

1967 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

We want you to meet the 1967 class of Master Farm Homemakers. Each year Wal/aces Farmer honors a few of the Iowa farm women whom we feel are representative of the many who are doing a fine job in their homes, with their families, and who still have time for community service.

There are now over 100 Master Farm Homemakers. These women are nominated-generally through a church, neighborhood or community organization. The nominating material is sent to Wal/aces Farmer who sponsors the program.

This year's judges were Miss Louise Rosenfeld, Assistant director and State Leader, Home Economics Program, Iowa State University; Mrs. Mildred Ryan, District Leader, Extension Service, Iowa State University; Mrs. A.K. Stoutner, Keota, Master Farm Homemaker, 1956-and Zoe Murphy.

Myrtle Felkner - IMFH Class of 1967

Appanoose County

The Felkners farm 720 acres, part of which has been in the family for several generations. They have three children; Barbara is a freshman at the University of Iowa; Joan is a freshman in high school, and Bill is in the 4th grade.

Mrs. Felkner has a wide range of interests and activities that include her church, the school, and her community. She is a Sunday School teacher in the Centerville Methodist Church and has served in many other church programs. She is also a member of the National League of American Penwomen.

Hazel Hansen - IMFH Class of 1967

Audubon County

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen own and operate 200 acres near the town of Gray. They have two sons--Wayne, his wife, Norma, and six children live nearby. Wayne farms with his father. Another son, Larry, lives in Omaha and has two children.

Mrs. Hansen is a competent homemaker and community worker. She has a wide range of interests and activities. As a member of the Lutheran Church she teaches a Sunday School class and has carried responsibility in other church programs. In the community she is now serving as assistant coordinator of the Good Neighbor Service Center in Audubon.

Pearl Madson - IMFH Class of 1967

Clay County

Mrs. Madson is well known in her area through her afternoon program over radio station KICD in Spencer. The Madsons farm 320 acres near Webb.

The Madson's have three children. Daughter Grace and husband, Dan Kunz, and baby daughter live in the farm home. Mr. and Mrs. Madson have moved into an attractive mobile home next door. Their son Darrel, his wife, and three children farm near Marathon, and a daughter, Joyce (Mrs. William Johnson), lives in Lawson.

Mrs. Madson is active in her church-the Baptist in Webb. She has been a 4-H leader, and worked in the Cancer Society.

Ruth Refle - IMFH Class of 1967

Clayton County

Mr. and Mrs. Refle live on a 600 acre farm near Elkport that has been in the family since 1863. It is owned and operated by three Refle brothers. All live on the farm.

The Refles have four daughters; all are college graduates and honor students.

Mrs. Refle, a graduate nurse, has many community activities. She has worked in the local Red Cross,---teaching classes in first aid. She was a 4-H leader for 16 years and a Sunday School teacher in the Lutheran Church for over 20 years. She is a member of the Extension Club.

Alvina Sellers - IMFH Class of 1967

Wright County

Mr. and Mrs. Sellers own and operate 440 acres south of Clarion. Their attractive farm home serves as a meeting place for many organizations. The Sellers have two children-Sandra, married, lives in the east. Jaines farms with his father.

Mrs. Sellers has devoted many years to her community-she has been a 4-H leader, and at present is a member of the policy and development committee.

She is serving as a member of the Clarion Public School Board. A member of the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Sellers is a Sunday School teacher.

Dorothy Taylor - IMFH Class of 1967

Jasper County

Mrs. Taylor is a descendant of one of the first pioneer families in Polk county. She and her husband, Wayne, own and operate 120 acres near Mitchellville.

The Taylors have three grown children. Vernon works in Des Moines, but lives with his wife and children in the original farm house next to his parents. A daughter, Marlene (Mrs. Richard Heimstra), lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and another son, Ronald, lives in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Taylor has many community interests and activities. She is a member of the Christian Church in Mitchellville where she has taught Sunday School and worked in other church programs.