

DAVID'S HOME!



From the outside, you'd think that David Cassidy lived just as you'd expect a Hollywood Star to live — there are double gates at the end of a driveway, and to get through them, you have to announce yourself on an electric intercom. Say the magic words, and the gates open automatically, and you drive slowly up a slope before rounding onto David's house.

But once David's opened the door to you, you know that he doesn't live like a 'Hollywood Star' at all.

He's lived in Encino, California for nearly four years now, although he still spends quite a lot of time in Hawaii, where his house is being built. Like all buildings, though, it's not something that can be hurried, so David can't say yet when it will be finished.

His own home is also going through quite a few alterations — and they're all being done by David himself, plus the aid of a few friends.

"I get a real kick out of doing panelling and painting myself," David said enthusiastically. "I really do. We've done quite a lot to the kitchen already — adding some brick walls here and there, knocking things down somewhere else — it's good fun apart from anything else, and it's very satisfying when it's finished."

"LIVED IN"

David's house is more like a ranch than anything else. There are buildings spreading out from the main unit, all one storey high, and are built round a patio and pool. David's got quite a bit of land around the house as well, and if you look

out of the kitchen window, you can see rows of orange trees, laden with oranges! When you walk into the house, you find yourself in the living roof, which is furnished with low-slung couches and chairs, grouped around an open fireplace. The only thing which indicates that one of the most famous singers in the world lives there is the pile of guitars in the corner, around an amplifier. The walls are hung with beautiful Navaho Indian tapestries, and the whole room is lived in and comfortable.

Leading off the living room is the dining room, dominated by an enormous dining table of roughly hewn wood, which practically runs from one end of the room to another. No problems there if people drop by unexpectedly.

HANDYMAN

Outside these two rooms, a hall runs along the length of the building and into the kitchen, which is currently being re-designed by David. Lots of fruit and spices cluttered on shelves everywhere — another very lived-in room.

Bedrooms and bathrooms lead off from this hall and building, although it's difficult to pick your way through at the moment, because there are piles of wood panels everywhere, which David is in the process of covering the walls with every spare moment he has.

Then there's the room that he's busily preparing for a sauna — again a job he's going to do himself. "Trouble is," he explains with a grin, "If I ask a firm to give me a quote for a job, the figure they give me over the phone is fine. Then they come along to the house, and as soon as they recognise me, the price doubles!"

