

1974 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Honored recently as Iowa Master Farm Homemakers for 1974 were 3 outstanding farm women. They were recognized for their fine work with their families, their homes, and community services. These women represent the many homemakers in rural Iowa who make such contributions.

Since the program was started in 1928, a total of 173 farm wives have received this award. This is the 34th year Wallaces Farmer has sponsored the program.

The Iowa chapter belongs to National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, and is associated with Country Women's Council and Associated Country Women of the World.

Judges for 1974 were: Eleanor Strait, Keosauqua, president of the Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild; Margaret Yoder, assistant dean and state leader of home economics programs, Iowa State University; Louise Rosenfeld, program assistant, office of foreign student and visitor services, Iowa State University; and Joanne Couey, home editor of Wallaces Farmer.

Myra Crawford - IMFH Class of 1974

Washington County

Myra Crawford received a 30-year 4-H Clover Award for leadership last year. For 25 years, she was a local 4-H club leader. She is in her 12th year as a 4-H Committee member, having served as chairman for 3 years. Leader training sessions on crafts and sewing techniques have been taught by Mrs. Crawford, as well as special project classes for advanced home improvement and clothing members. In Cedar Township, she has also been active in the women's extension program.

A long-time member of the United Methodist Church in Washington, Mrs. Crawford has served as circle leader, president and program chairman in the women's society and was co-chairman of the dinner committee for 7 years. She has been on the church board and the parsonage committee. As a member of Prairie Flower Mission Circle, she has helped with sewing projects.

While her children were young, Mrs. Crawford was on school committees and special programs. She was secretary-treasurer of the organization formed to oversee the merging of 5 county school districts into one at Prairie Flower.

Mrs. Crawford is active in politics and the Farm Bureau. She has been County Farm Bureau Women's chairman. Other organizations in which she participates are Washington Federated Women's Club and Daughters of the Nile. She has participated in "Make It Yourself Wool" and "Milk Maid Magic" contests for several years.

Various craft programs for adult extension home economics activities, YMCA, and other adult groups have been taught by Mrs. Crawford. Among the crafts are sewing, tailoring, decoupage, and chair caning.

The Crawfords have a grain and livestock farm.

The Crawfords' children are: Merlin, married and farming; Karen (Mrs. David) Norman, whose husband farms; and Dennis who farms with his parents.

Lillian Smith - IMFH Class of 1974

Winneshiek County

Lillian Smith is a community leader with activities varying from church, 4-H, school, politics, and community service drives to being a member of the Decorah Retirement

Board, a member of the Winneshiek county Health Improvement Board, and secretary for 24 years to the Burr Oak Cemetery Association.

Deeply involved with church work, Mrs. Smith has been parish secretary for 19 years and has taught Sunday school for 28 years. She is an active member of the Women of the Church, having held all offices within that group. She was a Luther League advisor, sings in the choir, and was Decorah Conference treasurer.

With an extreme interest in youth, Mrs. Smith is currently a leader of a junior 4-H club. Mrs. Smith has also served on the 4-H and Youth Committees.

For over 20 years, she was a member of the Winneshiek County 4-H Foundation Board which is responsible for the Pinebluff 4-H Camp located northeast of Decorah. Several improvements at the camp were initiated by Mrs. Smith.

She has also been county extension committee chairman. And 1974 marks her 25th year as a 4-H leader.

In politics, Mrs. Smith serves as her party's township committee woman.

The Smiths raise grain, dairy cattle, and hogs. The family enjoys purebred Brown Swiss cattle in 4-H exhibits at county, district, and state fairs. The Smiths' home has long been a gathering place for committee meetings and 4-H groups:-large and small. It has also been the setting for many bridal and baby showers.

The Smiths have 2 children. Madonna is a high school sophomore. Delbert attends Wartburg College and Iowa State University, majoring in dairy science. He is married and farming next to his parents. His wife, Kathy, teaches home economics at Calmar.

Lucille Von Glan - IMFH Class of 1974

Crawford County

Lucille Von Glan is deeply involved in the life of the church, not only in her own community but also in northwest Iowa, the state of Iowa, and the Midwest region. She was instrumental in forming the new United Church of Christ in Westside.

On the local level, she is a Presbyterian elder, youth fellowship counselor, high school Sunday school leader, sings in the choir, directs a youth choir, and has been a church camp counselor.

She has served as president of both the district and state United Presbyterian Women. Presently, she serves as chairman of the Task Force on Women of the United Presbyterian Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

While her children were in school, Mrs. Von Glan was active in PTA and band boosters. She has worked with 4-H girls, Cub Scouts, and extension.

Mrs. Von Gian is secretary of the board of directors of the West Iowa Mental Health Services. Recently, Mrs. Von Glan served as county chairman for the Governor's Conference on Iowa in the Year 2000. She covers elections for a radio and television network.

The Von Glans have a livestock and grain farm. Children of the Von Glans are: Craig who, after attending college and airline school, was with American Airlines for 10 years, and now farms with his parents. Kim, after college and military service, is married and farms with his parents. His wife, Joyce, teaches at Carroll Community School. Kendall is married and attends graduate school at Iowa State University. His wife, Karen, is a secretary at Sunstrand Corporation.