

David Cassidy

GARDEN STATES ART CENTER, HOLMDEL, N. J.—David Cassidy is three times as fortunate as other entertainers when he performs live because of the audience he appeals to. Although 17, 18 and 19 year olds dig him, he has tremendous appeal among the 8 through 16 crowd too, and for each one of this age group attending his live concerts, you can expect to see one or two parents and perhaps an accompanied brother as young as 6 or 7. Seeing David Cassidy live, (one of the few rock performers appealing to the pre-teens) seems to have become a family affair. And there were truckloads of families (at a \$7.50 top) here last Saturday afternoon. Both the Saturday afternoon and the Saturday night shows were sell outs, which means more than 20,000 people total.

Against a showcase of 6 well amplified musicians and 3 voices under the direction of Richard Delfi, David leaps unto the huge stage donned in white. with orange tassels hanging from his sleeves, and tears right into a complete repertorie of Partridge hits. Oh yes, he also brings on "the dreamiest face and bluest eyes ever" as one girl in the fourth row described David.

He moves all over the stage in long strides (all this after a recent gall-bladder operation and doctor's orders to take it easy) and scores best with the singles hits. With his audience primarily an AM Radio crowd, the big hits had the kids screaming. The arrangements are commercial and David has a warm way with the kids. His show would prably be stronger if he incorporated a few current day hits (A La "Joy to the World") into it rather than some of the lesser known album cuts.

On TV, on Bell Records, and on stage, David Cassidy is a giant draw.