

1930 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

The five Iowa women who will be honored as the state's third group of master farm homemakers have been announced. They are: Mrs. Etha B. Koehler, Van Meter; Mrs. Alvem S. Wendel, Bronson; Mrs. Albert S. Jacobson, Jewell; Mrs. Raymond Sayre, Ackworth; and Mrs. Clarence H. Decatur, Grinnell.

The five women will receive their recognition from The Farmer's Wife, national farm women's magazine, with the co-operation of the home economics extension service of Iowa State College, Oct. 30, during the annual extension workers' conference here. The Iowans will be part of a national group of nearly 100 outstanding farm women to be honored by the magazine and co-operating state colleges this year.

The women have one to four children, live on farms of 120 to 2380 acres, and have educations varying from the eighth grade and a few weeks of normal school to college graduation. Their homes vary considerably in cost and equipment, but the judges considered how well the women had used what money they had, not how much they had.

Each candidate answered more than 500 questions on her farm home plan, managerial ability, health, child training methods, family relationships, outlook on life and community work.

Mrs. Etha Koehler - IMFH Class of 1930

Dallas County

Mrs. Koehler was left with two children and a heavy debt on a 160-acre farm when her husband died 20 years ago, but rather than leave the farm she decided to fight to keep her home. She succeeded, even though she often had to plow corn, drive a binder, pick com and milk cows.

Meanwhile she gave her first interest to homemaking and found time for considerable community work.

By good management of a purebred herd of Angus cattle, she was out of debt in nine years, gave her daughter a college education, and built a modern home, which she planned herself. (A neighbor says it is the best planned home in the township.)

Mrs. A.S. Wendel - IMFH Class of 1930

Woodbury County

Mrs. Wendel was a Sioux City high school teacher before she went to a 2380-acre farm to live. She not only prefers the farm as a place to rear a family but wants to retire there, "with plenty of good books and a church not far away."

She has been president of the Inter-State Conference of Farm Women, head of the local Parent-Teacher association and county chairman of 4-H clubs.

Mrs. A.S. Jacobson - IMFH Class of 1930

Hamilton County

To her husband Mrs. Jacobson gives much of the credit for anything she has accomplished.

She and her family take time to enjoy the beauties of the farm, keeping a field glass and bird book handy for bird study and often eating Sunday dinner in the orchard.

Mrs. Raymond (Ruth) Sayre - IMFH Class of 1930

Warren County

Mrs. Sayre's chief ambition is "to be a good mother, an understanding wife and helpful neighbor."

She has been a school board member, Sunday School teacher, county chairman of women's work in the farm bureau, county president of federated women's clubs, organizer of two Parent-Teacher associations and a worker in two Ladies Aid Societies.

Mrs. C.H. Decatur - IMFH Class of 1930

Poweshiek County

Mrs. Decatur believes that the farm home is often happy because the whole family works and plays together. She considers her family in good healthy "when all members have a cheerful attitude, vim for overcoming difficulties and good appetites." She lightens the burden of housework by doing much of it to music.