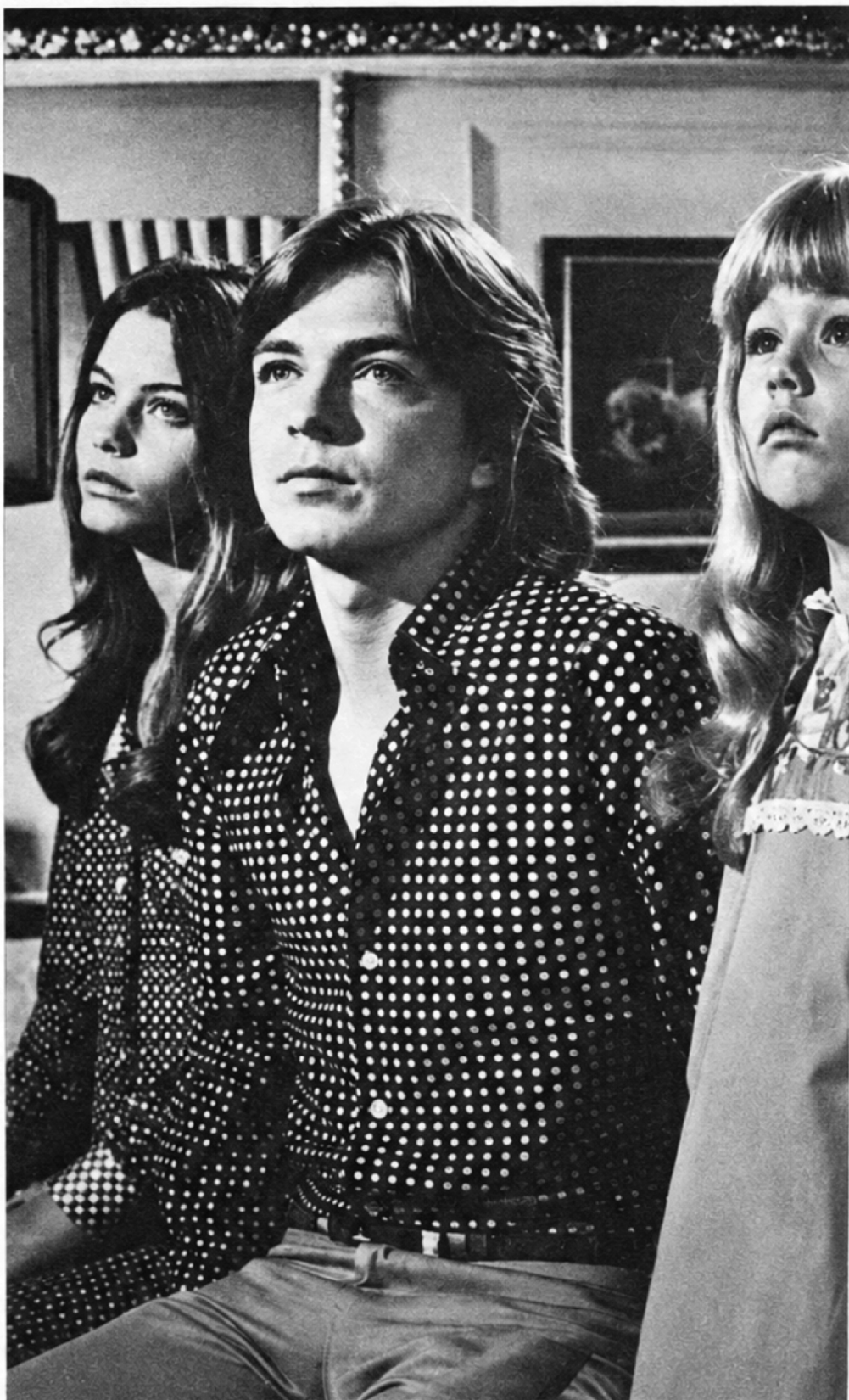


Shirley Jones Tells Why David Cassidy Is A Special Kind Of Person

By Esther Zealow

Shirley Jones is a very lucky woman. Her childhood could easily have been a very unhappy experience for her, but some wonderful people by the name of Jones adopted her when she was still quite small and raised her as if she were their own natural child. She says that her family was always very close, and remain that way to this day, "the way a family should be."

She grew up in a small Pennsylvania town . . . indeed Smithtown had a total population of only 800 people. Her father, now dead, ran the local brewery - a



Shirley Jones is proud as puddin' of her stepson's acting ability.

business which had been in his family for many generations before he took over its operation. Her mother was probably the very first person to recognize Shirley's extraordinary singing voice, so every day the devoted mother

took her daughter thirty miles to Pittsburgh so she could take voice lessons.

Shirley was a beautiful girl, and she was encouraged by her family and friends to enter the Miss America competition. Although