

1948 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

We can't pin a medal on every farm woman who is doing a fine job of homemaking in Iowa. There are thousands of them. So we select five women whom we feel are typical of the qualities that make a Master Farm Homemaker. In honoring these five, we honor the rest.

How are Master Farm Homemakers selected? Actually, our readers do that. This year, every nomination was sent in unsolicited. We personally investigated each one. She was graded by a definite scoring card. Results were turned over to three judges who make final selections.

We were fortunate to have three extension specialists from Iowa State College to act as judges: Miss Louise Rosenfeld, assistant director; Dorothy Simmons, district supervisor of home economics, and Fanny Gannon, home management specialist.

What are the qualifications of a Master Farm Homemaker? A Master Farm Homemaker doesn't have to have a big house, or live on a prosperous farm, or have state-wide acclaim. But she must be a typical farm woman, doing a good job with her home and her family. She must have the respect of her neighbors and her community.

There is a responsibility in the selection of these Master Farm Homemakers. And there is equal responsibility for those who are selected. We'd like for you to meet these women.

Mrs. R.E. Newcomer - IMFH Class of 1948

Appanoose County

Mrs. Newcomer lives with her husband and two sons on a 190-acre farm. She is well known throughout Iowa because of her work with the state committee of the Women's Farm Bureau. She is known as a good neighbor and a good homemaker.

Both boys were in the armed service in the last war, and she and her husband did all the work on the farm during their absence. This meant field work as well as chickens and garden.

Mrs. Hartley Mackintosh - IMFH Class of 1948

Humboldt County

Mrs. Mackintosh is one of the youngest to become a Master Farm Homemaker. Prior to her marriage, she lived in town. But her interest and enthusiasm for farm life make it difficult to believe she wasn't raised there.

The Mackintoshes own 160 acres. They have three girls and a boy. They are both active in Farm Bureau work, as well as in their church at Livermore.

Mrs. Orville Tannreuther - IMFH Class of 1948

Black Hawk County

Mrs. Tannreuther is a member of an old and respected family in Orange township. She and her husband have a boy and a girl, both of whom are in college.

They own and operate a 260-acre farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tannreuther have been active in community work. This includes work in the consolidated school, the community church and Farm Bureau.

Their home is modern and attractive.

Mrs. Venus Jensen - IMFH Class of 1948

Clinton County

The Jensen farm is located on the land of the Wapsipinicon river. Twice during the last six years, floods have taken their crops. The Jensen's have been farming about twelve years and, in spite of the disaster, they are happy and enthusiastic about farm life.

They have an attractive and modern farm home.

Their daughter, Maby, is twelve years old. They are both members of the Farm Bureau, and are active in their church at Lost Nation. They are very well liked in their community.

Mrs. Ellis Pilgrim - IMFH Class of 1948

Winneshiek County

Mrs. Pilgrim and her husband live on a 100-acre farm near Decorah. They have one daughter, Mary Lou. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim have been active in Farm Bureau work. Mrs. Pilgrim served some time as field woman for the AAA.

Last year, they added a new wing to their house, and now have a very attractive, modern home. Mrs. Pilgrim raises chickens, has a large garden, and cans extensively. When Mr. Pilgrim was suddenly struck with acute arthritis recently, Mrs. Pilgrim took over the entire work on the farm.