

# People Worth Knowing

## THE STEUBERS

By . . Mildred Coburn

An enthusiastic folk dancing family for many years has been the STEUBERS of Sacramento — Wilda (“Wee”), Bob, Melinda and John. Wee and Bob, together with daughter, Melinda, started folk dancing in 1949, with the Rough and Ready Square Dancers, who even at that early date were Federation members. The Steubers helped to organize the Mt. Rose Family Dancers, and later joined the Nevada County Nuggeteers. (Melinda admits she did not learn much in those days, but says she did learn to waltz!)

Wee’s first folk dance teaching assignment was in the parochial schools in Grass Valley, and she participated in the City’s first recreation program, which assignment covered all grades, and was the first folk dancing in the area available for children. Bob started square calling for the Nuggeteers in 1950. Although not actively engaged in calling, he still participates at Festivals throughout the area, much to the enjoyment of his friends.

The family moved to Sacramento in 1952, joined Triple “S” and Wagon Reelers, and both were active in the latter club as long as it existed.

Wee had been in Sacramento only two months when she started teaching folk dance classes at Newton Booth School, under PTA sponsorship. For the past five years she has been teaching grades 3 to 6 at Sierra School. She is the instructor for Tahoe Swingers, of which all three Steubers are members, and a City Recreation class.

Bob was finance chairman for the Sacramento Council of Folk Dance Clubs, its President in 1958, and is a member of the Executive Board this year. Both Wee and Bob serve on the Federation Research Committee, and have attended Stockton Folk Dance Camp since 1954.

Wee was Institute Chairman for the 1959 Camellia Festival, Promotional Chairman for the pilot Teacher Training Program at Merced, and Sacramento coordinator for the Sacramento Teacher Training Program. She is a member of the Federation Institute Committee.

Melinda is a sophomore at City College, has attended two Stockton Folk Dance Camps and one at Santa Barbara. She has attended two Teacher Training programs, has presented dances at three Sacramento Recreation, and has been an associate teacher of the Heel Clickers.

John, age 10, dances with the children's group his mother teaches, and frequently with the Tahoe Swingers.

Only non-folk dancing members of the family are Robert, Jr., daughter-in-law, Coye, and granddaughter, Edna.

Bob has been an officer in the California Highway Patrol for 22 years, and is a Lieutenant, assigned as Training Supervisor at the Highway Patrol Academy.

Wee is Cafeteria Manager for a large Sacramento City School.

"An enthusiastic folk dancing family" – the STEUBERS – that's for sure!



*"Wee" and Bob Steuber in Hungarian Costumes  
"A Sacramento Bee Photo"*