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This week's great 4-page extra focuses on one of the most popular shows on television

# THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY



The prince of rascals, Danny Bonaduce (above), together with Shirley Jones and Dave Madden (who plays the group's manager Reuben Kincaid), are the regulars in the Partridge Family TV series.



'The family that sings together, stays together' — or at least that's true of one of TV's happiest family shows — **The Partridge Family**. The Partridges are five musically talented youngsters who have formed a pop group with the aid of their equally talented mother, an attractive young widow played by Shirley Jones. Together with their manager Reuben Kincaid (Dave Madden), the popular singing family travel to various engagements in the States. With five lively Partridges around, Reuben frequently finds himself acting as peacemaker and umpire as well as manager!



David Cassidy, the best known member of the group.

Heading the Partridge family line-up is popular, good-looking Keith, a real swinging teenager, played by David Cassidy whose pop star image suits the part exactly. Next comes teenage Laurie (Susan Dey), a determined crusader, followed by that rascally wheel-dealer Danny (Danny Bonaduce), and last but not least the equally mischievous twins Chris and Tracy played by Brian Forster and Suzanne Crough.

But somehow in spite of the comical situations they often find themselves in, the Partridges manage to get together to produce some super sounds and introduce new songs in each show.

Much of their time is taken up with rehearsals and concert dates, however, there's never a dull moment in the Partridge household. Danny, the family comic, never fails to embroil every-

one in his wild money making schemes as in one episode when he dreamt up an idea for promoting Laurie's new record 'Song of the Hump Back Whale' by getting a whale as lead singer! Although Laurie's not very keen on the idea as she is a conservationist, Danny puts an ad in the paper and all kinds of funny situations develop. However, all turns out well in the end, and open warfare is averted between Laurie and her determined brother when Mum arranges for the group to make a record with the song of the whale, and then donate the profits to a zoo society.



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