

## 1955 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead are sponsors of the Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild. Each year a few women are selected to receive this award. In recognizing these women, we honor, by proxy, all farm women who are doing an outstanding job with their families, in their homes and who still have time to carry community responsibilities.

Nominations come in voluntarily from friends, neighbors and co-workers. Judges for the 1955 selection were: Miss Louse Rosenfeld, Assistant Director, Extension Service, Iowa State College; Miss Mary Bodwell, District Home Economics Supervisor, Iowa State College; Mrs. J. O. Smith, Master Farm Homemaker, Whitten, Iowa, and Zoe Murphy, Homemaking Editor, Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead.

### Mrs. Bernard Bates - IMFH Class of 1955

Henry County

Mrs. Bates has a wide range of interests both in and outside her home. She has served as a girls' 4-H club leader, worked with the Farm Bureau Woman's committee, on the extension Service program and is now serving on the school board.

There are two children, a son who has just returned home from service in Germany and a daughter in high school.

The Bates family is active in the Methodist church, where Mrs. Bates is treasurer, teaches a Sunday School class and is a leader in the Woman's Society for Christian Service.

### Mrs. Byron Hafner - IMFH Class of 1955

Louisa County

Mrs. Hafner is the mother of seven children. She is an excellent homemaker, and there is fine cooperation and understanding between parents and children. The family is especially interested in music and sports.

In spite of her busy life at home, Mrs. Hafner has time for her community. She has been in girls' 4-H club work for many years. She is credited with carrying on the county 4-H girls' club program when the county was without an extension worker.

### Pearl Nelson - IMFH Class of 1955

Montgomery County

Mrs. Nelson, who is a mother of four children, has never been too busy to help her children with their 4-H club work as well as taking an active part herself.

Mrs. Nelson has been president, vice-president, secretary and township chairman of the Farm Bureau Woman's committee. She has been chairman of the cancer drive for five years.

The Nelson family attends a local Lutheran church where Mrs. Nelson works in the Sunday school, and in many other organizations.

### Annabell Schechinger - IMFH Class of 1955

Shelby County

Mrs. Schechinger, left a widow with eight children to raise and a farm to manage, has done an excellent job both inside and outside her home. She has carried out her husband's conservation plans for the farm and raised her family alone.

Mrs. Schechinger is a member of the Westphalia Catholic church where she has served as president of the Ladies Society. She is known all over the county for the wedding cakes that she bakes and decorates.

Mrs. Art (Gertrude) Bockwoldt - IMFH Class of 1955

Hamilton County

When children are grown and away from home, some people decide to make life easier. This has not been the policy of Mrs. Bockwoldt. She teaches a Sunday School class in the Lutheran church in Stanhope, continues her work in both Farm Bureau and extension programs, and her home is the center for many community projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Bockwoldt have two children, a son who farms the 320 acres with his father and a married daughter.

Ruth McLain - IMFH Class of 1955

Pocahontas County

Mrs. McLain is a woman of many talents. She has carried responsibility in practically every worthwhile project in her community and county. She has been a 4-H club leader, worked in both Farm Bureau and extension programs. She has served as secretary of the county Democratic central committee. She has served as county library chairman, on the county health board and other organizations.

In her home, Mrs. McLain is a fine housekeeper and an excellent cook. Mr. and Mrs. McLain have two children, a son attending Iowa State College and a married daughter.

Iola Wegner - IMFH Class of 1955

Carroll County

Mrs. Wegner is a capable homemaker and a tireless community worker. She is well known in her county for her willingness to help out with any worthwhile project.

She has served for many years on the county extension program planning committee, has worked with the Farm Bureau Woman's organization and has served faithfully on many county wide drives. She is an active member of the woman's chorus.

Mr. and Mrs. Wegner have one daughter who is married.