

# DAVID:

## "I'M COMING TO MEET YOU THIS SUMMER!"

When David Cassidy was selected for the part of Keith Partridge in "The Partridge Family" he was thrust into something much bigger than just a television series.

Almost overnight—after several years of hard work—he became one of the top personalities in the country and he moved from acting into the double career of acting and singing.

After the first couple of records were smash hits, it became obvious that the next step was to send David out on the road to do concerts.

Even though the records are put out under the name "The Partridge Family," only David and Shirley Jones from the TV cast actually sing on them. The musicians who play on them are studio musicians, some of the finest around, and the other voices heard are background singers.

So it came down to David alone to do concerts—a fact that excited and terrified him at the same time.

He had all the usual doubts—would his fans come to his concerts, would they like him as a singer, would they like the songs he sang, could he do it????

But there were positive benefits too. David knew, from reading his mail, that his fans liked the TV series but also wanted a chance to see him in person. By singing he could do this for his numerous fans. In exchange he'd also get a chance to see and meet some of his fans too—many more than he would on the set of "The Partridge Family."

So the decision was made, the material selected by David and his record producer, Wes Farrell, the cities chosen to perform in, the musicians hired, the security arranged, the transportation provided for—and all the thousands of other little details that go into putting a performer on the road.

Seattle, Washington was decided as the spot for the first concert.

You can get the story of how fantastic that performance was from any number of different people—from anyone who was in the audience, from any of the musicians, from any of David's friends who were there, from any of the guards who saw to it that no one got hurt—but to get the true, inside story you have to ask the one person who was at the center of the whole thing, David himself, and that's just what we did.

"It went really well, really well," said David a little while later, looking back over that very first concert. "I was really happy with it.

"It was rough because we didn't have enough time to get ready for it. We just didn't have enough rehearsal for it. But I had a lot of fun.

"Oh yeah I was nervous, very, nervous. I was just out of my mind. I was literally buzzing. I was shaking all over.

"But as soon as I got there, as soon as I got on stage, I was still really keyed up and my voice was really tight. You should hear the tape recording they made of that concert—my voice is really tight.

David Cassidy works very hard every day on the set of "The Partridge Family," trying to make the show as good as he possibly can. But after awhile he began to feel that he was letting both himself and his fans down, because he could never meet you if he worked only on the set. There was only one way to change the situation—if you couldn't come to visit him, he'd have to go out to meet you! And that's exactly what David is doing with his weekend concerts this summer!

"'Heartbeat' was the first number and the band went 'dum, dum, dum' and I ran out on stage from the back of the auditorium and it was dark and I shouted 'Hey!' or something like that in the mike and the spotlight came on and I was like buzzing, I was so excited.

"But it worked out good. It was really an experience, a good experience. It was pretty hectic though. They had really a lot of policemen and guards and security people. But it was fun. I liked it.

"All the songs I did, with the exception of two, were off my first and second album. I didn't do all the songs off the first album or the second album, but most of the ones I like, my favorites.

"Plus I did one of Chicago's songs called 'Beginnings' and a Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young song, 'Everybody I Love You.'

"I won't tell you what the last song was because I think that's the song you always wait for and it's always the most exciting."

David's first concert was as exciting for him as it was for any girl in the audience. And that was only the beginning!

For the rest of the summer David will be working on the television series during the week and going out almost every weekend to do concerts.

Check the schedule on page 26 of this issue to find out when David will be in your area!