

## 1952 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Six Iowa farm women have been selected to receive the Master Fann Homemaking award for 1952. These women were chosen because they are doing a fine job of homemaking and in community service.

There are Master Fann Homemakers in every community, but we can only visit and pick a few. So we pay tribute through these women to all farm women who are meeting and surmounting the problems that everyone runs up against.

The women on this page are the new Master Farm Homemakers. We selected these six women because we felt they were typical of the many farm women over Iowa who are doing a fine job raising families and helping to build better communities.

It would be impossible to pin a medal on every woman who deserves it, so we choose a few and by honoring these we are really paying tribute to thousands of other fine farm women.

There are Master Farm Homemakers in every neighborhood. The nominations for the awards come in voluntarily from friends and co-workers. Each woman is personally investigated.

The final selection is made by a panel of judges. This year the judges were: Miss Louise Rosenfeld, assistant director of extension for home economics, Iowa State College; Miss Fannie Gannon, home management specialist, Iowa State College; Mrs. Alvero Wendell, farm women from Woodbury County, and the homemaking editor of this paper (Wallaces' Farmer).

### Alberta Weigle - IMFH Class of 1952

Black Hawk County

Mrs. Weigle has taken special interest in the educational and social life in her community. At the same time she has been a splendid homemaker and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Weigle have three children. The oldest boy is in the air force in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Weigle live on a 160-acre farm. Mr. Weigle is an able and progressive farmer.

Mrs. Weigle helped to organize her township for the Farm Bureau. She organized and has been a leader of a group of 4-H club girls.

She has served faithfully in her church-the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren, which is an outstanding rural church.

### Virginia Rope - IMFH Class of 1952

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Mrs. Rope is a good housekeeper. She and Mr. Rope live on a 320-acre farm not far from Clarinda. Mr. Rope is an outstanding farmer. They have one child, Gretchen, who is five years old.

Mrs. Rope gives generously of her time and talents to her community. She is active in the Lutheran church in her community. Through her efforts the county woman's chorus was recognized last year. She is pianist for a quartet of young farm men.

Mrs. Rope is an excellent 4-H girls' club leader. She is also active in the women's Farm Bureau organization. Their farm home is completely modern and furnished in excellent taste.

Mrs. Harold Higgins - IMFH Class of 1952

Tama County

Mrs. Higgins is a comparative newcomer to the farm, but she has done a wonderful job of adapting herself to farm life. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins live on a large farm not far from Traer.

Recently they built a very attractive new house which is often the center of many community activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have three children. Their oldest son attends Iowa State College. There are two daughters at home. Mrs. Higgins has been interested in the foreign youth exchange program and has had young people from other countries in her home.

Mrs. Higgins is the superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School in Geneseo township. She is a 4-H club leader. Both Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are members of the program planning committee for extension.

Marie Timmerman - IMFH Class of 1952

Franklin County

Mrs. Timmerman and her husband live on a 330 acre farm near Hampton. They have two children, Their daughter attends Cornell College at Mount Vernon. The son is still at home.

Mrs. Timmerman is a fine housekeeper and a good cook, but her yard and flowers are her special interest. They are members of the Methodist church in Hampton and take part in many of the church activities.

Mrs. Timmerman is a member of the state advisory commission for extension and is on the program planning commission for the county Farm Bureau. She is also county chairman for Republican women.

Mrs. Timmerman is well liked by her neighbors and has high standing as an efficient and dependable worker.

Sara Baker - IMFH Class of 1952

Calhoun County

Mrs. Baker is an outstanding mother, homemaker and community worker. She and Mr. Baker live on their 240-acre farm. They are the parents of four grown children.

Mrs. Baker's attractive home is completely modern. Since her family has been away from home, she has indulged in her favorite hobby of collecting and refurnishing antiques. She shares this hobby with her husband and father-in-law. She also has a beautiful yard and many flowers.

Mrs. Baker is active in the Catholic church in her community. She is also the leader for a group of 4-H Club girls. She is chairman of the county library board and active in the women's division of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Baker is a woman of poise and sincerity and is well liked by her neighbors.

Donna Smith - IMFH Class of 1952

Buchanan County

Few women are as well known in their communities as Mrs. Smith in Buchanan County. She has lived on the same farm all her life. In fact, she and Mr. Smith live on the farm that her grandfather purchased before the Civil War. They hope to pass it

along to their grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three daughters, all of whom are married and living away from home. Mrs. Smith has done a great deal towards the organization and the social life in her community. She has held offices in many different organizations and is always a dependable leader.

At present Mrs. Smith is county Farm Bureau woman's chairman. She also represents that organization on the state planning committee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are active in the Methodist church in Winthrop.

Mrs. Smith is also county library chairman. For many years she has been active in 4-H club work.