

Music Comes Natural For Teen-ager

David Cassidy comes by his musical ability naturally—from his father by inheritance and from his stepmother "by osmosis."

"I've been singing most of my life," the young actor said, "and I'm sure I get my musical talent from my father, actor-singer Jack Cassidy."

His stepmother is Shirley Jones, the singer-actress who became a star overnight in the film version of "Oklahoma!" and won an Oscar for her performance in "Elmer Gantry."

David co-stars as 16-year-old Keith Partridge in "The Partridge Family," new ABC Television Network comedy-with-music series debuting Friday, Sept. 25. Starring in the role

of his mother is — Shirley Jones.

In "The Partridge Family," David plays the oldest of five children who join their widowed mother in forming a vocal-instrumental group which hits it big in show business.

"It's really a great experience," according to Cassidy. "I once thought about forming a group of my own. I've played the clarinet since I was 8 years old and also now play drums and the guitar."

David, who made his Broadway debut in "Fig Leaves Are Falling" and has guest-starred in a number of top TV shows,

feels his first series is almost too good to be true.