That familiar smile can only belong to David Cassidy.

Pretty Susan Dey plays Laurie in the TV series.

The Partridges like all families, have their share of problems that stem from growing up or the generation gap. Some of the funniest situations in the series develop from that terrifying experience—the FIRST DATE. In one episode entitled 'Days of Acne and Roses', Laurie tried to help out a schoolmate of hers, a nervous, awkward teenager called Wendall who was too shy to ask her out. Naturally the rest of the Partridges are determined to help out in their own way—Keith by giving advice, and the mischievious Danny by holding the unfortunate Wendall prisoner until he stammers out an invitation. After a series of setbacks, Wendall does finally go out on a date with Laurie, and the evening is such a success that he decides he's to go out with all kinds of girls—including Laurie's mother!

Generation gap

Still, growing up is not only a problem for the younger members of the Partridge family. In one of the funniest episodes called 'The Forty Year Itch' Grandpa visits the Partridges and decides he wants to bridge the generation gap by joining the young set. To prove it, he decides to hitch-hike to Big Sur—but Grandma has other ideas! The Partridges find themselves caught right in the middle of this confrontation as Grandpa has decided to be 'with it,' while Grandma is just as decidedly against it! The Partridges have a club date, but with a full scale domestic crisis on their hands, they trick their grandparents into attending the performance, and then manage to patch up the quarrel with the help of their music.

Even balance

The Partridge Family has already proved a top favourite in the States, and is bound to continue its successful run here in Britain. As well as achieving the highest TV rating in the States, the Partridges as a musical group have been nominated for a Grammy Award. With four golden records and a string of hits to their credit, the first Partridge Family LP has now become a platinum record with sales above the 2 million mark. But it's not just the music which makes the series so successful, it's the combination of song with family comedy that makes for such good all round entertainment.

The mischievous twins, Tracy and Chris Partridge, played by Suzanne Crough and Brian Forster, are forever getting into comical situations.