

have some of the information passed on.

"I guess it comes down to jeans, jeans and more jeans — plus a few shirts and sweaters for the top of me," he replied.

"I only have the few suits I need for kind of official occasions, and all the rest of my clothes are very casual."

## JEANS

I asked if he could give a rough estimate of the number of pairs of jeans he possessed:

"Oh, boy! You sure have got me on that one!" he laughed.

"I could have told you once, when I did all my own washing — and tried to avoid the ironing as far as possible! But now, you see, the housekeeper puts all the things straight in the washer and they just miraculously re-appear, clean and ironed and everything! I felt a bit guilty about putting it all on her at first, but she even seems to *enjoy* ironing! And we've got our own drying machine in the house, too, so it's not too much of a hassle."

Did David have any particular favourite colours where clothes were concerned?

"I go in phases, I think," he replied. "A while back I was all on blues and mauves, but that kick seems to have gone by."

"That's not to say I wouldn't buy anything that was blue or mauve now . . . It's just that I don't have a

thing about it any more.

"Most times, I guess, my choice of colour depends on the mood I'm in when I'm buying. I'd say, if anything, I'm tending to go for brighter colours now in general . . . Oh, I don't know! . . . Everything I say, I remember something I've bought that goes right against it! It's a kind of hard question to answer, you know, because I've not really thought about it. I'll go home tonight and take a real good look in my closet!"

Picking up David's comment about starting to go for brighter colours, I mentioned his new concert costumes. Last year — and even well into this year — they were all white, although he had several different styles. But, more recently, I've seen him in a pink one, a yellow one and a silver one.

## COLOUR CHOICE

"Yeah, I figured it was about time for a change . . . and it's nice to have a choice of colour — again it'll depend how I feel that night which one I choose to wear for a performance. White was nice, but you can over-play it, and I was getting to feel something like an albino!"

"Does your housekeeper wash your stage costumes, too?" I asked — knowing that I'd be scared to death if I ever had to wash them!

"Oh, no, they get sent to the cleaners," he said, putting my mind at rest. "I think they have to have some

special process, because they're pretty delicate considering the hammering they get each time I wear them for a gig! I guess they might not stand up to a normal tub-wash and they're too costly to risk it!"

It emerged that among the special favourites in David's personal wardrobe right now are a pair of irregularly patched jeans:

## PATCHING

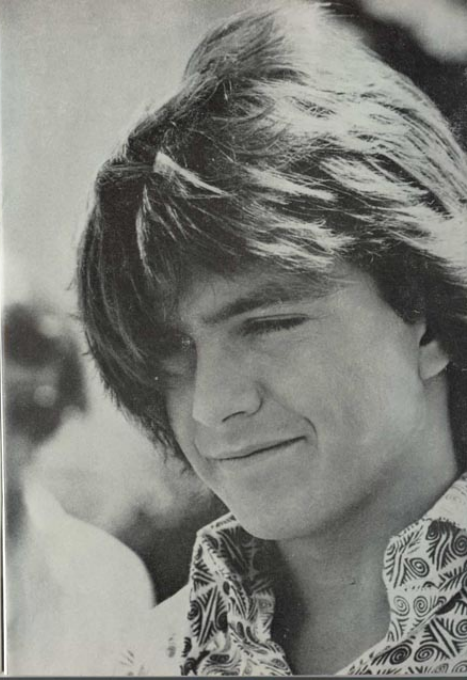
"The way it started, the patches were put on as part of the styling," he laughed. "But, the way I'm wearing them all the time, they're pretty soon going to need some more patching up in earnest!"

His stetson is something else he finds indispensable at the moment. I've a feeling you saw something of it while he was over in Britain, too!

But, apart from one or two 'specials' like these, it's pretty clear that David's not too hung up about clothes in a general way. He likes to enjoy the gear he does buy — which, for him, means making sure that it's casual and comfortable, so he can spend a whole day in the same clothes and feel as though they've grown almost to be a part of him.

Well, that's the way he feels right now . . . It's the way he always has been . . . And, like as not, it's the way he'll carry on in the future.

Just thought you'd like to know!



A wind-swept David gets ready to shoot another Partridge Family episode.