



*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lind and six of their eight children are pictured above. Standing are David, 12, Ann, 15, father Bob, and Rob, 20. Seated are Kathleen, 11, mother Clare, Mary, 13, holding the family dog, Trish (she is three years old) and in front is Joey, 9. The other two children are Margaret, who is 21, and John, 18, both of whom are attending North Dakota State University.*

## Meet the Bob Linds

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lind and their family of eight children chose to move to Centerville because of the tremendous possibilities they could see for the future area.

The Linds purchased the Stagner greenhouses, and will operate them under the name of Centerville Greenhouses, Inc. They moved to Centerville July 5, coming here from Fargo, N.D.

And how did they happen to choose Centerville for their new home? Mr. Lind says: "We advertised in a national florist magazine for a business, and we were contacted by Jim Milani. Out of 100 replies to our ad, we chose Centerville as the most promising."

Clare and Robert Lind met and married in Minnesota. Three months after their marriage, Bob was called back into service, and saw action in the Korean war. After his discharge, they went to Colorado, and 19 years ago went to North Dakota, where they have been in greenhouse work since.

### Garden Center

They plan to make their business here strictly a greenhouse type of business, and will not handle cut flowers. They will have all kinds of potted plants, and also plan a complete spring garden center, with flower and vegetable plants, fertilizers, insecticides, and soil additives. Another specialty which they plan is the making of terrariums. Not only will this be a retail outlet, but they

will also sell wholesale to other dealers and florists.

"It is strictly a family business," Mr. Lind said, "with all members of the family helping out. We plan to hire additional seasonal help as it is needed, but it will mostly be a family affair."

### Eight Children

Margaret, the eldest daughter, is majoring in speech at the University, and will have minors in sociology and French. John is majoring in accounting and business administration. Rob, who is 20, is taking a year's leave of absence from college to help his parents get situated in the new home and business but plans to enroll at Iowa City next year. Ann, 15, is a sophomore in high school, and is talented in art. Mary, 13, will be in eighth grade, and right now is at the "I'd give my kingdom for a horse" stage. She also enjoys playing guitar. David, 12, is in seventh grade, and likes to play football. Next is Kathleen, who is 11 and in sixth grade at St. Mary's School. And then there is Joey, a typical nine-year-old boy who will be in fourth grade at St. Mary's. When asked what Joey's hobbies might be, his father replied, "Joey's specialty is P.B. & J." He went on to explain that was peanut butter & jelly, which is a particular favorite of the lad!

## **Remodeling**

They are doing considerable remodeling at the greenhouse, and hope to be fully operational by September 15. There are some items available there now.

Some of the work that is being done at the present time includes a new water system, remodeling of the heating system, rewiring, general painting and clean-up work, and ground improvement with the eventual plan for erecting more greenhouse space.

The Linds are an interesting family, and will add much to the business and social life of the city. And what do they think of Centerville? "We have found everyone very friendly, and we are extremely optimistic about our future here."

## **Bob Lind family likes new home**

The Linds have bought the former Stewart home at 514 West State Street.

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