



WANT TO DATE

explain if you asked her. "It's just that I'm scared of getting too involved with someone who isn't ready for marriage yet."

And David isn't ready. In fact, those who know him best feel that he won't be ready to settle down for years to come.

There are many reasons for this, and the first is his career. Yes, you've read and heard of just how busy his work keeps him, but unless you're on

the show business scene, it's hard to really get the picture.

Besides his work on *The Partridge Family* (he has to arrive at the studio at 6 a.m.) there are concerts, personal appearances and a host of other activities to take up his time. He hasn't got the time to devote to a steady relationship, not yet.

And Judy, who is in the world of show business, too, understands this. She knows that, if David were to get

married now, or even commit himself to going steady, she'd be left alone too much of the time. There would be too many broken dates, too many lonely weekends while he was away on tour or working at the studio.

And David, the child of a broken marriage himself, would certainly hesitate before taking on the responsibilities of marriage. Someday, when things are more settled, when life doesn't move at such a fast pace, then, David feels, it will be time to think about settling down.

"David's a very sincere person," Judy explains. "He wouldn't ask a girl to marry him unless he was very sure. He takes marriage, the idea of marriage very seriously. And so do I."

Judy knows, too, that any girl who went steady with David would have to

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