

ON-THE-SET-WITH The PARTRIDGES!

by Jane Joyce



This fall the Partridges were given a two week vacation from filming and they all had plenty of fun things planned for their time off! This month Jane tells you all about their off-stage pastimes, plus more personal news about life on-the-set with The Partridge Family!

It seems to me that every time I've sat down to write this column, the Partridge Family is off on a vacation or a special hiatus. And it's that way again this month. You must think that very little work is ever done—you only hear about rests from work! Believe me, a lot of work is done, and the Partridges all deserve what holidays they can have from their busy schedules!

Well, let's see... who's where this time? David has gone to Hawaii, which seems to be just about his favorite spot in the world. Ask David where he'd like to be anytime, and chances are he'd immediately answer "Hawaii—it's the best." I know he mentioned going skin-diving and water-skiing, just relaxing, and kind of catching his breath from all the concert tours and recording sessions he's been doing lately.

• SCHOOL GOES ON

It's no coincidence, however, that school time runs exactly equal with "vacation" time for the younger Partridges. Poor Danny, Brian, and Suzanne still have to report for school each day on the lot... and not only do they have to come in nice and early but so do their mothers. I guess Mrs. Crough will be able to do quite a lot of oil painting, which is her hobby, and that Mrs. Bonaduce and Mrs. Bissell will get a lot of reading done. Maybe they can watch some of the filming of "1776" a movie which is being shot out at the ranch studio in Burbank.

But not everybody has to study reading and arithmetic any more. Now that

Susan's no longer a minor on the set, she doesn't have to worry about school requirements, so she took off on another camping trip. This time she is not actually camping out but is staying on a houseboat at Shasta Lake, which is in northern California. And *this* time, unless bears are really eager to swim out to see the famous Laurie Partridge, there won't be any rattling trash cans!

• PUFFY CHEEKS

For a little while Susan thought she wasn't going to be able to do any kind of traveling at all. How would you like to spend the first week of a two week vacation with a swollen jaw and rather severe pains and aches—where one of your teeth *used* to be? That's what happened to Susan just before she left on her boating excursion. Actually, what happened was that she had a wisdom

tooth removed—just in time to do a "Glen Campbell Show" taping! The make-up man for the show had to do a little extra work that day, trying to hide the swelling by making shadows and contours on Susan's cheeks. Susan's better now, but for a while it was very upsetting for me to see her in so much pain.

Speaking of that "Glen Campbell Show," did you see David in his tuxedo and Shirley singing all those songs? Its strange, even for me to see, David or Susan doing a television show other than "The Partridge Family." It makes me realize that they are *not* Keith Partridge and Laurie Partridge at all but are themselves, David Cassidy and Susan Dey, who really do laugh and make jokes and are nervous—just like you or me. It's good to see them



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