

Kansas Master Farm Homemakers

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*I love your scenic Barkley Lake
And all you people by it.
Months on end in torrid heat
I've been looking forward to it.*

*Had I been born in your fair state
On a white fenced bluegrass farm,
Would I have greenbacks in the bank
And a huge tobacco barn?*

*Had you been born in my Sunflower State
Amid fields of waving wheat,
Would you be happy raising crops
That man and beast can eat?*

*Had you and I been a senator
Whom people would all acclaim,
Would they build a lake or dam
That some day would bear our name?*

*Had you or I been a president
Of a country large and great
Felt penitent and sorrowful
For a shameful watergate.*

*Since none of these has been our lot
We love you as you are
And feel that every one of you
Would rate extremely over par.*

KENTUCKY

OCTOBER 16 - 18, 1978



*We love your friendly people;
Our neighbors on the west.
Your mountains are beautiful
And your summers rate the best.*

*There was a time when Pike's Peak
Was within the Kansas border;
But to farm it on the contour
Posed a monumental order.*

*We are glad you got it back.
For farmers, all things are so high
And if inflation keeps on climbing
Pikes Peak may even pierce the sky.*

*Some things that cost so little
Yet mean so very much
Are the friendships we cherish
And warm hearts that we touch.*

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. OCTOBER 9 - 11, 1979

*Three times in eighteen years
We've met in your fair state.
As proof of honorary citizenship
We have a signed certificate.*

*Many things we share in common
Membership wasn't won by idle living.
We each are here rather because
We shared with others in giving.*

*You all know how hard 'tis been
To grow good crops in dust;
And waiting for a generous rain
Required much faith and trust.*

*GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 18-20, 1976*



We all have seen inflation grow
At what we hoped would be secure;
But what the future holds for us
No living person can be sure.

One thing of which we can be sure;
We have had a pleasant past.
The friends we've made among you
With us will forever last.

The Master Farm Homemakers Guild,
Now on its second fifty,
From all appearances seems to me
To be quite strong and thrifty.

There are good and valid reasons
So long as earth remains,
That your Guild will continue
To function and entertain.

But I think I can speak for the gentlemen
Who were permitted to tag along,
Have enjoyed all of your courtesies
As well as if they did belong.

We suggest you make arrangements
To come to Kansas in eighty-one
To the Holidome in Hutchinson
They'll have room for everyone.

BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA OCTOBER 6 - 9. 1980

I guess they'll have a change of heart.

SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 11-13, 1981



*We welcome you we've known for long
And also those we've met of late.
We are happy that you found your way
Here to our native Sunflower State.*

*There are many things for one to see
And hopefully some things to do.
There're always some new ideas one can get
That could be of interest to each of you.*

*We've enjoyed our vists to your home states
We hope your coming will prove the same.
When you return safely to your homes
We hope you feel you're glad you came.*

*There was a time I didn't know you
It hasn't been always that you knew me.
It's easier to remember your face than your name
It's my age, not nature, can't you agree?*

*Not far from my home is a cabin bare
Where Higley wrote "Home on the Range".
I changed the words but not the tune
To show how time, a land can change.*

HUTCHINSON

OCTOBER 10 - 13, 1981





At a family welcome center
I picked up a unique recipe,
"How to cook or fry the peanut"
And prepare it to a "T".

You can roast 'em; you can broast 'em,
Or you boil them in the shell.
You can eat them shelled and salted,
Also peanut butter, too is swell.

You might like them sugar coated
Or as Southern peanut pie.
But bypass the garlic flavored
For your romance sure will die.

This year is somewhat different
Jelly Bellies now the style.
You may lose Social Security
And have to struggle for a while.

But grieve not for the good ole days
That once were in your reach;
Now you may wade or swim the Atlantic
At most beautiful Myrtle Beach.

With Betty Buff now at the helm
Of the mighty Homemakers Guild
There isn't the slightest bit of fear
Our needs will not be filled.

At first the South turned down bussing
With it they'd have no part;
But the way Betty bussed Gov. Carlin
I guess they've had a change of heart.

SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 11-13, 1981



*Six years ago we visited your state
And found your corn badly burned.
It's sad to find conditions much the same
Today when we have returned.*

*At home we had a belated spring
But abundant rain made super wheat.
Rains ceased then at harvest time
And corn prospects succumbed to heat.*

*We survived the dirty thirties
When often dust would hide the sun.
And we're not about to let this depression
Prevent us from having a little fun.*

IOWA OCTOBER 9-11, 1983

*Three times we've been to South Carolina
A most pleasant place to be.
Each time we visit your state
There is something new to see.*

*The first time down at Charlestown
Historic to extreme,
Carlyle took us to Ft. Sumpter
To a battlefield, twould seem.*

*Neva Goodman, efficient President
Had every detail in tow.
She originated a hearty breakfast
And invited the men to go.*

*In '76 we went to Greenville,
'Twas National election year,
When peanuts in the White House
Caused Republicans much fear.*



LIFE IS NOT A BED OF ROSES

*Life is not a bed of roses
One has burdens he must bear;
But it makes one's trouble lighter
When he knows that others care.*

*Sickness isn't always pleasant;
But, there's no need for despair
If he knows he'll be remembered
By a host of friends that care.*

*If there are problems and temptations
Take them to the Lord in prayer.
If your faith's as little children
One can find Him anywhere.*

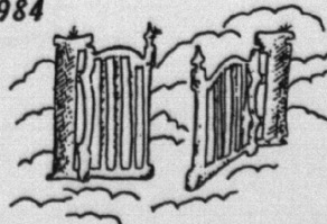
*Death may end one's earthly troubles.
There's no sorrow over there.
Won't be hard to get acquainted
If one's talked to God in prayer.*

*Heaven's gained one of your members
Since at last we met in Ames.
Vivian's with us here in spirit.
Only her address has changed.*

*I learned just last evening
Mr. Rankin isn't living any more.
I am confident that he too
Has passed through Heaven's door.*

*One will not be seen in person
As he had been seen before;
But might very well be present
In the Spirit even more.*

OWENSBURG, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 1984





*It seems like its been a way of life
To meet with you at your conventions.
For years I've made attempts in verse
To thank you for your kind attention.*

*At first the attendance by the men
Was precious few indeed.
But now men attend in droves
Reluctant to miss the feed.*

*The MFH at first would meet
Wherever the Extension met.
The percentage of the men
Was even smaller yet.*

*Now that Extension and the Guild
Have gone their separate ways
The squaws find their numbers
Not much greater than the braves.*

*Last year I had a pleasant time
Steaming on the Ohio River.
For the privilege of that trip
I thanked the Holy Giver.*

*Many thanks to you and Him
I'm here a full mile high.
I shall not forget your kindness
Till the very day I die.*

COLORADO

OCTOBER 17 - 19, 1985



Whatever will be will be.
The future's not ours to see.
The past we enjoyed together
Your friendships meant much to me.

My wife says I should stay home
That now I am just too old.
What do I have to fear
I've had my annual bad cold.

It is hard to forgo the pleasure
We've enjoyed the past thirty years.
There comes a time in each life
Twilight suddenly appears.

Often I have made the remark
There's nothing like a good friend.
On this note I feel compelled
To you this message to send.

To you who are fortunate to go
Would you care to drop me a line
Confirming how much I'd missed
By failing to make it this time.

If my wife proves to be right
And my hopes turn out wrong
Just consider these feeble lines
To be John's final swan song.

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA OCTOBER 2-4, 1986

To I go back and see
I know she'll love me
Oh, God in Heaven and all
But I've got to go home

SEPTEMBER 4, 1971



**MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER'S GUILD
1987**

*Of all the states, but six
Are active and still growing
Each of their lovely members
A friend we should be knowing.*

*If you come to the "Garden" alone
When the dew is still on the roses
I predict you'll not feel alone
When the Guild sessions are closing.*

*I've attended the National meetings
Since the year nineteen fifty-six.
It really gets into your blood
And year after year seems to stick.*

*Will Rogers oft times remarked
"I've never met a man I don't like."
I must say the same about the ladies
Bill, let us treat them all alike.*

*Kansas women are no exception
I have a native Kansan for my wife.
A school marm when I met her
Over fifty years she led a farmer's life.*

*Mooney married a miner's daughter
I married a preacher's.
Mooney's became a millionaire
Mine, a lifetime Sunday School teacher.*



TO MY WIFE

60th Anniversary

There never was another you
Those kind of girls were very few.
In my life there were but two;
One was my mother and the other you.

There never will be another you.
A wife as loyal to me as you.
No other person has been more true
And been as efficient in what you do.

It's been many years since first we met;
But as years are added, the closer we get.
For the choice I made I've no regret,
The girl I married was a winning bet.

TO MY WIFE

I think that I shall never see
An angel more loyal than my wife to me.

Heaven sent to me she came
And for life assumed my name.
Three times a day she gave me bread.
Seven days a week she made my bed.
Twelve months a year she brot me cheer.
And that's gone on for fifty years.
If she goes first and I'm left here
'Twill be a lonesome place I fear.
If I go first and she remain
I know she'll come to me again.
Oh, God of Heaven and of earth
Reserve for us a Heavenly berth.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1971



TO HANNAH

65th Anniversary

You were my queen in calico
When we were wed in twenty-one.
I found no one I'd trade you for
You for me are the only one.

When the minister asked me this
"Will you take this woman for better or worse?"
I'd made up my mind and answered thus
"I will, regardless how much is in her purse."

Money was farthest from my mind.
I wanted a mate that was truly kind;
Beautiful outside and within
And in addition a brilliant mind.

God gave me a mate - His choice and mine
We had plenty to eat; little to spend;
Prayed through drouth rain would come
And had hope the depression would end.

Now after these 65 years
Activities slowed, yet of good cheer.
We have been sustained and have no fear
And thank God we are still here.



AGE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

*Life is not a bed of roses
But it can be beautiful,
If one sees the bright side
And fails to note the dull.*

*Age may mellow dispositions
Make us more aware of friends
And find that more will miss us
When our earthly sojourn ends.*

*Tho one's eyes and ears fail them
What a blessing it is to find
That persons living in their nineties
Have all faculties of mind.*

*Gone are days of neighborly visits
Once the spice of Pioneer life.
Return to that old time custom
And ease some current strife.*

LIFE BEGINS AT SIXTY

*When your hair has turned to silver
And your mouth is filled with gold
Don't sit down in your rocker
Like a pup whose tail is cold.*

*There is nothing like a hobby
To keep one feeling young;
And when one reaches sixty
Life may have just begun.*

*Have no regrets for growing old
Millions didn't have that chance.
Just stop a moment and reflect
How those extra years enhance.*



A PENNY SAVED

*Raindrops on the shingles
Makes a streamlet in the drain.
Pennies earned on every dollar
Is like an umbrella in the rain.*

PLACES AVAILABLE

*Age may cramp some people's style
And make them feel unwanted
The world will always have a place
For folks with energy undaunted.*

*Children hate a thing called work
But work much harder at play.
Oldsters do the things they like
Thruout the livelong day.*

KEEP EACH PROMISE

*Keep your head above the water.
Keep your feet on solid ground.
Keep the promise that you make
Folks will love to have you around.*

WHERE THERE'S NEED THERE'S A WAY

*Layers of rock a million years
Lay beneath the virgin sod
Till Pioneers had a need for posts
That would never never rot.*

*Man first got water from a well.
With a bucket and a rope.
Later his offspring built a pump
That raised water with each stroke.*



SAVE ENERGY

Valentines are for the kids
And for young lovers, too
Who wish to show their love
Still holds like Elmer's glue.

If romance is in your heart
When you reach seventy nine
Save all the energy you can
Just send her a valentine.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS

If you have a special talent
Share it with your friends.
Don't hoard these gifts of God
Only toward financial ends.

Some may feel they have no talents
But there's few bereft of some
They have only failed to use them.
Unused muscles weak become.

FLOWERS PREFERENCE

Many lovely flowers I like
But gardenias I like best.
They fill a room with sweet perfume
Excelling all the rest.



WHEN I'M GONE

Friends don't splurge for my funeral
When my soul's gone out to sea.
If there were no praise while living
Then it is too late for me.

Words of sympathy and comfort
May dry up a family tear;
But whatever now is spoken
It's too late for me to hear.

If I deserve a remembrance
Of the things for which I stood
Write these words on my foot stone
"He really tried to do some good."

THE MAGIC OF A SMILE

A frown can cast a shadow
That will last for quite a while,
But a room will glow like sunshine
When you get a pleasant smile.

A bouquet of flowers is lovely
But soon they fade away.
A smile will be remembered
When the donor's gone away.

A smile can be contagious
And affect one passing by;
But if it doesn't register
It's surely worth a try.

Now if you chance to get a smile
Return it with good grace
Regardless whether he or she
Be from another race.



*You may not speak the language
Of the stranger that you meet;
But a smile will make him welcome
He'll bow down at your feet.*

SHE SMILED

*The world has long been waiting
For a language universal.
Music seems to fill a need
For one not controversial.*

*The oldest language is a smile
Known since the world began.
Eve used this speechless word
When first she met her man.*

*When one is sick or lonely
And may feel he's out of style
There's nothing like the magic
Of a pretty pleasant smile.*

THE MASTER PAINTER

*You can stand and view the paintings
Of the greatest Artist of them all,
While he paints amazing landscapes
As the leaves turn brown in fall.*

*Thus the Artist mixes colors
To create a lovely scene.
The colors that He uses
In the spring are shades of green.*



*The browns and gold of Autumn
Seem to be beyond compare.
Can one doubt the Master Painter's
Presence isn't everywhere?*

*Some folks may call it nature
That makes a plant spring from a clod
And keeps the season changing
But I'm sure it's really God.*

FACE TO FACE

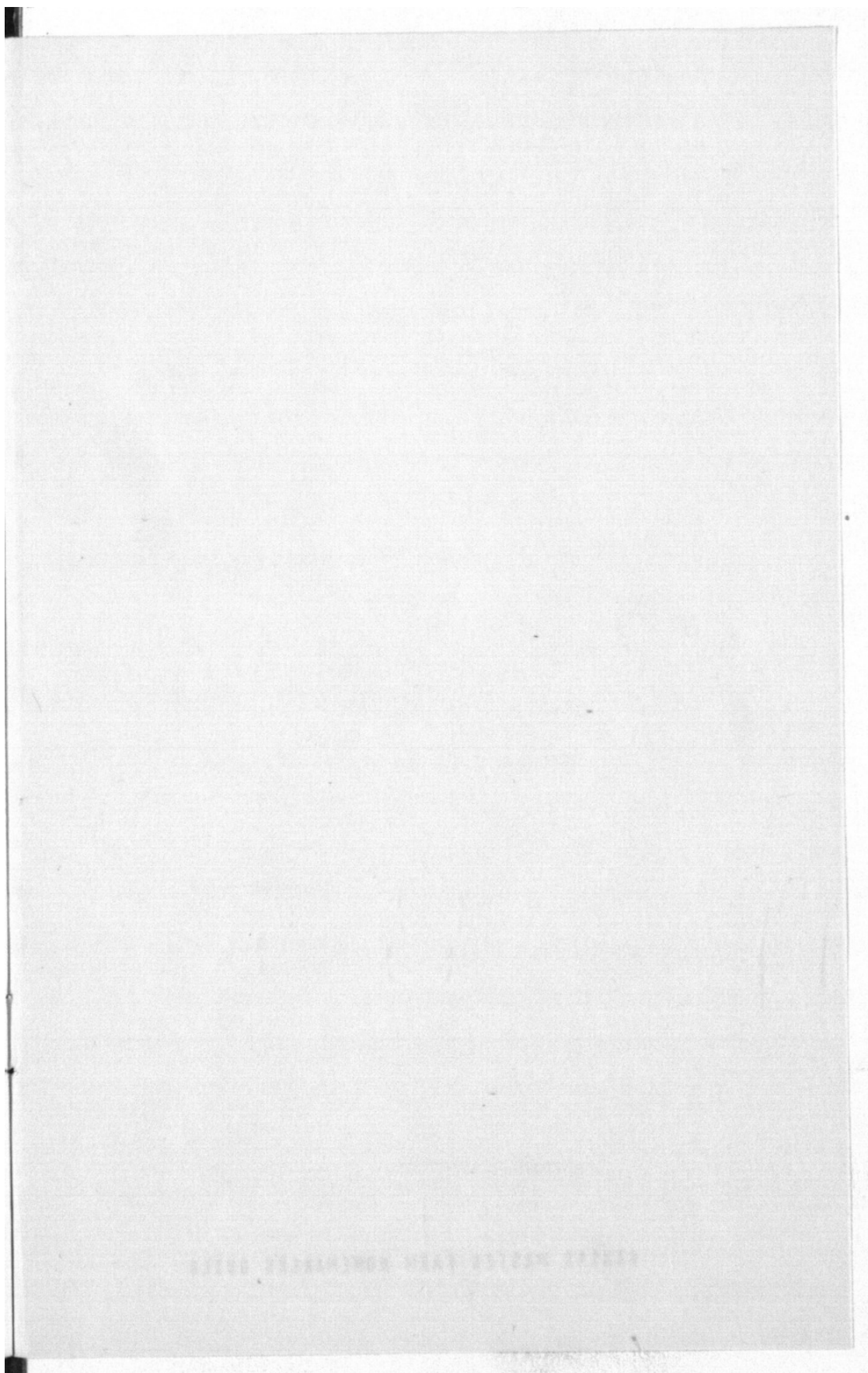
*In this world of crime and violence
Where injustice is rampant
You may want to up and stop it
But you find you really can't.*

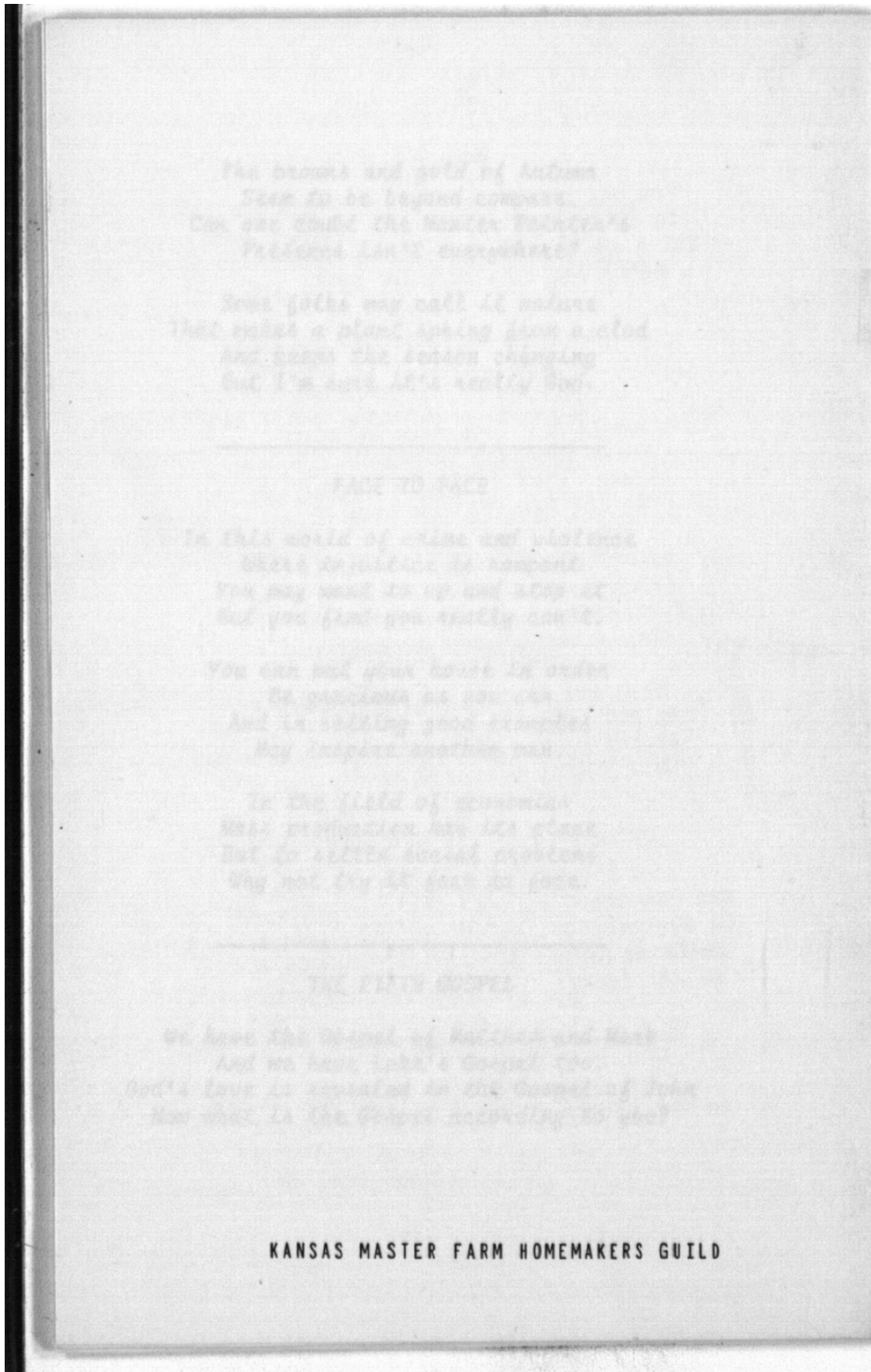
*You can put your house in order
Be gracious as you can
And in setting good examples
May inspire another man.*

*In the field of economics
Mass production has its place
But to settle social problems
Why not try it face to face.*

THE FIFTH GOSPEL

*We have the Gospel of Matthew and Mark
And we have Luke's Gospel too.
God's love is revealed in the Gospel of John
Now what is the Gospel according to you?*





Kansas Master Farm Homemakers



Bus tour members from Kansas for the National Master Homemaker's annual meeting in Clemson, South Carolina, Oct. 1988

(back row)	(front row)
Kenneth Kaiser	Vera Kaiser
Gus Hinnergardt	Mildred Stoskopf
Joe Hanks	Louise Otte
Harold Frasier	Alma Lauer
Ray Cudney	Roylynn Hanks
John Hamon	Joy Cudney
Kenton Rife	Katie Bauer
	Margaret Heinz

Not in picture
Berneice Hinnergardt
Paul and Helen Mears
Bertha Hamon



CWC 50th Anniversary, 1988
Vancouver, WA
The National Master Farm Homemaker women wore hats and gloves and told of highlights of the past.

Left to right--
Betty Buff, SC, Past National Pres.

Thelma Johnson, Iowa
Fayola Muchow, SD, Past National Pres.

Caroline Ingels, Iowa, Past National Pres.
Gerry Stoutner, Calif. Past National Pres.

Mary Moore, New Mexico
Twila Nunemaker, KS.- Past National Treas.; and Sec. of CWC.
Seated left to right--
Helen Neese, VA and Shirley Woody--U.S.A. Area Pres.



Sept. 18, 1889
CWC Annual Meeting, Kansas City
Twila Nunemaker, Registration
Chairman
Melba McIntosh, LA
Christal Thompson

Country Women's Council

Twila Nunemaker, Langdon, attended a steering committee meeting April 13 to 16 in Kansas City, Mo., for Country Women's Council USA.

The council will be host for the international meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World's Triennial Conference Sept. 20 to Oct. 1. Two hundred delegates will attend the 19th triennial conference.

The Country Women's Council will have its annual meeting two days prior to the triennial conference.

Linda Reinhardt, Erie, chairman of Kansas Farm Bureau, and Pauline Nunemaker, Lawrence, president of Kansas Extension Homemakers Council, also attended the planning meeting. *April 26, 1989*



ACWW Triennial Conference
Chorus
Sept. 1989, Kansas City, MO
Margaret Heinz, KS--Third from
left on back row.
Joy Cudney--Fifth from right on
fourth row.



ACWW Triennial Conference
Sept. 18-Oct. 1, 1989
Shirley Woody--Area President
Dr. Ellen McLean--
ACWW World President
Melba McIntosh--
Steering Committee
Helen Neese--
Secretary CWC





Class of 1988

Kansas

**Master Farmer
and
Master Farm
Homemaker**



Welcome Class of 1988

The Kansas Master Farmer organization and the Master Farm Homemaker Guild were formed in the late 1920s to give public recognition for excellence in farming, home-making, farm living, and rural citizenship. Initially, the program was sponsored by the Kansas Farmer magazine, and recognition was given to individuals, as opposed to farm couples as is the case today. In 1953, Kansas State University, through the Cooperative Extension Service, assumed responsibility for handling the details of selecting Master Farm couples and setting up the recognition banquet. Since 1957, the program has been sponsored by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, again in cooperation with the Extension Service, and spouses of members selected prior to 1953 have been offered membership. Selection of Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemaker couples is accomplished through the five Extension administrative districts. County Extension Councils submit nominees to the director of Extension who appoints a committee to pick one couple from each area. Selection of a sixth couple is rotated among the five areas. This year the southwest area is represented by two couples.

As the 1988 Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers, you have proven that you possess the high standards of achievement that have made Kansas farming what it is today. Your fellow Kansans are proud of you, and your fellow members welcome you to the Kansas Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemaker organization.



PROGRAM

Friday, March 17, 1989

Edward G. Bruske, Toastmaster
President and Chief Executive Officer
Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Invocation

Marvin McReynolds
Chaplain, Master Farmer Association
Class of 1976

Introduction of Guests

Edward Bruske

Recognition of Class of 1963

Stanley D. Farlin
Associate Director of Extension

Mrs. Edna Roepke, Riley County
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Otte, Barton County
Mr. and Mrs. Don Hildebrand, Meade County
Mrs. Fern Dickerson, Labette County
Mrs. Violet Carroll Wild, Ness County

Introduction of Class of 1988

Edward Bruske
Rex Childs
Agri-Service Director, KFDI Radio Station

Welcome to Class of 1988

Mrs. Eileen Frasier
President, Master Farm Homemaker Guild
Class of 1980

Wayne Stoskopf
President, Master Farmers Association
Class of 1975





Harold and Wilma Heitschmidt Osborne County

When Harold and Wilma Heitschmidt married in 1939, they bought a small radio and stand on time. Payments were so hard to make then, they vowed, "Never again!" So, except for land or livestock they've never borrowed.

They began farming in 1941, renting 560 acres to raise sheep, crops, chickens, turkeys and a few milk cows. They bought 960 acres in 1943 and moved into a dilapidated four-room house, using newspapers to seal air cracks on the floor before laying linoleum. That year they also joined the Farm Management Association and remain members.

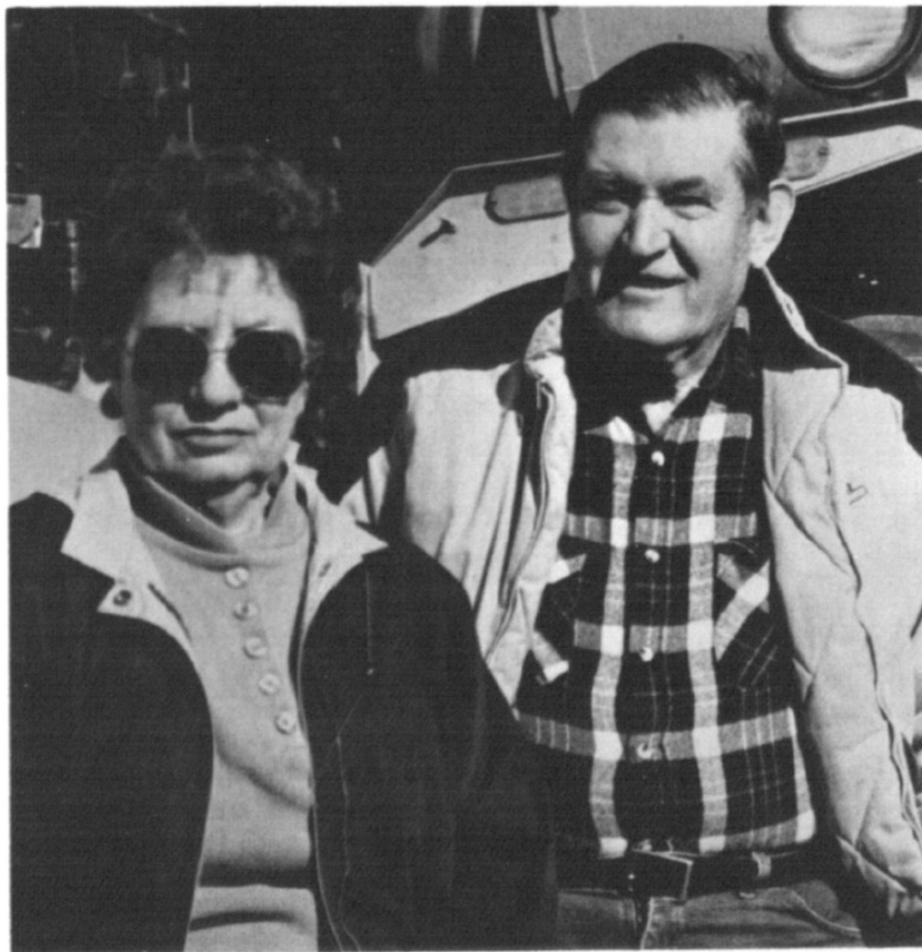
The following year they bought another 80 acres and by the 1960s, they had 230 breeding ewes and a 35-cow beef breeding herd. Harold contour-farmed 170 acres and terraced 380 cultivated acres grown to wheat, grain, alfalfa and silage sorghum.

In 1950 they built a new brick home and hosted a Dutch farm exchange student, who became a lifelong friend. In 1969 they opened their home to a minority child from Kansas City, Tina Taylor, now living in California. More recently they "adopted" two elderly residents of Parkview Care Manor.

The Heitschmidts have been active in sheep and livestock associations and leaders in church, community, 4-H and Extension and farm organizations.

Their children are Roger, who operates Heitschmidt Futures Group in Wichita; Rodney, research coordinator at the Texas Experiment Station; and Elaine, of Watertown, S.D., a former teacher of handicapped children. They have seven grandchildren.

Since selling their 160-acre farmstead near Natoma in 1981, the Heitschmidts have made their home in Osborne.





Howard and Ruth Hodgson Rice County

Rearing six children and operating a farm in Little River meant that Howard and Ruth Hodgson learned to spend time with their family instead of money.

When the couple was married in 1948, they took over the land from Howard's father, who was among the first group of Kansas Master Farmers in 1927. The land had been homesteaded by Howard's grandfather in 1871. Howard and Ruth began farming in 1949 on 640 acres and today, in a partnership with son Kendall, they operate 2,358 acres, some rented, in dryland wheat, sorghum and soybeans.

With their Soil Conservation District plan completed, they have nine farm ponds and 834 acres terraced. In the last 10 years, they have reseeded nearly 38 acres of cropland to pasture. They also manage a cowherd of over 100 head along with feeder calves.

To make room for a growing family of three boys and three girls, the Hodgsons replaced the original homestead with a ranch style house, protected behind a windbreak they established. Later a shop, machinery storage, cattle shelter and fence-line concrete feed bunks with woven wire corrals and cattle pens were added.

Much of the design and construction expertise came from Howard's agricultural engineering degree from K-State. Ruth also is a KSU graduate, in home economics. Five of their six children hold K-State degrees; their youngest daughter Traci is an honor student at the University of Kansas. Other children are Joe, 37; twins Merilene and Melinda, 36; Kim, 34; and Kendall, 33.

They were an active 4-H family and took part in the 4-H LABO program. For his community service, Howard received the Citizen of the Year award from the Lions Club. The historical society, schools, church, nursing home and the ASCS have been recipients of his civic-minded spirit. He has served 12 years as Rice County commissioner.

