

Partridge

... it's nerve racking! **Dave Mad-den**, for example, worried that the public might not accept the "confetti-man" from *Laugh-In* as **Reuben**. **Susan** had the jitters, too. Being a model since she was fifteen, she had learned to be sophisticated in front of a still camera. Now that she was trying out for television, she had to "unlearn" everything she'd been taught. She wondered if she'd be relaxed enough for the camera. Obviously, **Susan** did a great job, in spite of all her worrying.

Don't forget that the family of an actor goes through a great deal of tension too. **Danny Bonaduce** had done a few commercials, and guest spots, but still, he didn't have as much experience as his rival. One point in his favor was

that **Danny** fit the **Danny Partridge** image, as a business minded, freckle-faced ten year old. **Danny's** dad was worried that **Danny** was too young to be convincing in a character role!

CHRIS A GIRL!

As for the part of "Chris," you may have seen the girl who lost out to **Jeremy Gelbwaks**, and not even have realized it. If you saw the very first *Partridge* show, you may have noticed one scene, where **Jeremy** was upset about a little girl who had the drum solo. She was the very girl who just might have been **Christine Partridge**!

Did you see the episode where **Keith** was being chased by all the girls in his school? One of the

girls was in the *Partridge* house all the time, just watching **Keith**, because she was madly in love with him. Remember? That girl was almost **Laurie Partridge**!!!!

Shirley Jones had some concern about the auditions too. Even though she was already signed for the starring role in the series, and had no personal worries about the series beyond doing a good job, she found herself surrounded by two groups of very talented people.

One of them, **David**, was her own stepson, and no one could object if she was secretly rooting in her heart for **David**, but as for the others... she knew the inevitable truth... one would win, and the other would have to lose.

VERY HARD WORK

But winning the part didn't end everyone's worries... it just set off a chain of new ones! First, the pilot had to be filmed and that took two weeks of extremely hard work. All the stars knew from the very start that this show had to be the best thing they'd ever done, because everyone wanted the pilot to sell!

The *Partridge* kids (from **Susan** on down the line) had never had a part this big, and were amazed at the hard work involved... especially **Danny**, who found himself written into almost every scene!

Another problem for **Danny**

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IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE red-headed **Danny Bonaduce** and sweet **Suzanne Crough** had stolen everyone's heart! They're great friends on and off stage.

