

can be very hurtful. Must be obvious to even these knuckleheads that there's room for all of us, you know."

David's first job was a part-time situation—sorting out mail for a textile company in the rag trade area of New York. He needed it to survive and at nights he attended the David Craig School of Musical Comedy. David also worked with various local acting groups and did summer stock. He went to many auditions around New York trying very hard to break in as an actor, as he had his heart set on the stage.

His mother, Evelyn, knew what David wanted to be and did all she could to try and help him, but the difficulty was that she was thousands of miles away in California, while David was in New York. One day in 1968 David decided to ask his father, the famous Jack Cassidy, for help. Jack Cassidy got in touch with his agent, Ruth Aarons, and from their first meeting, David knew he had a helping hand to guide him through the bizarre world of show-business.

She encouraged him to do his best and was both astonished and pleased when David won a co-starring role in the Broadway musical, "The Fig Leaves Are



Another star of show biz is David's father—
Jack Cassidy.

Falling". The show later went to Philadelphia and then to New York, where after only four days it flopped. Although after many rewrites the play couldn't be saved—David was saved when a producer from CBS Television came back stage to congratulate him on a very fine performance. The producer knew David had talent and invited him to Hollywood for a screen test.

Although David failed the test, he landed a lead in an episode of "Ironside". He was later offered other parts on TV and played in Marcus Welby, Adam 12, Mod Squad, FBI, Bonanza and Medical Centre.

He captivated viewers' hearts when he played the part of a dying boy in an episode of Medical Centre, and began to receive the attention of teen magazines and casting directors.

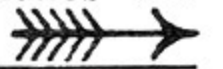


The dynamic David in action!

Ruth was amazed, and so was David, and they were both even more pleased when he was offered the part of Keith Partridge in the celebrated TV series "The Partridge Family". Many young actors applied for the part, but David won it because although he was 22 he had such a young looking face that he could easily pass as a boy of 16—and most of all he could sing. The producers couldn't quite believe their luck. Albums were made from the TV series with David and his stepmother, Shirley Jones, doing most of the singing. Originally the producers didn't expect David to sing, they just wanted him to act the part, but they soon realized that they had hit on a gold mine!

David said, "At first I didn't like the scripts of the Partridge Family shows. But I did appreciate that playing the eldest son could get me noticed, and the fact that I could sing and play my guitar in the shows, so I took the offer. From that moment things happened so fast. The fan magazines caught on to me and I did photo sessions. There was this image there. It's a kind of White Knight image isn't it? Sort of Prince Charming. A bit like Paul McCartney used to be when the Beatles were together. You'd think sometimes I've never had any hang-ups in my life!"

David was very successful with the Partridge Family and the TV series has been screened around the world. When he finally finishes the series he



Where it all began—
smiles from the
Partridge
Family!

