



# on-the-set with the PARTRIDGE Family

By JANE JOYCE

Meet lovely Jane Joyce. As Susan Dey's full-time guardian (and close friend), as well as Susan's stand-in on "The Partridge Family," Jane has an inside track on all the members of the family and you'll be hearing about all her friends and co-workers each month here in the pages of Tiger Beat in Jane's personal column! Above, is a shot taken of Jane and Susan at the house they share in the Hollywood Hills. Jane is personal friends with all the Partridge people and she'll be telling you the secret-secrets here every month, so don't miss a single column!

Just when it seemed summertime and vacations were over and everyone ought to be back in school or at work, the cast of the PARTRIDGE FAMILY began THEIR month-long vacations. From the middle of September to the middle of October, all the Partridges stopped being "Partridges" and began to do those things they had planned during the long and hot days of the summer's work filming the show.

At last, some free time—relax, travel, just plain enjoy themselves, that's what the Partridges said they were going to do when they were leaving for their vacations. Now that they are back at work on the set, I found out what they really did!

David Cassidy told me he fell in love during his vacation. But wait, don't worry—David's fallen for *Mother Nature* and is even writing songs inspired by her. With a friend, Steve, David packed his car with sleeping

**MUSICAL NUMBERS** are usually perfect on the first take because David and Shirley both love performing!



**DAVE MADDEN** is a real comic both on and off camera. He's always making people laugh on the set!

bags and guitars, and the two guys drove to Arizona and Colorado to spend ten days camping out in the wilds. The first night on the way, David said, he sat looking out "over all of Arizona—just incredibly beautiful—all of Arizona seemed to be below me and in front of me." And as the sun set, David wrote a song, one of many he worked on during his time off. "I've never seen anything so beautiful as when I sat on that mountainside and watched the sun set."

David remembered the trip as being a great adventure. He and Steve went to the Grand Canyon, Lake Mead, Yosemite, Carmel, Big Sur, and finally back to Los Angeles. In Yosemite they stayed in a log cabin by a stream, and the cold at night and early in the morning really struck David, as well as the clean fresh air and just plain good

simple living. Over and over he told me how great his trip had been.

Even when he returned to Los Angeles, David was still planning to get back "On the Road." He took off for Houston, Texas, where he taped some syndicated television programs, doing promotional work for the "Partridge Family" records. At one video taping David sang "I Can Hear Your Heartbeat," and he says the camera effects used made that song fantastic—"Great camera work! It really made that song incredibly good. You'll have to see the tape." After coming back from Houston, David stayed in Los Angeles for awhile, working on new songs, occasionally going out to clubs in the city. But then the travelling urge hit again, and David went out to Las Vegas to see David Jones. In the end, it's kind of hard to stop moving and to settle down into work again, but David is back on the set, talking all about his trips, planning more in the future—to see his new love, Nature.

Everybody who could get away for a while did just that, but Shirley Jones beat the record for travelling the greatest distance. From Los Angeles she and her husband, Jack Cassidy, went to Hawaii for a well-deserved vacation by the ocean, and then Shirley flew across this continent and the Atlantic Ocean for a business trip in Europe. "I went to investigate the possibility of getting the part of Dulcinea in the movie being made of "Man Of La-Mancha." It's a great role, but I think the "Partridge Family" will still be shooting, and I couldn't make the starting date of the movie. But even so, my trip was very interesting."

