DAVE MADDEN

Rueben Kinkaid in Screen Gems' "The Partridge Family"

"I believe that Dave Madden is one of the bright young comedy stars in show business", said Frank Sinatra, after he had witnessed the young comedian convulse the normally blase audience at a Palm Springs night club.

Executive producer Bob Claver echoed Sinatra's praises when he cast Madden in the role of the harried manager in Screen Gems' new half-hour comedy series, "The Partridge Family".

Born in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada on December 12, Dave and his family moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, when he was four years old. Upon graduation from high school in 1951, he joined the Air Force. Stationed in North Africa with special services, Dave developed a comedy magic routine that became an immediate hit at camp shows. He performed his act for the King of Libya, who liked it so much that he presented Dave with a valuable ring as a token of his appreciation.

During his off-hours, Dave performed his comedy magic act at a native theater to the delight of the Arabs, who named him "Scookoo" or "The Crazy One".

After his separation from the service in 1955, he enrolled at the University of Miami, where he obtained a B.A. degree in the performing arts.

It was while attending college that Dave eliminated the magic portion of his act and began to concentrate on becoming a stand-up comedian.

He first started to perform at local nightclubs and parties and soon moved into the big hotels and clubs on Miami Beach. To date he has performed in over 90 of the top supper clubs and hotels in the nation.

Madden was able to get himself an audition for Marshall Edson of the famous "Ye Little Club", in Beverly Hills in 1961. Edson liked what he heard and signed him to a long term contract.

During his stint at "Ye Little Club", he spent his days studying at the Film Industries Workshop at Columbia Studios.

Dave was selected by Dan Rowan and Dick Martin to spend two summers touring with the "Laugh-In Comedy Show" throughout the United States and Canada. Madden also appeared for a year on the "Laugh-In" television show as the confetti throwing comedian.

Madden has guested on the Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin Shows, and with Mike Douglas, as well as appearing in the "Bewitched" series. He co-starred on the "Camp Runamuck" series for a year.

Dave is 6'2", weighs 175 lbs. and has blonde hair and blue eyes. Madden who lives in Malibu, is a bachelor. ¤

The Partridge Family faces a crisis when Shirley Partridge (Shirley Jones) is not included in a European trip with her singing brood.