

The Year of the Partridge

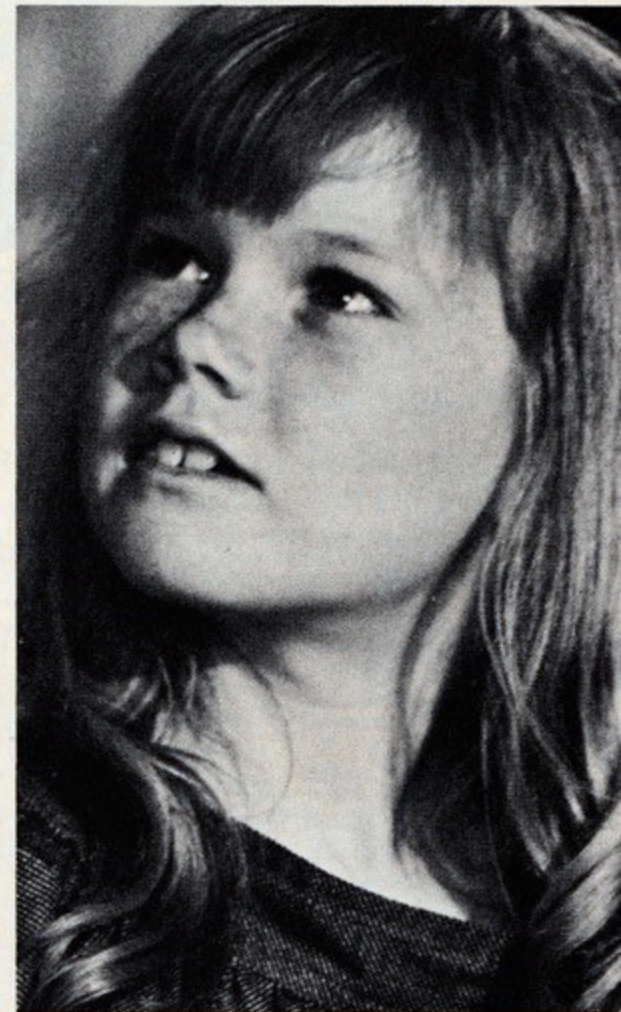
finishing the episodes, because they had been filming for eight weeks and there were still bits and pieces to be filmed for each show! The final solution was setting aside a week to "catch-up" on all the missing film!

When the first few shows were in the making, Danny found that a good many of the scripts were built around his character. Naturally, Danny was delighted, but it was a lot of hard work for a small boy, especially when you add in the three hours of school work that he had to put in every day!

When the Partridge Family finally went on the air on September 25, 1970, David and Shirley had seen the pilot about six dozen times, since they had taken it around the country on a promotional tour. David said, "I was at my father's house with Shirley and the family the night The Partridge Family went on. Shirley and I had seen it so many times we were tired of it... nothing seemed funny, and we couldn't tell if it was good or not! All we could do was wait for the reviews..."

The reviews were favorable, to say the least. Almost all the critics predicted David to be the new teenage super star. Cleveland Amory of "T.V. Guide," gave the Partridge Family a good review, with special attention paid to Susan Dey. I remember that Danny was very popular with the reviewers, too, but he did get one bad review! His mother and father were afraid that Dan was going to be upset, but all Danny said was, "He's entitled to his opinion!"

How did the Partridges react
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BEFORE SUZANNE'S TWO front teeth grew in, she didn't like to smile very much. Now, she's happy to!

DAVID WAS VERY PROUD of the Partridges' first single record, "I Think I Love You." It sold well over a million and was just the beginning!

