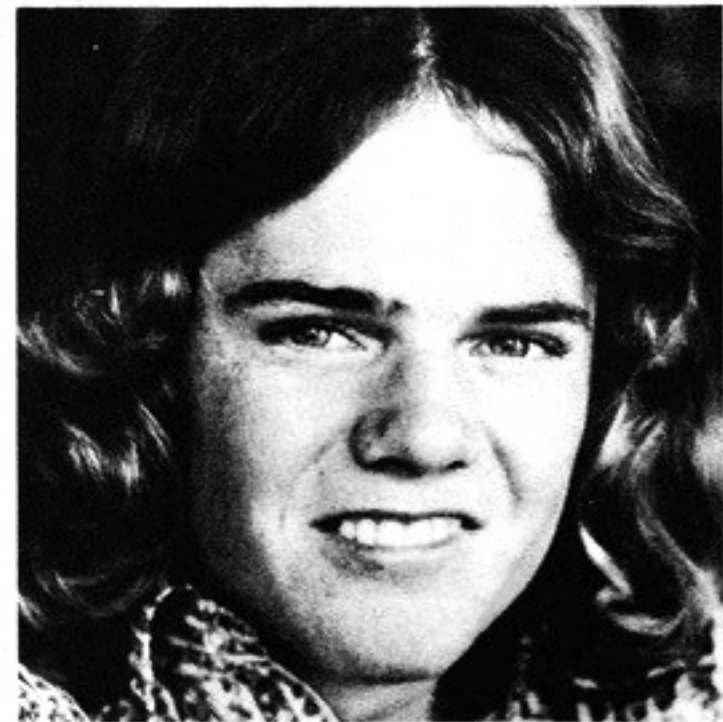


# STAR LIGHT



The Osmonds accept an award from the United Cerebral Palsy Association for their assistance.



Above: Butch Patrick has recently become a recording artist as well as having a series. Below: Johnny Whitaker has won the coveted part of "Tom Sawyer." Donny had to say no.



When the **OSMONDS** say they had a flaming good time in Memphis, they aren't kidding! All the boys were eating dinner in their parents' hotel suite when they heard odd, crackling sounds coming from the next room, which happened to be **WAYNE** and **ALAN'S**. So they dashed on over to find the room was on fire!

The whole hotel had to be evacuated until the blaze was put out, and no one ever found out how it got started. Electrical problems, they suspect.

The incident also caused some problems for the Ossies, who lost a whole set of costumes and stage boots they were going to wear for the concert there, but fortunately there was another set left unscorched. Poor Alan and Wayne, though. They lost *all* their clothes in the fire and are now running about in the starkers! (Heh heh, the first part's true, but the second isn't.)

Hats off to the entire Osmond family, by the way, for setting up a fantastic foundation to aid blind and deaf children. The Osmond Foundation will provide all sorts of vital services like research into the problems, educational materials, and promotion of greater understanding and opportunities for kids who

suffer these handicaps. Speaking of caps, let's even take those off, and salute these kind efforts by the famous five plus several.

All of you remember **JOHNNY WHITAKER** who played Jody on "Family Affair," and did lots of other thingies like co-starring in Walt Disney's "Napoleon and Samantha." Well, he's just nabbed a choice part in the most recent remake of "Tom Sawyer," namely the title role! In fact he's off in Missouri, sitting on a riverbank at this very moment. In front of a camera, of course, but he also digs getting acquainted with river life in his spare time, too.

Johnny is really growing up and will be thirteen in December. By then, his fans are hoping he'll have done or at least planned to do a concert tour. Yep, he sings, too.

Starring with Johnny in "Tom Sawyer" is **JODY FOSTER** as Becky (his co-star from "Napoleon and Samantha") and **JEFF EAST**, a real-live fifteen-year-old Missourian who is playing Huckleberry Finn.

**DAVID DOREMUS**, formerly of "Nanny & The Professor" may have looked younger than his age for awhile, but he's grown five inches in about the last hour and is now even doing some roles a bit older. He's fifteen actu-

ally, and if you missed him on "The Partridge Family" guest-starrer, he's coming up this fall in a segment of the new show, "The Walt-ons."

Another past fave from the boob tube is now into his own TV show, "Lidsville," and who could I be talking about but **BUTCH PATRICK**? Once a Munster member, Butch is now almost nineteen and has both a new recording contract and a new record. It's called "I.O.I.O." b/w "Gimme Sugar," and Butch is on the road right now, doing a promotion tour.

**THE JACKSON FIVE** are presently on a tour of the USA and will be gone all summer. We hear they're packing them in, as usual, and things are going great for the whole fabulous family. But luvly little Michael has pulled off a pretty good one on his own in addition to everything he's doing with the group. There's a full-length cartoon feature going to be made in Hollywood, called "The Adventures of Sire-Puss-In-Boots," and just guess who's going to be the voice of! None other than our M.J.

First it was "Willard" and then "Ben" and I never thought I'd see something I liked in a movie about rats! But that was before I saw