



DAVE MADDEN wants to get one thing straight—and that's that Reuben Kinkaid, the character he plays on "Partridge Family," is not a child-hater! His character isn't funny because he can't stand the kids, as some people think, but because he doesn't understand them and can't cope with them. Kinkaid's a bachelor, so he's never been around kids. But suddenly he not only has to deal with the Partridges as a business manager, but he's sort-of a stepfather-figure, too. And that's where the humor comes in!

Lovely SUSAN DEY wants one thing more than anything else—and that's to find out, and prove to herself, that she can be successful as an actress! Susan thinks the real test of an actress is the way she performs before a live audience—when there isn't any way to cut something bad or do something over. So when "Partridge" stops filming, Susan wants to do some live acting in small, local productions for the valuable experience—and insight—it will give her.

JEREMY GELBWAKS is a sports enthusiast. Aside from acting in the series, which he loves, he'd be happy if he had nothing to do except swim and ski and sail all day! He gets a lot of practice, too. His family skis together as a group. And there's a family sailboat, so he gets a lot of time on the water. Is there anything non-sporty he likes? Yes . . . getting fan mail!

The biggest passion in SHIRLEY JONES' life is her family. And taking care of them is the "career" that makes her the happiest. She met her husband, Jack Cassidy (he is, of course, David's father), when they were both appearing on a European tour of "Oklahoma" for the State Department. Since then, they've added three sons—Shaun, Patrick and Ryan—to the clan. Work sometimes separates everyone—but maybe that makes getting together again all the more wonderful.