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Did you see the Partridge Christmas Show? I hope most of you said yes, because it has to have been the best show of the season. Not only was it great, it was probably the most fun to film! Let's go back to December, and watch the Partridges film their Christmas segment:

THEY WENT THAT-A-WAY

David and his lovely stand-in, Jan, were walking around the set together in matching blue cowboy outfits. Somebody was looking for David, and one of the crew pointed toward the two of them and said... "There he is... David's the one with the guitar." And it's a fact... from the back, those two look enough alike to be brothers... (or something!)

A HORSE—A HORSE— MY KINGDOM FOR A HORSE!

Danny and Dave Madden both got their exercise in during this filming. They got a chance to do some riding—plain and fancy—while they were filming on Western Street. Dave was riding a really magnificent black stallion... that's horse talk for a boy horse, I think. Anyway, he rode this great big black beauty, and Danny rode a gigantic white. They made quite a picture!

Dave would probably be just as happy if nobody knew about this, but we see all and tell all. Dave swung up on his horse. He looked very mean and villainish, just the way he was supposed to. But then... RIIIIIIIPPPPP! The black pants he was wearing split in back. And instead of looking villainish, he just looked embarrassed. The wardrobe lady came over and put him back together, and everything went along just fine.

One of the jokes in the script had to do with Danny getting up and down

on that big horse. He used a pretty little pastel colored rope ladder. Danny didn't like the idea particularly because he didn't want anyone to think he couldn't get up and down correctly.

Anyway, Danny made his big, dramatic entrance, riding down Western Street, while the crowd threw flowers in his path. He did just fine, and everyone agreed he really did know how to handle that horse. But then, when the time came to get down, the ladder wouldn't work. Danny rode in and out above five times, just trying to get that ladder down. It finally worked, but Danny's face was almost as red as his hair by the time the director called "Print!"

GIRL BITES MAN!

Suzanne Crough is a very sweet little girl, as everyone knows. But there is another side to her that everyone doesn't know. For instance, can you imagine Suzanne BITING someone? Of course not! But in the script for the Christmas show, Suzanne was scheduled to bite Dave Madden, because he is so very mean. Suzanne was thrilled!! What fun! Dave was a little concerned about the whole thing. Girl bites man? Especially when he's the man! But then, wiser heads gave it some thought, and decided that it would be a bad example for Suzanne to bite someone, and they cut it out of the show! She was really sorry. "I wouldn't really bite him, you know," said the freckle-faced imp. "Just nip him a little."

THE WORLD'S PRETTIEST SCHOOLMARM

Something tells me none of the boys would play hookey from school if they had a schoolmarm as pretty as our Susan Dey. She really did look gorgeous

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