

1947 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Each year, Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead recognizes the Iowa farm women who have been selected as Master Farm Homemakers. It's not easy for the judges to make these selections. Many farm women do an excellent job in homemaking, yet take time to do much community work.

Because we can not recognize all who could qualify, we honor the five shown here, and in so doing honor all fine farm women who are outstanding homemakers.

Some live on small farms, others on large ones. But they are all typical farm women, who live and work and raise their families on farms. All are fine homemakers and have the respect and admiration of their communities.

We were fortunate to have as judges Miss Louise Rosenfeld, director of home economics at Iowa State College; Mrs. Mabel Hewitt, supervisor of home economics at Iowa State College, and Miss Fannie Gannon, well known over Iowa for her work in home management.

Mrs. Karl Kneen - IMFH Class of 1947

Henry County

Mrs. Karl Kneen, of Mt. Union, Henry County, is the mother of four children—three boys and a girl. The boys were in the service during the war. Two of them are now attending college. Letitia, the youngest, will graduate from high school this year.

Mrs. Kneen has a large garden, raises chickens and does a great deal of community work. During the war, she canned home-fried chickens and sent them to her own and other farm boys in the service.

The Kneen family attends the Presbyterian church in Mt. Union. Their home is the center of a number of community gatherings.

Mrs. Kneen has worked in the Farm Bureau, has been head of the women's department of the AAA in her county, and is now active in the state organization of the Amvets Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bill Dreier - IMFH Class of 1947

Hardin County

Mrs. William Dreier lives at Hubbard, in Hardin County. The Dreiers have five children. Two of the boys were in service, and all except the youngest, Walter, who is in high school, have attended school at Ames.

Mrs. Dreier is very active in community work. She has taught a Sunday school class in the Salem Evangelical Church in Hubbard, where she has also been youth adviser.

She has been on the county board of education, as well as a member of the Farm Bureau school committee. She was county chairman of the women's Farm Bureau committee in Hardin county during the war.

It was through her efforts that the county organized for the Blue Cross hospital plan. She has done all this in addition to her work as an excellent homemaker, which includes chickens, garden and other outside work.

Mrs. D.L. Royer - IMFH Class of 1947

Dallas County

Mrs. D. L. Royer, of Adel, Dallas County, is a little younger than most women Master Farm Homemakers. But as mother of a growing family-Jo Ann is 14, Doyle is 8,-she is doing a fine job at home and as a community worker.

The Royers drew the plans and built their pleasant home the last few years. Mr. Royer did most of the work himself. Mrs. Royer did a good bit of the interior finishing work.

Perhaps the most important of the rooms is the pleasant playroom in the basement, that has a fireplace, a piano and plenty of game room. This room is used as a gathering place for many community groups of all ages.

Mrs. Royer raises a large garden and about 500 chickens a year. Mr. and Mrs. Royer are active in the Church of Brethren. Mrs. Royer has represented the church in various activities in state and national affairs.

She is also active in the county Farm Bureau work. -She is capable and typical of many farm women who are working for a better community and world for all.

Mrs. George Teachout - IMFH Class of 1947
Fremont County

Mrs. George Teachout lives near Shenandoah, in Fremont County.

The Teachouts have six children-four at home. Karen, the youngest, is only four, so the parents have interests in every age group.

Mrs. Teachout keeps up a large house, and, with her husband and children, raises 1,000 chickens and 1,000 turkeys each year.

Mrs. Teachout is very active in Fann Bureau work, and has been county chairman of the 4-H Club work for several years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Teachout are very much interested in the development of the neighborhood and community. They attend the Methodist church in Shenandoah.

Mrs. Ross Willey - IMFH Class of 1947
Monona County

Mrs. Ross Willey lives near Onawa, in Monona County. She is one of the younger members and is doing an excellent job of raising children, keeping up a home helping with some of the outside work, and yet having time and ability to do much community work. She is the mother of a boy and a girl-both in high school.

Mrs. Willey is a musician, and is often called on in her church-the Congregational, in Whiting- as well as for community organizations. The baby grand piano is the natural center of her home, for the whole family loves music.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Willey are active in Farm Bureau work-Mrs. Willey has served on the state committee. She is a credit to her neighborhood and county.