

DAVID'S HAPPY SNAPS ALBUM

(above) Dad stretches out on the bed to tell baby David a goodnight story. Two minutes later . . . zizz! zizz! . . . they're both in dreamland!

(right) Gone fishing! A hot August in 1963 introduced David to sea angling and he fell for it — hook, line, and sinker!

(below) This is our hero at the age of seven. He was snapped for his first school picture with his hair well slicked!



and singer.

He had plenty of time for other activities — like girls! Girls were always his absorbing interest as they still are today! In fact he had his first real date at the age of fourteen.

Then he developed the usual crazes that boys get. One of them was go-carting. Another was horse riding in the San Fernando Valley. He even rode bareback and was pretty good over the jumps, too.

The next craze was for mini-motorbikes, till a passing motorist accidentally sideswiped him and chipped his ankle bone rather badly. Another hobby he was obsessed with was surfing. In fact there was a time when he dreamed of becoming a professional surfer, travelling round the world just looking for that one perfect wave that exists in the mind of all 'surf nuts'.

Everything changed when his pal, Sal Mineo, introduced him to the drums. Sal even gave David his own personal drum kit (the set he used as the star of the film of Gene Krupa's life) and David spent all his spare time practising.

Playing drums led to collecting records, and soon David was plunged into the world of pop, playing with rock and roll groups or else forming his own gang of young musicians.

At the age of 18 he suddenly broke it to his mother that he and some of the boys wanted to go to Florida with their group of the moment.