

1950 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Every year, Wal/aces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead honors five women as Master Farm Homemakers of Iowa. Each is an outstanding woman who is doing a fine job in her home and in her community.

Candidates for this award are nominated by friends, neighbors or co-workers. Each is personally investigated and final selection made by three outside judges.

Judges this year were: Miss Louise Rosenfeld, director of home economics, extension service, Iowa State College; Miss Fannie Gannon, extension specialist in home management, Iowa State College; and Miss Esther Whetstone, state leader for 4-H Girls Club work.

We are proud to present these representatives of thousands of Iowa farm women who are making Iowa a better place in which to live.

Mrs. Max Bebensee - IMFH Class of 1950

Pottawattamie County

Mrs. Bebensee lives with her husband on a 250-acre farm not far from Council Bluffs. She was born and raised in the same neighborhood where she now resides.

They have three grown children-two girls and a boy. The younger daughter and her husband, who is in partnership with his father-in-law on the farm, live in the home.

Mrs. Bebensee is a fine housekeeper and homemaker, and still has time for community affairs. Her daughter says that she does two days' work in one so that she has some spare time for outside activities.

Mrs. Bebensee is active in Farm Bureau and extension work. She is on the county board of education, active in the neighborhood Presbyterian church, and also on the county hospital board.

Helen Kelleher - IMFH Class of 1950

Madison County

Mrs. Kelleher was raised in the city, and came to the farm at the time of her marriage. Her husband died in 1934, leaving her with six children and a heavily encumbered farm. She sold the home farm and bought a smaller one, on which she was sure she could pay out.

Here, she raised her family, educated them and paid off her indebtedness. Her eldest son is now in partnership with her.

Mrs. Kelleher has been active in a great many community enterprises, as well as being an excellent manager and homemaker.

She spends much time in the Catholic church, the Farm Bureau and the AAA. She has served on the state FSA board, and has been the only woman president of the state Polled Hereford Association.

The last few years she has worked especially with CROP. At present, she is serving on the county planning board for the Fann Bureau.

Miriam Molison - IMFH Class of 1950

Poweshiek County

Mrs. Molison lives with her husband on a 160-acre farm near Grinnell. They have three

children-two boys and a girl-all at home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Molison are graduates of Iowa State College. They came to their present farm after their marriage. The eldest son plans to go to Iowa State College next year. He expects to go into partnership with his father when he graduates.

Mrs. Molison, like other farm women, has the responsibility of the garden and chickens. The whole family has been active in 4-H Club work. Mrs. Molison has been a girls' club leader for a good many years. She has also been active in Farm Bureau and community work.

Members of the family attend and are active in the Congregational Church in Grinnell.

Florence Riley - IMFH Class of 1950
Story County

Mrs. Riley was raised on a 120-acre farm in Story County where she and Mr. Riley now live. She graduated from Iowa State College, and taught two years before she came back to the farm to live.

The Rileys have two grown children-a boy and a girl. The son, Arthur, lives on the home farm and is in partnership with his father.

Mrs. Riley probably has the longest record for continuous 4-H Club work of any farm woman in the state. She has been a girls' leader for 23 years, and has seen her girls take state and national honors.

She is active in the Lutheran church in Ames, and was influential in getting the Lutheran Children's Home established in Ames.

Flossie Rankin - IMFH Class of 1950
Marion County

Mrs. Rankin and her husband live on a 250-acre farm near Knoxville. They have six children-five girls and a boy. The son, Boyd, is in partnership with his father.

Jobyna, the youngest daughter, plans to enter Iowa State College in the fall. The other children attended Iowa State College, Iowa State Teachers College and the University of Iowa. Mrs. Rankin has three grandchildren.

Mrs. Rankin is a fine mother and homemaker. She has been county chairman for 4-H Club girls since 1945. Before that, she was a club leader for many years.

She is active in the Methodist church in Pershing, and in other community organizations.