DEARLINDY

Q. Is it true that Randy Mantooth is a real fireman when he is not at the studio? M.C.—Hudson, Mass.

A. No, Randy isn't, but that just goes to show how good his acting is on "Emergency"!

Q. I've read everywhere that Merrill Osmond didn't have a steady girlfriend, but he had to have a steady girl (Mary Carlson) to marry her. Why didn't you say he had a steady? R.A.—Surprise, Arizona

A. Merrill didn't tell too many people about Mary. In fact, to most people, even those who know the Osmonds well, it was a total surprise!

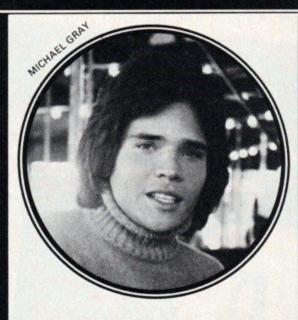
Q. Is Michael Gray going out or going steady with Maureen McCormick? M.L.C.—Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. No, Michael and Maureen met when they did a photo session together some time ago, and then more recently Michael did a guest-appearance on "The Brady Bunch," which you'll see next season. But other than that (and I know you've heard it before, but it's true) they're only good friends!



Q. I heard that when the Osmonds were in Arlington Park, Illinois, Jay met a girl named Jin that he really thought was cool. Well, my friend, Jinay, met them there. Could she be the very same one? C.—Illinois

A. I don't know. Why not have your friend, Jin, write in and tell us?!



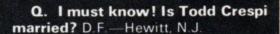
Q. Somebody told me that the Jackson Five are going to split up. Are they? I hope they don't! D.M.—Westbrook, Maine

A. They're NOT splitting up, and that's no guff! Although the guys enjoy recording on their own, they still prefer doing their family act! We have many more years of enjoying the J5 just as they are!

Q. Please help me! When is Rick Springfield's birthday and how old is he? My girlfriend and I have argued long enough on it! J.F.—Jefferson, lowa

A. Argue no more! Here is the score! Rick was born on August 23, 1949, making him twenty-four years old!

MICHAEL RICHARDSON



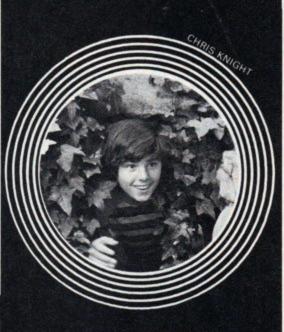
A. Nope, he's single!

Q. Where can I write to Lane Caudell and is he married or engaged or going steady? L.B.—Atlanta, Ga.

A. You can write to Lane at P.O. Box 2148, Los Angeles, Calif. 90028. And he is very, very single!

Q. Can you please tell me if cute little Paul Williams is married? I think he's adorable. V.B.—Palestine, Tex.

A. Nope, Paul's not married. And he is definitely adorable!



Q. My sister told me that Wayne Osmond and Cherry Boone are getting married!! Is this true? L.B.—San Francisco, Calif.

A. No, Wayne and Cherry are not getting married. They have dated a few times but they are not engaged or even going steady.

Q. I sure love Mark Spitz. I heard that he was married. Is it true?! T.A.—Portchester, N.Y.

A. Yes, marvelous muscular Mark is married.