



■ Susan Dey, relaxing during the lunch hour in her trailer-dressing room at the Columbia Ranch in Burbank, was very thoughtful. "I never eat lunch," she said. "Because if I do, then I don't want to go back to work. I'm lazy."

You know that she takes her work very seriously, that it doesn't leave much time for fun and games. How does she like her career, being in **The Partridge Family** with Shirley Jones and David Cassidy?

"It's an experience," she said. "We get along so well together, just like a real family. We respect each other too. Like when Shirley is very quiet, then I know she has something on her mind and doesn't feel like talking." She stood up and went to look out the door. Then she turned. "But I'm not sure being an actress is the thing for me. I can't help wondering if I'm not missing out on living, on being just a girl."

For one thing, Susan doesn't have many dates. "During the week, I can't

go out with anyone because I have to be in bed so early. Then there are my lines to learn and housework. It doesn't leave much time. And on the weekends—well, I would like to go out on dates, but who is there? Working the way I do, I don't have a chance to meet boys. And the ones I do meet—" She shrugged. "The ones I meet have some idea they can't afford to date a television star. Silly, isn't it?"

What does she do with her weekends? "Oh, I go to museums, go shopping with girl friends. Sometimes we go to concerts. And I drive my car around a lot."

"But I don't really like California too much. It's so big, so spread out." You know she grew up in Westchester County, New York where her father is editor of a New Rochelle newspaper, that her family still lives in Mount Kisco and that she misses home.

"I went to high school there and I used to have lots of dates then." She brightened. "Then my mother"—it's her stepmother actually—"decided

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