

1954 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Busy women-these Iowa farm homemakers!

In addition to taking good care of home and families, many find time to spearhead community activities.

Again this year, a few of these women were selected to receive Iowa Master Farm Homemaker awards, sponsored by Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead.

Six were honored. They're typical of the many outstanding farm homemakers.

What makes a Master Farm Homemaker? What qualifications would you look for if you were to select one from your neighborhood? As the sponsoring organization, Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead recognizes that there are many Master Farm Homemakers in Iowa. In fact, there are some in every community.

It is impossible to recognize each of these deserving women, so a few are selected each year. In honoring these few, we are recognizing the fine job many farm women are doing in their homes and in their communities.

Nominations for the Master Farm Homemaker award come in voluntarily from friends, neighbors and co-workers. Each woman is personally investigated before the recognition is made.

Judges for the 1954 awards were: Miss Louise Rosenfeld, assistant director, extension service, Iowa State College; Margaret Kagarice, district home economics supervisor, Iowa State College; Mrs. Orville Tannreuther, Master Farm Homemaker, Waterloo, and Zoe Murphy, homemaking editor, Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead.

Mrs. Morris Fleming - IMFH Class of 1954

Lee County

Mrs. Fleming is an active and tireless worker for the betterment of her community. And her community covers the state. She serves on the state Farm Bureau planning committee, the state extension advisory committee and holds a regional office in her church.

Mrs. Fleming is past chairman of the Lee County Rural Woman's group of the Farm Bureau. She always helps with county fund raising drives for Red Cross, cancer and polio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have four children, three boys and a girl. The younger boys are still at home. They have four grandchildren. Mrs. Fleming is a good homemaker, is well liked and respected by her neighbors and co-workers.

Mrs. Lyal Fox - IMFH Class of 1954

Hancock County

Mrs. Fox and her husband have raised a fine family-four daughters and one son. They have 16 grandchildren. Mrs. Fox has found time in her busy life to serve her community well. She has been active in 4-H club work for over 23 years.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Fox built a new house for themselves on one corner of the farm and turned the old home over to their son and his family.

Mrs. Fox has worked in a nearby Methodist church for many years. The children and grandchildren often return to this church for services. She is a member of the county Rural Women's Chorus and has been chairman of the county music committee.

Eva Hartwig - IMFH Class of 1954

Floyd County

Mrs. Hartwig, her husband and three daughters have made a fine team of community workers. Their combined interests include nearly every worthwhile rural project.

In addition to being a busy farm wife and mother, Mrs. Hartwig has found time to be a 4-H club leader. She has worked with music groups and in the Lutheran church in Nora Springs. Each daughter, in turn, has been county president of the girls 4-H club.

The whole family enjoys music. All like to sing and play the piano. Mrs. Hartwig has carried a full share of "music mothers" and PTA work in the local school.

The hospitable Hartwig home is still the "hang out" for the young people in the community.

Evelyn Livingstone - IMFH Class of 1954

Jones County

Mrs. Livingstone has a wide range of interests and activities. Her home and family have first place. She assumes responsibilities for many projects and carries them out with enthusiasm. Mrs. and Mrs. Livingstone have three daughters and four grandchildren.

She has worked with 4-H club groups, served as county Farm Bureau woman's chairman and with the county Rural Woman's Chorus.

Mrs. Livingstone is active in the Methodist church in Anamosa. She has served on the advisory committee for the adult night school in her community.

Her attractive home is always open to community groups.

Gladys Petrak - IMFH Class of 1954

Linn County

Mrs. Petrak is now serving her 22nd year as a 4-H club leader or as a member of the county committee. She is as enthusiastic about the program as she was when she started.

Mr. and Mrs. Petrak have one son who was an international farm youth exchange student and is now attending a theological seminary in Chicago.

Mrs. Petrak also serves on the Linn County program planning committee and is treasurer for the local PTA. Both Mr. and Mrs. Petrak are members and serve actively in the United Brethren church in Alburnett.

She is known in her community as a person who carries more than her share of responsibilities in any organization to which she belongs.

Margaret Walters - IMFH Class of 1954

Adams County

Mrs. Walters is an outstanding community worker. In her neighborhood, she is known as one who is always willing and ready to help others. At present, she is serving on the county 4-H club committee.

She is secretary and treasurer of the local school board. She has been chairman of the Farm Bureau woman's committee. The Walters family are members of a Federated church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters have two children, a boy and girl still at home. The family enjoys many common interests including books and music.