

1970 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Seven outstanding farm wives have been named Iowa Master Farm Homemakers for 1970. They represent the many women in rural Iowa who take time from the exacting tasks of raising a family and making a home for their husband to contribute their own unique abilities to their communities.

Master Farm Homemakers are selected by a qualified panel of judges from the nominations made by a group or organizations. Letters from friends and rural leaders support their nominations.

The Iowa chapter belongs to the National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, associated with County Women's Council and Associated County Women of the World. This is the 30th year that Wallaces Farmer has sponsored the Master Farm Homemaker program. The 1970 judges are: Mrs. Doyle Anderson, president of Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild and a Master Farm Homemaker of 1957; Louise Rosenfeld, assistant director and state leader of home economics programs, aided by Gertrude Smith, Bernice Bateson, and Mildred Ryan of home economics extension, Iowa State University; Ruth Webber, home editor of the Wallaces Farmer.

Anna Mary Carr - IMFH Class of 1970 Chickasaw County

Anna Mary Carr was given an honorary 4-H membership in recognition of her 14 yr. of service as leader and county committee member. Her family received the county outstanding 4-H family award and all children have been active in 4-H.

While her children went to St. Joseph parochial school and New Hampton community high school, Anna Mary was active in school functions and served as band mother. Now she works part time as admissions secretary at St. Joseph's community hospital.

Hubert, called "Hub" by his friends, grew up on their farm. He raises purebred Angus cattle.

Anna Mary taught school several years before her marriage. She is active in her church.

Their older son, James, is a physician practicing in New Hampton.

Janet is married to William Luzum and lives in Benson, Minnesota.

William is in research with IBM in Rochester, Minnesota.

Mary Sharon Peraud and her husband, Joseph, are both medical students at University of Iowa.

Emma Henderson- IMFH Class of 1970 O'Brien County

Emma Henderson totally enjoys her life in the small community of northwestern Iowa, outside Paullina. Now that their 5 children are grown, they have built a retirement home near their church. Always interested in art, Emma paints in oils and is serving on the county extension craft committee.

Community involvement and study is also important. Currently she is interested in help for older people or shut-ins in the area.

Walter farms, but they take time each year to visit their family, scattered in Pennsylvania,

Florida, and New York.

Active in Paullina Friends Meeting, Emma has been assistant clerk of the yearly Iowa meeting. She was on the Scattergood School policy committee for 10 years. She was county homemaker and Farm Bureau county woman's chairman.

Gaza Women's Study Club is a source of study and sharing of ideas. She is a charter member of O'Brien County Art Club.

The only Henderson child still living in Iowa is their oldest, daughter, Beth, Mrs. Ernest Wilson. The others, Rolland, Tom, Phillip, and Mary, are in engineering, political science, and social work.

Dorothy Eckles - IMFH Class of 1970

Butler County

Dorothy Eckles is involved in many local projects. Their charming farm home has many family antiques that she has refinished or preserved over the years.

Bruce has been active in Farm Bureau, on the Aplington school board for 27 years and American Field Service Committee.

Dorothy has had several terms on Farm Bureau county women's committee, received the 20 yr. 4-H service pin, is a past president of Aplington Federated Women's Club, recruits for Red Cross, cancer, and heart fund drives. They are members of Aplington First Presbyterian church, and she has taught a church class for many years.

She is interested in Youth for Understanding and has been a hostess for foreign students. They provide regular support for an 11-yr. old boy in Taiwan through Christian Children's Fund. Dorothy is a precinct committeewoman.

The oldest daughter, Doreen, lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

Donna is Mrs. B. J. Ukena, whose husband is a Presbyterian minister in Ankeny, Iowa.

Mary is Mrs. L. Leland Meyer of Aplington.

Milo is majoring in engineering at Iowa State University.

Pauline Harland - IMFH Class of 1970

Taylor County

Pauline Harland is known to Wallaces Farmer readers for her occasional feature articles. She is an active contributor to the community life in her area, devoting much time to civic functions.

Merle and Pauline have taken part in local school affairs, 4-H activities, extension council, fire truck and telephone boards, and are active in New Market Church of Christ. Merle is on his 3rd term with FHA.

Pauline has taught vacation Bible school, served at youth camps, as band mother, 4-H leader, and member of the family living committee. She was county vice-president of the women's committee of the political party and is precinct committeewoman. She is chairman of county Farm Bureau women presently.

Pauline has been promoting people of her area through her writing and photography.

Their children are Max, who has the Harland Hardware in Perry, and Doris, Mrs. Darrell Damewood, farming in Page County.

Margaret Johnson - IMFH Class of 1970

Davis County

Margaret Johnson represents all the women who bravely pick up the pieces after their husbands die. She continued to manage their Grade A dairy farm until their son could take over this duty.

Always concerned with children, and a teacher for Monterey Christian Church, Margaret went back to school the next fall after that terrible bulldozer accident. She went to Centerville Community College and then to Northeast Missouri State College at Kirksville working several hours daily in the dairy. Last June she was graduated with a B.S. in education, and now teaches an elementary class in Bloomfield.

Interested in community service, as was Kenneth, Margaret has been on the board of Davis County hospital auxiliary, active in Christian Women's Fellowship, church treasurer for many years, in 4-H work, and other projects. Music is her special talent, and she sings for many local events.

Carolyn, their oldest daughter, is Mrs. Dwight Lawson, and lives nearby; Gale operates the family farm and dairy; Diane is Mrs. Dennis Wright and lives in Stuttgart, Germany.

Zoe Kay - IMFH Class of 1970

Cass County

Zoe Kay works to improve the world's international relations through her own considerable hostessing talents.

Henry and Zoe have been hosts to Larry from Chicago, who came out 3 different summers in the "Friendly Town" program. The work study program brought Francois from France to live on their farm for 6 mo. Tony from Brazil and Jack from Japan have each lived one year with the Kays on Farm Bureau trainee programs.

Lester Chitsulo from Malawi, Africa, has been in their home since 1968. He is studying at Atlantic High School and hopes to get a scholarship to go on through medical school before he goes back home. Mike and Andrew came from France this summer to work and study on the Kay farm.

The Kays are active in Atlantic First United Presbyterian church where Zoe has been women's organization president, deacon, elder, church school teacher, and is active on state committees. She was a nominee from Cass County for Iowa Mother of the Year in 1962.

All 3 sons graduated from Iowa State University. Dennis is a M.D. in Denver, Colorado. Kenneth and Richard are farming nearby. Richard just returned from a year's duty in Vietnam.

Margaret Ostwald - IMFH Class of 1970

Kossuth County

Margaret enjoys her membership in PEO. Carolyn, their oldest daughter, is Mrs. Dwight Lawson, and lives nearby; Gale operates the family farm and dairy; Diane is Mrs. Dennis Wright and lives in Stuttgart, Germany.

Marabeth Ostwald is a promoter and organizer for libraries. Largely through her efforts, a library has been opened at Whittemore. She works part time in the Algona library and is county tax assessor during January and February.

Marabeth was an assistant dress buyer for a large department store in St. Louis before becoming a farm homemaker. Her husband farms and operates a 10,000 poultry unit.

Active members of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Whittemore, Marabeth and Roland are also members of American Legion and Algona Country Club.

Marabeth helps with band mothers' fund raising as treasurer, was a Cub Scout leader, political county co-chairman for the women's group, and past president of St. Ann's Hospital Auxiliary and PEO.

When she was president of Whittemore women's club she started a calendar project which raises money each year for a scholarship to send a local girl to college or vocational training. Roland, Jr., is 16, and Elise Caroline, 13. Both are in many school activities. Roland, Jr. is secretary-treasurer for his county 4-H. The family enjoys traveling.