

with

DAVID

By His Best Friend **SAM HYMAN**

room, which is the way both of us sit down! The tables are nice-looking, but the stuff they're made of is hard enough to let you put your feet up, even if you do forget to take your boots off!

COLOR SENSE

All in all, I think the place is looking great! David's got this really... individual... color sense, and for a while I was afraid that it was going to look like a peacock's nightmare, but he managed to restrain himself somehow, and so far everyone who's come over has really liked it!

But the most remarkable thing is what's happening outside! David, who



DAVID'S NEW DRESSING ROOM on the set is Bobby Sherman's old one.

is normally not one of those people who goes looking for hard physical work, had dug in out there like his biggest idea of fun was a day spent talking to a shovel! He's completely changed the way our yard looks—and he's only just begun!

For one thing, he put in a new lawn. That doesn't sound like much, and it only takes four or five words to tell it, but it's an incredible amount of work, especially for someone who likes to do nothing as much as David does!

First you've got to dig up whatever was there before; in our case, it was a fantastic collection of weeds, all of which had stickers of some kind! David worked for three days, from sun-up to



DAVID never wears wig so he takes very good care of his hair.

night, just getting those out of the way! Then he had to fertilize the soil, and turn it over and break it up and rake it, and then he seeded it! By the time he'd gotten the seeds in, he was in the best physical shape he's been in for years, and he was as tan as when he came back from Hawaii!

DOGS DIG HOLES

Naturally, we woke up the next morning to discover that the dogs had dug some fabulous holes in David's new lawn, and it took most of that day to repair the damage. Now that the grass is starting to come up, it's really looking super!

I think his next project is going to be a vegetable garden! He's picked out a patch of land where a couple of wild tomato plants were growing, and he walks around the house mumbling about radishes and onions and corn... and he's bought a book on organic gardening! That's something I could get into myself! I think it'd be great to go out in the morning and pick some fresh vegetables and put them in the blender for a super-shake of some kind or another!

I think all the work has really been good for him. He came back from Europe so relaxed and thoughtful that I think it was good for him to really do a lot of hard work, physically. It gives you time to think, in a way,

because your body is really busy, but your mind can roam completely free!

David's not the kind of person who can just sit around and think. If he hasn't got something to do, he'll work on his music, but in a way that's still business... and the work he's done around here doesn't have anything to do with the P.F. or being a star, or anything—except getting our house into shape!

He told me that Europe had given him a different viewpoint on what it meant to be "David Cassidy," and he'd come back feeling less "important," but more real. I think the hard work he's done in the past few weeks gave him a chance to really get away in his mind from all the hype and artificial excitement that some people are constantly throwing at him. I think it's been exactly the right thing for him to do.

And besides that, the house looks great! And I didn't have to do hardly anything!

See you next time. Till then, take care.

Sam Hyman



WE LOVE DOGS, but don't have very good luck with them. I'm sorry to tell you that Kula, the puppy I gave David died in early June of distemper.