

1951 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Do you know any Master Farm Homemakers? Maybe you're one yourself.

Probably Iowa has hundreds of potential Master Farm Homemakers. But we can only visit and pick out a few at a time.

Why do we do it? To pay a tribute to all farm women who are meeting and surmounting the problems that everybody runs up against.

This year, six Iowa farm women have been chosen. They were nominated by their neighbors, visited by the Homemaking editor of Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead, and finally selected by a board of four.

This board included Louise Rosenfeld, director of home economics extension service, Iowa State College; Fannie Gannon, extension home management specialist at Iowa State; Mrs. Bertha Royer, a Master Farm Homemaker, and the Homemaking editor.

Viola Barnes - IMFH Class of 1951

Washington County

Mrs. Barnes helps her husband operate a 240-acre farm near Brighton. Her partnership will be more active than ever this year, since the eldest son has recently entered the armed services. They also have a younger son in high school.

Mrs. Barnes is active in community work, serving this year as township chairman of the women's organization of the Farm Bureau. She and her husband are both active in their church at Brighton.

Mrs. Barnes is especially proud of the remodeling job on her kitchen, which she planned herself. Her home is attractive and livable, with lots of books, magazines and music in evidence.

Josephine Neubaum - IMFH Class of 1951

Webster County

The farm that Mr. and Mrs. Neubaum bought in Webster County nine years ago didn't look like much, but it had possibilities. Thru a program of hard work and scientific fanning, it is now a good farm with a modern house.

In the first few years, Mrs. Neubaum kept a flock of 2,000 chickens, doing most of the work herself. She has now cut the flock to 1,000, still doing the work.

In spite of her busy life, Mrs. Neubaum has found time for community activities. She is county chairman of the woman's organization of the Farm Bureau, serves on the township school board, works with the PTA, and sings in the Rural Woman's Chorus. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

They have a 10-year-old son, Walter, Jr.

Torkil Aure - IMFH Class of 1951

Humboldt County

Mrs. Aure is known as a good cook in a community noted for its good cooks. She specializes in old Danish recipes. She and her husband have lived in their Humboldt County community since their marriage.

When their son came home from service, they turned the home farm over to him and moved to another farm a few miles away. Mrs. Aure planned the remodeling of the new house.

Mrs. Aure has served her community for a long time. She helped organize the county for extension work at its start. She is now serving as township chairman.

The Aures are very active in the Lutheran church at Bode. They have four grandchildren.

Mrs. T.M. Phelps - IMFH Class of 1951

Van Buren County

One of the unwritten requirements for Master Farm Homemakers is that they have a family. Mrs. Phelps sets a record with nine children, four of whom are now in college, one married, and one in the service. Three younger boys are at home.

Mrs. Phelps is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant, where she grew up. She came to the farm at the time of her marriage. In spite of her busy home life, she has had time for work in her community. She is active in her rural church and has served as county health chairman for a number of years.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps brought a D. P. family from Poland and gave them a great deal of assistance.

Mrs. Wayne Mackland - IMFH Class of 1951

Pottawattamie County

When Mrs. Mackland, born and raised in the city, told a city friend she was going to live on a farm north of Council Bluffs, the friend exclaimed, "But no one lives out there." It is on this farm that Mrs. Mackland has lived since her marriage and raised her family. Since the death of her husband, several years ago, she has managed the 500-acre farm herself.

Mrs. Mackland has always found time for any work that would benefit her county. She has served this year as county chairman of the woman's organization of the Farm Bureau. She's a member of the Hazel Dell Methodist church and teaches a Sunday school class.

Mrs. Mackland has three children—a married daughter, a son, Tom, and a daughter, Mary, at home.

Agnes Schnittjer - IMFH Class of 1951

Delaware County

Mrs. Schnittjer has done a wonderful job of homemaking on a farm, even though she was born and raised in the city. She graduated from Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, and came to the farm at the time of her marriage.

Besides raising a family of four children, Mrs. Schnittjer has found time to serve her community. She has been a Girls 4-H Club leader for a number of years, and has served as county health chairman for the Farm Bureau women. She has also been an officer in the Delhi Garden Club and PTA. The whole family is active in the Delhi Methodist church.

The eldest son entered the service this summer.

