUREEN McCORMICK are super-embarrassed by the magazine story that made it look like they are "going steady". No such thing! Though they admire each other as performers and as human beings, Barry and Maureen are just friends... CYNTHIA LENNON, never one for digging much publicity, was quietly married to her steady boy friend (steady since she broke up with JOHN LENNON) late in July. A member of the wedding party was her eight-year-old son JULIAN. New hubby ROBERTO BASSANINI is a wealthy Italian restaurateur... Congrats to MIKE NESMITH on his hit single *Joanne*... MICKY DOLENZ has his own syndicated radio show. Guests so far include LINDA RONSTADT, TIM BUCKLEY, the GRASS ROOTS and BLUES IMAGE.

Welcome back to SAJID KHAN, who popped into 16 SPEC's office to make his return to the States "official". More about Saj's future plans later. Meanwhile, you can write to him and welcome him back at this address—Sajid Khan, c/o Ackerman, 324 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California... Yes, it is true that MARK LINDSAY has a steady girl. No, it is not true that he is losing interest in his music because of her... Crewe record star OLIVER played happy host to Spain's CARMEN BECERRA, who won a contest held throughout all Spain as being the most like the lady Jean, about whom Oliver sang so beautifully on his second hit single. Carmen's grand first prize was a free round-trip from Madrid to Hollywood—and a date with Oliver!... MICK JAGGER's younger brother CHRIS is playing a leading role in the Israeli version of *Hair*, now being presented in Tel Aviv.

Dark days are upon us, children. The Apple headquarters in London is "... all but closed" and word from PAUL McCARTNEY (who seems to be eternally "vacationing in Scotland") is that the BEATLES will definitely not get back together again... Adorable CLIFF RICHARD, one of England's top super-stars, who has been riding the British charts with 30 smash hit singles to his credit, has just released his very first single in America on the Monument label entitled *Goodbye Sam, Hello Samantha*. Be sure to give it a listen!

Groovy singer RICHARD RYDER, who makes many appearances with comedian MARTY ALLEN, caused a near riot when the duo appeared at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City, New Jersey, this summer. The girls really flipped over Richard, who is not only ultra good-looking but sings up a storm. Listen for Richard's debut single any day now... Adorable MIKE CLIFFORD (you remember his smash-hit single *Close To Cathy*) has a brand new record on the American International label entitled *You Better Start Singing Soon*. Hope you caught Mike's recent appearances on *Upbeat* and *The Mike Douglas Show*, cos he looked and sounded better 'n ever! You can write to Mike at 324 S. Beverly Drive, Suite 204, Beverly Hills, California... One of the most exciting groups—on stage as well as on record—is CHARLES WRIGHT AND THE WATTS 103rd STREET RHYTHM BAND. Be sure to go and see them in person when they come your way and latch on to a copy of their latest Warner Brothers LP *Express Yourself*—it's a treat and a half!!