

1978 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Five outstanding farm women have been named Iowa Master Homemakers for 1978. These women were recognized for their fine work with their families, their homes, and community service. They represent the many women in rural Iowa who make such contributions.

Since 1928, when the program was started, 195 Iowa farm wives have received this award. It is the 38th year that Wallace 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 1978 were: Alta Fischer, Avoca president of Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild, Elizabeth Elliott, assistant dean and state leader, home economics extension programs, Iowa State University; Louise Rosenfeld, program assistant, office of foreign student and visitor services, Iowa State University; and Joanne Couey, home editor of Wallace Farmer.

Ruth Angus - IMFH Class of 1978

Ringgold County

Farm homemaker, teacher, worker for her community and church—they all describe Ruth Angus. Since 1966, she has taught children in special education and with learning disabilities in Mount Ayr community schools. She is taking special training to teach the blind.

Mrs. Angus belongs to First Baptist Church in Mount Ayr, where her involvement has been: Sunday school teacher, choir director, president of board of education, Bible school teacher, director of school of mission society, TEK, area mission speaker, and more.

In the American Association of University Women, she has held many offices. For many years, Mrs. Angus was president of the county historical society. She reorganized the Old Timers Reunion and helped start a museum at Ellston.

As a member of the Ringgold County Retarded Association, Mrs. Angus has held several offices. She is also active in the Council of Exceptional Children and belongs to the State Learning Disabilities Association. She has been active in Farm Bureau work.

When her children were young, she was a PTA officer and Band Booster officer. She has been a 4-H leader for the past 13 years. In 1969, she was awarded an honorary 4-H membership.

The Anguses raise registered Polled Hereford. They have four children: Marie (Mrs. David) Still, Mound City, Missouri. Doris (Mrs. Roy) Bane, Powell, Wyoming. Helen (Mrs. Tom) Pollock, Malvern, Iowa and Warren, Mount Ayr, Iowa. There are four grandchildren.

Virginia Becker - IMFH Class of 1978

Bremer County

Her keen interest in current affairs keeps Virginia Becker abreast of the times. She is active in politics and works toward better government, taking a leadership role, such as a president of her party's women's organization and officer on the county central committee.

Mrs. Becker has been county Farm Bureau Women's chairman. She has also been chairman of the county Farm Bureau legislative committee as well as serving on various

policy making committees. She is now District 1 women's chairman on the state committee.

During her children's school years, Mrs. Becker served as a 4-H leader. She is a member of the Plainfield Methodist Church and serves as chairman of the pastoral committee. She has taught church school, been vice president of United Methodist Women, and served as mission coordinator of Christian social involvement.

Mrs. Becker has been a business teacher. She was a county deputy auditor for 9 years. She belongs to the Waverly hospital auxiliary and Plainfield American Legion and Amvets auxiliaries, county genealogy society, and county historical society.

The Beckers enjoy traveling both in the US and abroad. They have hosted a number of foreign students. On their farm, they raise livestock and grain and have a Grade A dairy herd. Mr. Becker is secretary of B & B Co-operative.

The Beckers have six children: Kathy (Mrs. Jim) Bobst, Hampton; Linda (Mrs. Dennis) Moeller, Readlyn; Bruce and Robert Jr.; Bremer county; Virginia (Mrs. Ron) Costa, Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Todd, Iowa City. The Beckers have seven grandchildren.

Elsie Kuehl - IMFH Class of 1978

Osceola County

Even though she is a devoted homemaker, Elsie Kuehl always seems to find time to work for community betterment.

For several years, she was county chairman and co-chairman of the Iowa Heart Association. In politics, Mrs. Kuehl is township precinct committeewoman, has been a delegate to state conventions, and former chairman of her party's county women's organization.

Mrs. Kuehl has dedicated many hours to activities of the American Lutheran Church in Melvin. These include Sunday school teacher, circle Bible study leader, Bible school teacher, Christian Woman Speaks (local radio show), Spencer Conference ALCW treasurer, former local ALCW general president, church library committee, and circle education secretary.

When her children were younger, she was a 4-H leader and a judge for 4-H activities. In 1970, she was named an honorary 4-H member in Osceola County for her outstanding contributions. She was president of band boosters.

Flower arrangements and table setting are a specialty of Mrs. Kuehl. They have won prizes at the county fair.

Other activities include Farm Bureau, former county women's chairman, and Osceola County Hospital Auxiliary.

The Kuehls do general farming. They have three children: David, Ochevedan; Diane (Mrs. James) Lechman, Bay Port, Minnesota.; Lynette (Mrs. Michael) Doyle, Harlan. There are three grandchildren.

Margaret Magill - IMFH Class of 1978

Cass County

Young people are dear to the heart of Margaret Magill. She served in 4-H for 13 years, moving from leader to county youth development committee to fair superintendent. She has taught Sunday school for 20 years. While committee chairman, she designed new school band uniforms.

The Magill's have made a home for their nieces and nephew from Thailand while they attended college. A foster son lived with them for 4 years while he was in high school.

Mrs. Magill's church activities are many. She leads Bible study at a retirement home, sings in the church choir, and serves on committees. She has been president of local United Presbyterian Women, Atlantic Church Women United, and Mariners. Mrs. Magill is a ruling elder.

Politics are also important to Mrs. Magill. She has served as township committeewoman and on the election board.

While serving an extended term as county CROP chairman, Mrs. Magill was cited with a distinguished service award. She is a past president of the Neighborhood Sew and So Club.

Their farm home was designed by Mrs. Magill for practicality and efficiency. They do general farming. The Magills like to keep in touch with old friends. For the past 19 years, the Magills have held at their home a reunion of former college friends and their families around July 4. The group has varied in number from 15 to 75.

Their daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. Val) Smith, lives in Des Moines. Their son, John, lives in Panora. Mel Campbell, their foster son, is in Waterloo.

Charlotte Mohr - IMFH Class of 1978

Scott County

Her pattern of community awareness and active involvement has carried over to members of Charlotte Mohr's family. They too are active participants in community affairs.

As a registered nurse, Mrs. Mohr helps out when needed. She participates in county health care, displaying leadership in the Red Cross, Mental Health Board, county TB and Health Association, Easter Seal Drive, and Cancer Association. She is on the board of Iowa Health Systems Agency.

Mrs. Mohr is serving her second 2-year term as state chairman of Iowa Farm Bureau Women. The Driver Improvement Association is one of her projects. She is active in AeWW, ewe, and politics.

She was a delegate to the ACWW meeting in Kenya, Africa. She has also been a delegate to the National Rural Health Conference. When she served on the county library board, she assisted in opening three additional branch libraries.

She is an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge. She has been a state officer of the Lutheran Church Women and is now serving on the executive board of the Iowa Synod of the Lutheran Church of America. She served as state women's chair for the greater Grand View College building fund.

The Mohrs have a grain and livestock farm. Mr. Mohr is past president of the Eldridge Cooperative Company and director of Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa.

The Mohrs have four children: Patricia (Mrs. Robert) Hendrickson, Poway, California; Margo (Mrs. David) Underwood, Mason City; Paul, West Branch; and Jerry, Scott county. There are two grandchildren.