

# TV'S David Cassidy Denies Being Pied Piper OF Song for Followers

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Somebody once said of David Cassidy that he looks like a person whose high school guidance counselor predicted a future as a teen-age idol.

It's a good line and everybody in the room laughs at it—Cassidy, the interviewer, two press agents, a girl writer from Rolling Stone who is following him around for several days and a couple of people who work for Cassidy. Cassidy related it when asked whether he set out to become a teeny-bopper idol. "No. Does anybody? Can you imagine somebody saying, 'Someday I'm going to be a teen idol?' I never ever did."

But Cassidy is an idol, to pre-

teens and even little girls more than to teen agers. At his Madison Square Garden Concert, sold out three days after tickets went on sale, many members of the audience were astonishingly young—6, 7, 9, 11. Parents brought the young fry, because they consider Cassidy's image wholesome on the TV show, "The Partridge Family."

Cassidy, who started as an actor, non-singing, doing mostly TV, is from a show business family. His parents, Evelyn Ward and Jack Cassidy, who were divorced when he was 5, and his stepmother, Shirley Jones, are in show business. Miss Jones plays the mother on "The Partridge Family" and member of its family rock group. Cassidy's voice and hers



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