

1965 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

You'll be interested in meeting the 1965 class of Master Farm Homemakers and their families. These women and their families were entertained at a luncheon in Des Moines on December 13. The award is made on the basis of good homemaking and community service.

Perhaps you know some of these women-they may be your friends or live in your neighborhood. Each was nominated by a friend, co-worker, or an organization. All are fine capable women who do an excellent job of homemaking, and still have time to serve their communities.

The award has become a family affair. The women honored are first to say that it takes an interested and willing family to give them time and opportunity to take on community activities.

There are many Master Farm Homemakers in Iowa. It's not possible for us to personally honor them all, but in selecting a few we can express our appreciation for the fine work of many women all over Iowa.

Wallace Farmer has sponsored the Master Farm Homemaker Award in Iowa since 1940. There are now over a hundred members. The new class will continue, as have these others, to help make Iowa a fine place to live.

Margaret Weiss - IMFH Class of 1965

Humboldt County

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss farm 485 acres near Humboldt. Mrs. Weiss (Margaret) attended Morningside College at Sioux City and she taught 3 years before her marriage. She enjoys substituting as a teacher at the kindergarten level when the need arises.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss have three daughters. Cindy, 15, Ann, 10, and Gaye, 6. Cindy and Ann are 4-H members. All are interested in music. Gaye is a member of a "Cherub Choir".

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss "team-teach" 40 active 5-year-olds each Sunday at the Methodist Church in Humboldt where the family attends. They are past presidents of the Young Adults Christian Friendship group in the church.

Mrs. Weiss is a 4-H leader and serves on the extension family living committee. She is a member of the Humboldt Women's Club.

Mrs. Weiss is an excellent housekeeper and her attractive home is always open to friends and community groups. Her hobbies include sewing for herself and the girls, refinishing hard wood furniture, and reading. Since Mr. Weiss farms without full time help, she works outdoors in busy seasons.

Beverly Everett - IMFH Class of 1965

Mahaska County

Mr. and Mrs. Everett has a farming enterprise that covers 800 acres. They have five children: Leslie, 17; George, 15; Gordon, 12; Floyd, 9; and Rebecca, 14. All are at Home.

Mrs. Everett (Beverly) grew up on a farm in Black Hawk county. She's a daughter of Master Farmer Floyd George. A graduate of Iowa State University - majoring in home economics, she returned to William Penn College for elementary and secondary teacher certification.

Mrs. Everett has a great many community interests. She gives her husband and family credit for their support and interest in her activities.

The activities include 4-H Club leadership, extension family living committee, extension council; choir director and organist, and Sunday School teacher at the Methodist Church in Lacey. She served as PTA president, and worked with community charitable organizations.

She has been a guest speaker for many national organizations in the midwest. She also writes for newspapers and magazines.

Mrs. Lloyd Moir - IMFH Class of 1965

Sioux County

Mr. and Mrs. Moir were born and raised in town and moved to the farm in 1939. They own 120 acres not far from Orange City. Mr. Moir was one of the first farmers in the area to contour sloping fields.

The Moirs have four children. Peggy Jeanne is married and lives in Sioux City. Lloyd II, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, is located at Walker AFB, N.M. John is a senior at Iowa State University. Suzanne is at home while her husband is serving with the marines in Viet Nam. There are seven grandchildren. All children attended ISU.

Mrs. Moir has been active in a variety of community organizations, including school reorganization committees, and the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

Doris Palmer - IMFH Class of 1965

Poweshiek County

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer own and operate 420 acres near Montezuma. They have a beef herd, sheep, and hogs.

The Palmers have five children. Mary Pat, recently married, lives in Rockford, Ill. Nancy, a graduate of ISU, is now a dietetics intern at the University of Oklahoma. Fred is a junior at ISU, Karen, a freshman at State College of Iowa, and Kathy, is in the 9th grade. Both Mr. and Mrs. Palmer attended Iowa State University.

All the children have been active in 4-H and have served at one time or another as president, or vice president of their county organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been 4-H leaders and have served on the county committee.

Daughter, Mary Pat, was an IFYE to Luxembourg in 1963. At home, the family entertained a girl from New Zealand for a year. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are members of the local American Field Service (AFS) Committee.

All the Palmers are active members of the United Presbyterian Church in Montezuma where each has accepted responsibilities in its organization.

Hilda Pleggenkuhle - IMFH Class of 1965

Fayette County

Mr. and Mrs. Pleggenkuhle have lived on the same 220-acre general farm where they started as renters during the years of the depression.

They purchased the farm in 1939.

The Pleggenkuhles have four children. Sally, 23, and Roger, 22, are both married and live nearby. Linda, 15, and Doyle, 12, are still at home. There is one grandchild. All the children have been active in 4-H and all are interested in music.

The family attends American Lutheran Church in Richfield where Mrs. Pleggenkuhle teaches Sunday school and served as superintendent of the Vacation Bible School this year.

She was on the Fayette County Family Living Committee for 6 years and this year is Safety Chairman of the Fayette County Farm Bureau woman.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pleggenkuhle are active in Farm Bureau work. Mrs. Pleggenkuhle has worked with the American Cancer Society and served as county chairman the last 2 years.

For hobbies Mrs. Pleggenkuhle enjoys sewing, decorating cakes for friends and anniversaries, and reading and writing poetry.