

from his Mom's and Dad's. But he'd also come across couples who'd been happily married for years...

Perhaps it had just been bad luck with his parents, a bad luck that he could avoid by learning from their mistakes. But then something happened that decided David. Marriage was not for him... not for a very long while, anyhow. Evelyn's second marriage broke up.

SECOND TIME

A while back, fairly soon after she and David had moved out West, she had got to know a film director called Elliot Silverstein. They had fallen in love, he had proposed to her and she had accepted him.

This had all happened at a time when David was growing up and about to seek his independence. So Evelyn had reckoned that it couldn't

disturb him too much, and might even be a big advantage for him to have a man about the place to turn to. They both knew that David would find it very hard to accept anyone else in Jack's place as his father, and they never expected him to.

JEALOUS

They were right. David has never thought of Silverstein as his father:

"I guess I felt a little bit jealous of him at first," he recalled. "I'd had my mother to myself for so many years, and I didn't want to share her with anybody else, no matter how nice a guy he turned out to be!"

Looking back now, David realises how very unreasonable this attitude was... He wanted *his* independence, but he resented Evelyn having hers. Sure, it was unreasonable and it was selfish, but

then, at that age, love is so often both.

Later on, David had come to recognise that Elliot Silverstein really was a nice guy and they became good friends. David even managed to be happy that his Mom had found a few years of happiness with someone she loved, in spite of all the hurt when her marriage failed for a second time.

This time, at least, she didn't have a young son to worry about. David was old enough to understand now. And he did understand — only too well!

RISKY

He came to the conclusion that marriage — especially marriage within show business — was a very risky affair. As a result, he resolved to steer clear of any serious romantic involvement on his own account. So,



Above: Susan & Shirley, adding to the Partridge sound.

Below: David, Brian & Suzanne hear their voices played back on tape.



instead of continuing his search for the girl of his dreams, he started making a positive effort to keep his relationships with girls on a fun basis, and not let any of them get too serious about him either.

"I had seen so much of the hurt that a failed marriage can cause," he explained. "I knew that I didn't want to suffer that kind of hurt or inflict it on somebody I loved..."

"Now that may sound kind of crazy — the idea that you should hurt someone you love. But, you see, I had seen it happen... My parents had loved one another very dearly, but it just wasn't the sort of love that makes for a long-term success in

marriage. I guess that's got to be a very special sort of love, and I'm still working that one out inside my own heart."

With his twentieth birthday an event in the distant future, David had plenty of time...

CAREER

Just then, girls — lots of different girls — were playing an important part in his life. But his career was even more important to him. And he couldn't help thinking that Universal were taking an awful long time in coming up with those other parts they'd talked about!

Patience has never been one of David's greatest virtues — as he'd be the first to admit — and a few weeks

without an offer of work seemed like an eternity to him.

At the same time, he was also impatiently waiting to see himself on TV. He had never realised how far in advance they filmed shows before they were aired on the national networks! Somehow, he'd just assumed that he'd be watching his own performance within weeks of doing the part.

But episode after episode of the 'Ironside' series appeared on the screen, and still "Stolen On Demand" wasn't even billed!

But fortunately, just as he was beginning to head for depression again, Ruth Aarons contacted him with news of another part, this time on "The Survivors"...

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