

## 1973 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Five outstanding farm women have been named Iowa Master Farm Homemakers for 1973. The awards were presented Nov. 19 at a luncheon in Des Moines. These women were recognized for their fine work with their families, their homes, and community services. They represent the many women in rural Iowa who make such contributions.

A total of 170 Iowa farm wives received this award since the program was started in 1928. This is the 33rd year Wallaces Farmer has sponsored the program.

The Iowa chapter belongs to National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, and is associated with County Women's Council and Associated Country Women of the World. Nominations for Master Farm Homemakers are made by local clubs and organizations. Letters from friends and rural leaders support their nominations.

Judges for 1973 were Mrs. Robert Livingstone, Anamosa, President of the Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild; Louise Rosenfeld, program assistant, office of foreign student and visitor services, Iowa State University; Margaret Yoder, assistant dean and state leader, home economics, extension programs, Iowa State University; and Joanne Couey, home editor of Wallaces Farmer.

### Rhoda Barnhart - IMFH Class of 1973

#### Cedar County

Rhoda Barnhart's enthusiasm is evident in everything she does. Each year, her large garden boasts beautiful flowers and vegetables. Her flower arrangements have won many awards.

Mrs. Barnhart contributes to the Springdale United Methodist Church in the areas of chancel choir, Sunday school teacher, administrative board, and Christian education commission. She serves as an officer in WSCS and sometimes plays the organ.

She participates in PTA, Fann Bureau, American Association of University Women, garden club, and TTT Society. Mrs. Barnhart was Fann Bureau township music and recreation chairman. She has served on many county extension committees and panels and was instrumental in getting a group of mothers together for extension educational programs and Farm Bureau meetings.

Aside from being active in the community, Mrs. Barnhart is also a strong supporter of 4-H and her 2 sons' projects. She likes to sew, cook, and has a talent for creative arts. The whole family reads avidly. The children take piano lessons. The boys belong to Boy Scouts: Diane belongs to Brownies.

Mr. Barnhart is active in Farm Bureau, the church, 4-H, and community service drives. Grain and livestock are raised on the Barnharts' farm. Mrs. Barnhart is always willing to lend a hand with farm chores.

In the past, she has done substitute teaching. But recently, she has taken a job as a teller at West Branch State Bank in preparation for the children's advanced education. The Barnharts' 3 children are: Bruce, 8th grade; Steve, 6th grade; and Diane, 2nd grade.

### Harriett Van De Hoef - IMFH Class of 1973

#### Osceola County

Harriett Van De Hoef is a staunch community worker. Some of her interests range from church and school through politics, 4-H, and Farm Bureau.

Music has always been one of Mrs. Van De Hoef's . favorite hobbies. She plays the piano and sings. As a part-time music teacher at Ocheyedan Christian School, Mrs. Van De Hoef has led the chorus to superior ratings the last 2 years in music contests. Music in Sunday School is also under her direction.

Mrs. Van De Hoef is devoted to her church. She ' has held various offices in the Dorcas Society, is president of Tri-State Women's Missionary '£!nion, has counseled the Calvinettes, and has been president of the Ocheyedan Christian School auxiliary. Currently, she is secretary of the auxiliary.

Working with 4-H for many years, Mrs. Van De Hoef has been a project leader and a committee member, and in 1968 was awarded an honorary membership in Osceola County 4-H.

After participating in the TOPS club for 20 miles from her home, Mrs. Van De Hoef was influential in organizing a local club.

The Van De Hoefs have a grain and livestock farm. Richard Van De Hoef is active in church and community affairs. The Van De Hoefs have held several offices in the Farm Bureau.

Children of the Van De Hoefs are: Dennis, attending Dordt College, married and farming in Osceola county; Judy (Mrs. Robert) Hagey, graduate of Dordt College; Duane, freshman at Nettleton Business College; and Brian, senior at Hull Western Christian High School.

#### Loretta Wedemeyer - IMFH Class of 1973

##### Cass County

Loretta Wedemeyer and her husband, Lawrence, have a remarkable family of eleven children. Nine of these children have at least one college degree. The other two are still attending college. Their occupations are in law, air force, research, farming, and youth development. All eleven took or sang in the chorus. They have all been active in sports, school activities, county fairs, and 4-H.

Besides overseeing this busy life for her children, Mrs. Wedemeyer sought activities to round out her own life. She held offices in the Wiota PTA and was active in 4-H. The Wedemeyers belong to St. Peter and Paul Church. In the church, Mrs. Wedemeyer has served as an officer of several groups, council delegate, and international commissioner.

She is a member of the Cass County Association for Retarded Children, served on the board of the American Cancer Society, and was a member of the mayor's advisory committee to combat teenage delinquency.

Mrs. Wedemeyer was named KJAN mother of the year. The family appeared as the "Farm Family of the Month" on WOW-TV, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Wedemeyers have a dairy farm. Mr. Wedemeyer is active in several dairy associations, was a member of the school board, and on the adult evening school committee.

The Wedemeyers are involved in politics and active in Farm Bureau. The Wedemeyers' children are: Naomi (Mrs. Donald) Kennedy, Arlington, Va, Virginia Austin, married and living in Pelisanne, France; Byron, married, Oxnard, California; Lowell, Beverly Hills, California; Atley, married, Omaha, Nebraska; Mary Sue (Mrs. Thomas) O'Doriso, Columbia, Ohio; Gerald, Ames; Mark, married, Wiota; Kathleen, Philippines; Celone and Miriam, Ames.

### Barbara Wenger - IMFH Class of 1973

#### Dallas County

Barbara Wenger is devoted to God and her family, and dedicated to any project set before her. She and her husband have raised their children in an atmosphere of Christianity, love, and respect.

Church work is important to Mrs. Wenger. She is a deaconess of First Brethren Church in Dallas Center, teaches Sunday school, is church organist and music chairman, and has held many offices in the women's organization. The Wengers have been co-sponsors of youth work in the church.

The Wengers have remodeled 2 old farm houses. Mrs. Wenger's planning and creative ability made each into a comfortable, beautifully decorated home, where warmth and hospitality become apparent in every room.

Mrs. Wenger has taught piano. At times, she sings in trios and quartets or duets with her daughter. The children are all accomplished musicians.

Some other activities of the Wengers include: Farm Bureau, 4-H, PTA, and politics. They helped organize Minburn's businessmen's association.

The Wengers raise grain and livestock. Whenever she's needed, Mrs. Wenger works in the fields, drives a tractor, sorts hogs, and runs errands. She cans and freezes produce from her large garden. She is a talented seamstress and enjoys cooking.

The Wengers' children are: Nadine, senior at Taylor University; Bob, sophomore at Grace College; and Mick, freshman in high school.

### Miriam Speke - IMFH Class of 1973

#### Woodbury County

Miriam Speke has been deeply involved with young people since her early teaching days in a rural school in Woodbury County. Her teaching career continued during much of her married life. Mathematics and science were her specialties.

Even though Mrs. Speke taught full time, she encouraged her daughters with activities in 4-H, basketball, music, camping, reading, and sewing. During these years, she was a 4-H club leader, church school teacher, and active in PTA. She has been a member of the county extension council, and presently serves on the county youth committee.

The Spekes have a grain and livestock farm. Mrs. Speke likes the out-of-doors, so welcomes opportunities to help her husband.

A lover of nature, Mrs. Speke enjoys birds as a hobby.

As a member of the United Methodist Church, Mrs. Speke has worked as a delegate to annual conferences, member of the board of officers, council on ministries, and church school board. She has been active in the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Speke has a special talent for planning programs for receptions, showers, anniversaries, and special occasions.

Mrs. Speke's concern for others led to the formation of the "Meals on Wheels" program in Merville. She particularly enjoys working on community programs and senior citizens projects.

The Spekes' children are: Judy (Mrs. Raymond) Timan, who teaches part time and lives on a farm near Pomeroy; Mary (Mrs. Ronald) Ferdig, Bennington, Nebraska; and Margaret (Mrs. Patrick) Ivers, teaching in Denver, Colorado.