

PARTRIDGE *Fan Club* NEWS

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Each month read all the fan club news about the Partridge Family right here in Cecelia Bonaduce's column!



Do you remember Steve Orlandella? Any diligent reader ALREADY knows who he is, but for the rest of you... Steve's the one who kept Susan out of the Bonaduce house while her surprise party was being prepared. Steve is also Danny's part time chaperone, and is used for atmosphere on the set, and answers to the name of "assorted friends."

You may be wondering why I'm writing about Steve in THE PARTRIDGE FAN CLUB NEWS. I often wonder myself. Actually, there is a legitimate reason—here it is:

I asked Steve to cover the taping of "SHIRLEY JONES—THIS IS YOUR LIFE," a show hosted by Ralph Edwards, which traces the lives of celebrities, without prior knowledge on their part.



SHIRLEY'S REAL & TV families honored her on "This Is Your Life."

The surprise tribute to Shirley was taped on a Wednesday night in Hollywood. The Partridges, having been on vacation, and therefore scattered for three months, were reunited for the occasion. Also on hand were Shirley's husband, Jack Cassidy, Shirley's mother, her aunt and uncle, and her three sons.

Shirley had been told to be at CBS at 6:30 p.m., supposedly to film some Partridge Family promotion spots. The "family" was already assembled, and had been told to act as if nothing unusual was going on. When Shirley arrived, rehearsal of the "promotion spots" began very convincingly. After several run-thrus and one actual take—Ralph Edwards suddenly popped up on stage. Mr. Edwards said that he'd just stopped in to wish Shirley a happy birthday, and to give her a little

present—which turned out to be a beautiful diamond bracelet! Shirley, overcome, could only manage two words: "It's beautiful."

Then, Mr. Edwards announced that the kids had planned a little surprise party for her, and would the "guests" please come in? The guests came in, all right—an audience of more than two hundred people!

As the crowd filled the studio, Ralph Edwards said:

"SHIRLEY JONES—THIS IS YOUR LIFE!"

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8-11-2 / 73-33-4-9-33-1-42 / 62-1-7 / 4-13-13 / 1-57-6 / 33-5-57-57-3-57-9 .42-1-57-20 / 73-2-4-73-31-2 / 4-5-8 / 4-13 / 7-11-3-33-31-2-20 - 7 / 73-1-7-8 / (7-4-42-2 / 4-13 / 62-11-4-42 / 7-11-2 / 11-1-6-57-'8 / 7-2-2-57 / 3-57 / 8-62-2-57-8-20 / 20-2-1-33-7) / 62-2-33-2 / 13-31-4-62-57 / 3-57 / 13-33-4-42 / 99-1-33-3-4-5-7 / 73-1-33-8-7 / 4-13 / 8-11-2 / 14-4-5-57-8-33-20 / 8-4 / 73-1-33-8-3-14-3-73-1-8-2 / 3-57 / 8-11-2 / 2-99-2-57-8 .

The show ran like clockwork, and afterward, a party was given for the participants at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

Everyone involved made it to the party on time. Well... ALMOST everybody. Conspicuously absent, however, were Susan Dey, Danny and Mrs. Bonaduce, and last but certainly not least, Steve.

It seems that Steve's car battery had blown up in the parking lot. The reason: dirty battery cables. Susan asked (pretty sensibly, I thought) "Why

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