

DAVID CAS



when he appeared in a TV play called 'House On High Street'. Evelyn was delighted with him, although she realised that there was a lot in his acting technique that could be improved upon. So he joined a drama group where he learnt singing and acting.

David's other interests were horse riding, go-karting, surfing and motorcycling. But the latter rapidly came to a halt when a motorist knocked him off his motor bike and David ended up with a chipped ankle bone.

Music seemed to be the safest of his hobbies, and David devoted a lot of his time to drumming. His mother arranged for him to be auditioned for the Hollywood stage production of 'And So To Bed', which she had a major role in.

His main part in the show was a song and dance routine, and night after night the audience cheered!

This led to him joining the Los Angeles Theatre Group, after which he joined the Los Angeles Theatre Workshop. He remained at the workshop for a year, and there they taught him virtually everything an actor needs to know. They worked him into the ground, but it was worth it!

What looked like his biggest break ever was when he won a part in a new musical, 'Fig Leaves Are Falling.' It was his first ever appearance on Broadway.

The pleasure turned sour when the musical flopped after only four nights.

But things worked out better than expected

for David. Unknown to him, a talent scout had been in the audience on one of the show's four nights.

This led to a trip to Hollywood, and parts in TV shows such as 'A Man Called Ironside', 'Bonanza' and 'Marcus Welby, M.D.' He found a small flat in Hollywood, which he shared with an old school friend, Sam Hyman. Sam still lives with David, although their standard of living has changed rather drastically since then! One day an agent asked David to audition for a brand new TV series which was to be called 'Family Business'. At first, he didn't like the idea, but once he got to the audition, he was really enthusiastic! But the biggest surprise was when he discovered that his step-mother, Shirley Jones, was to play the part of his mother in the series.

The name was changed to 'The Partridge Family'. Their first single, 'I Think I Love You', soared to the top of the American charts, followed by a host of other PF recordings, both singles and albums.

In a way, David's life is not an enviable one, although most people would give anything to be in his shoes. David has hardly any privacy: hundreds of girls know the address of his present home, and he doesn't even dare take a walk around the block because too many people would recognise him — and he can't run as fast as some of those frenzied fans!

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