

**SPECIAL
"PARTRIDGE
FAMILY"
BONUS!**

David Cassidy's most intimate confession:

**"I'M AFRAID
TO LOVE
A WOMAN"**

The reason is "father trouble"—two fathers, in fact!

● "I've never fallen in love," admits David Cassidy, the sensationally popular new star of ABC-TV's *The Partridge Family*. And he adds quite candidly that he turns down chances for love—because he's afraid he'll be hurt.

David says he was hurt twice in the past when he *thought* he was in love, but admits that he now feels he was never really in love at all. And though he says he avoids love because he's afraid of being hurt "again," it soon develops that those two near-misses were just long-ago schoolboy crushes of the kind every boy has—hardly enough to keep a healthy young man of nearly 21 from falling in love.

Yet, the truth is that David *is* afraid of being hurt again . . . that he was hurt before, and very badly . . . and that the pain of it all came close to destroying his life.

For David has seen two marriages, to which he was very close, come apart at the seams and more recently he has seen a third marriage

threatened. His parents were involved in all these marriages, and it is these marital mishaps which would seem to be the real reasons why David Cassidy today tries to steer clear of love.

In ways, his seems to be a classic case of the performer who can find emotional satisfaction in the love he gets from an audience but finds it more difficult to love one woman. This has often been given as the reason for the breakup of so many star marriages, and perhaps David senses that it could destroy his own future marital happiness. After all, he has seen the heartbreak that their broken marriages have wrought in the lives of his parents—and in his own life!

The sad truth of the matter is that only a fraction of David Cassidy's young life has been spent as part of a family unit—mother, father and son. And of those few years, fewer still were spent with (Continued on page 79)