

1966 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Wallaces Farmer is proud to present awards to these women who were entertained in Des Moines on December 12. The award is made on the basis of good homemaking and community service.

This is really a family award. Behind each of these women is a willing husband and an interested and cooperative family.

Karen Larsen - IMFH Class of 1966

Pottawattamie County

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen live on a 480-acre farm near Underwood. Mr. Larsen farms in partnership with his father. The Larsens have three children, Julie, 7, Douglas, 5, and Wendy, 18 months.

Mrs. Larsen (Karen) has been a 4-H club leader for the past 8 years.

In addition to her work with 4-H clubs, Mrs. Larsen has served with the County Youth Committee.

She and her husband harbor a deep sympathy for families with retarded children and have spent considerable time and effort on their behalf through a local organization.

Mrs. Larsen says she also enjoys working with a "Little Theater" group in Council Bluffs.

She likes to cook, sew, and knit, and has spent a lot of time remodeling and refinishing furniture for their 100 year old farmhouse.

Ruth Benson - IMFH Class of 1966

Winneshiek County

Mr. and Mrs. Benson own and operate 500 acres near Cresco. Their son, John, lives nearby and farms in partnership with his father. Daughter Carol, is a laboratory technician in the Kaiser Clinic in San Francisco. David, a high school junior, is at home. There are two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson are active members of the Methodist church in Cresco, where Mrs. Benson has taught Sunday School for 20 years. She recently was awarded a pin for 15 years service as a 4-H club leader. She is now serving on the county Youth Committee.

On the farm, Mrs. Benson has a poultry project, doing the work and keeping the records as a member of the Iowa Demonstration Flock Program. She always has a fine garden and many flowers.

Mr. Benson has served on the FHA committee and has carried responsibility in many community organizations.

Lucille Bettis - IMFH Class of 1966

Monroe County

Mr. and Mrs. Bettis own 120 acres of the 235 acres they farm near Albia. They have five children. Larry and Linda are through school and married. Lysle is in college in Missouri. Lloyd attends Iowa State University and Leslie is at home. They have one grandchild.

The Bettis family is active in the Methodist church in Albia where Mrs. Bettis teaches Sunday school, serves as a pianist, and is a counselor for the youth group.

Mrs. Bettis is considered an outstanding 4-H leader. She has helped to organize and manage a "Meals on Wheels" program in the county where elderly and sick people are served a hot meal in their homes every day. Mr. Bettis is also active in community affairs. He recently received a pin for 25 years of 4-H leadership.

The Bettis young people, like their parents, have been outstanding in their work in the church and the community. Mrs. Bettis has also worked in the Farm Bureau Women's organization, the Monroe County Hospital auxiliary, and PTA. The family has riding horses and belongs to a saddle club, a favorite hobby.

Beth Putney - IMFH Class of 1966

Grundy County

Mr. and Mrs. Putney own and operate 560 acres in Grundy and Black Hawk counties. They raise grain, hogs, and have a herd of purebred Angus cattle.

The Putneys have two daughters-Kay and-Shirley. Both attended the University of Iowa, both are married. Kay (Mrs. Roy Glessner) lives in Cedar Falls, and Shirley (Mrs. Clark Lane) lives in Humboldt. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Putney moved to their present home in 1962 after having lived in Black Hawk for 28 years. They have improved the land and completely remodeled the buildings. The house is furnished with many beautiful heritage pieces that Mrs. Putney has refurnished.

Cordelia Nollen - IMFH Class of 1966

Marion County

Mr. and Mrs. Nollen own 80 of the 240 acres they operate. Mr. Nollen is a Master Swine Producer. The Mollens have five daughters, two of them (Joan and Edith) are married. Carol attends Iowa State University, Jean, 9, and Linda, 7, are at home.

The family belongs to the 2nd Reformed Church in Pella. Mrs. Nollen has been a Sunday School teacher; has carried responsibilities in the women's organization; has also served as a member of the Central College Auxiliary; and is presently secretary of the Executive Board of the Women's Classical Union of the church and is serving on the extension Family Living committee.

Mrs. Nollen has worked with 4-H clubs in many capacities. Her three older girls were active members and received many honors on both county and state levels. Mr. Nollen is a boys 4-H leader, an elder in the church, and is active in FHA and ASC.

Mrs. Nollen likes to sew and knit. She says she generally has five or six knitting projects going at once.

Alta Fischer - IMFH Class of 1966

Pottawattamie County

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer own and operate 240 acres near Avoca. They live on the farm Mrs. Fischer's father bought in 1911. They have four daughters-Sandra is married and lives near Chicago; Sharrell, a nurse, is married and lives near Oakland, Iowa; Lucinda, a nurse is working in New York City; Orvetta is married and lives near Avoca. There are four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have many interests in the community. They are active in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca where Mrs. Fischer has served in many capacities.

Through the years Mrs. Fischer has been a 4-H leader, PTA president, and was a member of the school reorganization committee. She is a member of the State Historical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have been active members of the Farm Bureau for 25 years. Mrs. Fischer is now serving as committee woman from her district.

At home she has a large yard, garden, and a poultry flock. She likes to entertain friends and community groups in her home.