

ANSWER MAN

David Is From an Acting Family

CASSIDY FAN — Where was David Cassidy born? Could you give me some information about his career and family? — Tricia Johnson, Alpharetta.

David Cassidy was born in New York City, the son of actor-singer Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward, a New York actress. Shirley Jones, who plays his mother on ABC's *The Partridge Family*, is his real-life stepmother. David costarred on Broadway in the Allan Sherman musical, *"The Fug Leaves Are Falling,"* and has had leading guest roles on several TV series, includ-

ing *Ironsides*, *Marcus Welby, M. D.* and *The FBI*.

ROCKY TO PINKY—Didn't Dorothy Provine appear in a TV series other than *The Roaring Twenties*? — M. T., Atlanta.

Prior to her role as Delaware "Pinky" Plinkham in *The Roaring Twenties*, Dorothy Provine costarred with Roger Moore as entertainer Rocky Shaw in *The Alaskans*.

HUMAN WOLF — Could you tell me who played in the 1941 version of *"The Wolf Man"* and who did the photog-

raphy? — Mrs. I. N. Little, Decatur.

That's a toughie. The cast of *"The Wolf Man"* (1941) included Claude Rains, Ralph Bellamy, Evelyn Ankers, Warren William, Patric Knowles, Bela Lugosi, Lon Chaney Jr., Maria Ouspenskaya and Fay Helm. The photographer who shot the movie: Joseph Valentine.

TV BUS — What was Omnibus about and who was the host? — T. H., Atlanta.

Allstate Cooke, now host of PBS' *Masterpiece Theater*, hosted Omnibus. The series was a veritable gold mine of such varied TV fare as plays, jazz concerts, interviews with famed notables and readings by celebrities. The show shifted back and forth between CBS, NBC and ABC from 1952 to 1959.

BLOND MONTE — Monte Markham had a TV show where he played the role of a man and his grandfather. What was it? — D. M., Atlanta.

Markham played the dual roles of Ken and Luke Carpenter in ABC's *The Second Hundred Years* and later played Longfellow Deeds in the same network's *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*. He has done many guest appearances on a TV series and made several films. Last season he had the starring role in *Death Takes a Holiday*, a made-for-TV film costarring Yvette Mimieux, Melvyn Douglas and Myrna Loy.

PRISON DRAMA — I would like to know who played in *"Brute Force"*. — F. W., Atlanta.

"Brute Force" (1947), concerning a prison break and sodistic treatment of prisoners, featured Earl Lancaster, Hume Cronyn, Charles Bickford, Yvonne De Carlo, Howard Duff, Jeff Corey, Ann Blyth, Jack Overman, John Hoyt and Ella Raines.

COMEDY TO SILENCE — Didn't Elena Verdugo have her own TV show in the 1950s? — Nancy Guter, Decatur.

Elena Verdugo, currently playing the part of Marcus Welby's nurse, Consuelo, was the star of *Meet Millie*. The CBS-TV comedy series dealt with her escapades of a young New York secretary living with her widowed mother (Florence Volpe). Neighbor Alfred was played by Marvin Kaplan. The series ran from 1952 to 1956.

EWELL WAS A STAR — Did Tom Ewell have a TV



Dorothy Provine in 'Roaring Twenties'

series in the 1950s? If so, what was the name of it? — Bob Tyler, Marietta.

Film actor Tom Ewell starred as Tom Potter in the *Tom Ewell Show* which premiered on CBS-TV Sept. 27, 1959.

YOUNG ON TV — What was Loretta Young's first television show about? — Mrs. Myrtice Johnson, Smyrna.

Film actress Loretta Young began her TV career in 1953 on a show called *A Letter to Loretta*. Each week, Miss Young would open her mailbox and read a letter from a member of the viewing audience, which served as an inspiration for the half-hour drama to follow. About 150 plays were presented in this manner.

EKMAN FLIES — I recently saw Goetzma Ekman in a 1953 movie called *"Charles XII."* Could you tell me what Ekman's first was? — A reader, Atlanta.

"Past," first released in 1926, was Goetzma Ekman's first film. Others were *"Heart of a Clown," "The Last Night"* and *"Intermezzo."*

CHAN AT OPERA — How old is the movie *"Charlie Chan at the Opera?"* Was Boris Karloff in it? — Candy Smith, Atlanta.

"Charlie Chan at the Opera" was released in 1936.

Karloff was in the cast. Others were Warner Oland, Thomas Beck, Nedda Harrigan and William Demarest.

DUMB IRMA — I recall My Friend Irma on radio. What can you tell me about the TV show? — Mrs. M. H. Dodd, Atlanta.

My Friend Irma came to television in 1944, with Marie Wilson and Cathy Lewis recreating their roles of Irma and Jane. Miss Lewis was replaced by Mary Shipley shortly after the show aired.

WHEN IN ROME — Would you please list the stars and director of the movie, *"Roman Holiday"*? There is a bet on the outcome. — M. G., Decatur.

"Roman Holiday," released in 1953, starred Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn, Eddie Albert, Hartley Power, Harcourt Williams, Margaret Rawlings and Tullio Carminati. Veterans William Wyler directed.

FAMOUS KIN — I would like to know if Efrem Zimbalist Jr. of *The FBI* is related to Efrem Zimbalist, the violinist. — T. H., Atlanta.

Efrem Zimbalist Jr., *The FBI*'s Inspector Evalee, is the son of the famed violinist and the late opera star, Alma Gluck.



David Cassidy

1 Billion to See Elvis' Special

Elvis Presley will star in his second television special, *Elvis Presley: Aloha From Hawaii*, a 90-minute musical concert, 60 minutes to be taped during a live, worldwide satellite broadcast from Honolulu in January. The program will be broadcast on NBC early in 1973.

The live Presley concert,

from Honolulu will be a global event for an estimated one billion viewers in 35 to 40 countries, adding to Presley's list of achievements the honor of performing for more people at one time than any other entertainer.

The 60-minute portion of the concert will be transmitted live via satellite, at 4 a.m.

(Honolulu time) January 14 to Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, South Vietnam and the Philippines; and on January 15, the 28 nations in Eurovision will telecast it. This segment will be included in the NBC-TV special.

Details for the remaining 30-minute segment of the NBC-TV special will be announced.

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