



## WALTONS TASTY TIDBITS

What's new down on the Walton farm? Well, seein' that Richard "John-Boy" Thomas is gonna be a favorite on your TV screens for *many* a day, former New Yorker Richard has decided he *really* likes California! He's gonna move out of his West Hollywood bungalow and set up more permanent and private digs in the Hollywood Hills. And you can bet Richard's heavenly new abode will be big enough to hold his prized pet dogs and purrr-fectly pleasing Persian kitty cat "Tattoo." One of Richard's hobbies is raising dogs, and right now he faithfully feeds and grooms two English spaniels—"Charles" and "Henrietta Marie"—and a gorgeous little griffon named "Meuse." For those of you who've never laid eyes on a griffon—it's a cute little wire-haired dog which was originally bred in Europe.

More on Richard's new Hollywood haven in a later ish!

Now, how 'bout the rest of the Walton clan?

Jon "Jason" Walmsley is getting into music in his spare time, and besides playing guitar and harmonica, *and* singing, he writes some of his own songs—two of which were used in a Walton episode! So, look forward to Jon cutting a record in the very near future!



RICHARD THOMAS



The WALTONS

Didya know that Mary Elizabeth "Erin" McDonough's nickname is "Mary Mouse?" When she was in second grade she had a best girlfriend who dubbed her that—and it stuck!

Eric "Ben" Scott is very sports minded and when he's not hard at work on the show he plays football, soccer and enjoys swimming and sprinting. Whew! Aren't ya getting tired just thinking about all those things?

One of David "Jim Bob" Harper's friendly neighbors in his San Fernando Valley neighborhood is Rob Reiner, who plays "Meathead" on CBS-TV's *All In The Family*. It really is a small world, isn't it?

Judy "Mary Ellen" Norton is trying to learn to crochet as well as her mother can. Mrs. Norton was taught how to crochet by mothers of the other Walton kids who are down at the Walton set every day during shooting!

Kami "Elizabeth" Cotler, the baby of the Walton crew, may be much too young to date, but *when* she's ready she knows who Mr. Right will be—darlin' David Cassidy! *David* doesn't know that *yet*, but you must admit—Kami *sure* is a girl with good taste!

## PARTRIDGE FAMILY TIME SHIFT

The tuneful ABC-TV series *The Partridge Family* is leaving its familiar 8:30 P.M. Friday time slot and moving to Saturdays at 8 P.M. starting this September. The move will pit the PF gang against NBC's Randy Mantooth and Kevin Tighe in *Emergency!*—and the CBS blockbuster *All In The Family!* So all you faithful PF fans will have to stick with the gleeful gang or they'll be faced with the threat of cancellation! Can you imagine the gruesome thought of TV without *Partridges*?



Since this will be David's final season as "Keith Partridge," look for lots of stories focusing on Susan, Danny, and Suzanne. As of now, no definite plans to replace David have been announced—and, natch, only the PF producers know for sure!

## TODD CRESPI NEW FACE WORTH WATCHING

Take a long lingering look at tall, tan, terrific Todd Crespi. You'll be seeing a lot more of Todd on NBC-TV's new series, *The Magician*, in which he co-stars with Bill Bixby. He'll be playing "Dennis," a genius relying on brain, not brawn, but you'll have to watch the show to find out why! It'll be on come September, Tuesdays at 9 P.M.

Now for some very vital statistics! Todd was born in Frankfort, Germany, on October 24, 1951 and settled in the U.S. when he was seven years old. He weighs in at 145 lbs., stands five feet, eleven inches tall and has light brown hair, sparkling green eyes and—he's still a bachelor! So, whip out your pens and drop him a line at Paramount TV, 5451 Marathon St., Hollywood, Calif. 90038.

### TODD



MIKE

## MIKE ONTKEAN BACK TO BASICS

Manly Mike Ontkian is a most private person. When he was just a tot, Mike's parents, who are both Canadian stage personalities, acquainted him with the drawbacks of being in the public eye. Publicity is what most performers thrive on, but Mike isn't at all like other performers! Being in the right places with the right people at the right times seems to be a necessary step on the show business ladder—but to Mike spending time this way is meaningless. He's very cool to the Hollywood social scene and would rather spend his leisure time with his lovely wife Fran and a few close friends, like Georg Stanford Brown and his wife, actress Tyne Daly.

To Mike acting is a profession and quite an exciting one to be sure. As an actor, he learns more each day, and as a professional, he applies his knowledge to everything he does.

Like many performers today, Mike has traded the tinsel and glamour of the old Hollywood for a simpler way of life.