

ABOUT DAVID"

THE OTHER "PARTRIDGES TELL: HOW WE REALLY FEEL

■ In lots of TV series, there is some feuding between regulars in the cast. Let's face it, actors are only human, and being actors, they are even a bit more eager than the rest of us, to get their share of the spotlight.

Why is it so different with members of the cast of **The Partridge Family**. From what we've learned, David's wonderful personality has a lot to do with the spirit of cooperation and love that extends to every member of this TV family.

"He's so easy to work with," says Susan Dey, his co-star and good friend. Susan always begins by making it clear that she and David are no more than good friends, that they are not secretly dating steady or anything like that. "But working with him gives you a warm feeling—you know?"

Susan likes David's honesty, the way he says just what he thinks. At the same time, he's never so blunt that he'd hurt the feelings of anyone else in the cast. But, if something doesn't seem right to him, he won't brood or sulk, he'll come out and say so.

Since Susan's a pretty direct sort of person herself, this is something she appreciates about David.

"So many girls are in love with David. How can you resist him, working as closely with him as you do on the show?"

"I care about him in a very strong way," she admitted, but went on to explain that she feels something like a sister might feel to her favorite brother—nothing more. "I can understand why all those girls love him, though," she added. "It would be easy for a girl to fall in love with a boy who's so gentle and affectionate."

The feelings of Shirley Jones for David are very special. For one thing, she's not only his mother in the series, but his step-mother in real life. And even though she may be breaking up with Jack Cassidy, David's real-life dad, she'll always feel very close to David, no matter what happens.

She especially admires David because he hasn't let himself get carried away by all his fame and publicity, like so many young stars do. "It isn't easy for a young man of David's age to keep his perspective, when all his fans adore him so, but David manages to do just that."

Shirley knows that David doesn't feel he's reached the top of his career,



David and Susan share a joke. David's sense of humor makes him fun to work with, his co-stars agree.

