

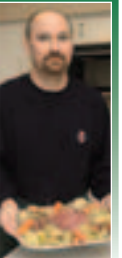
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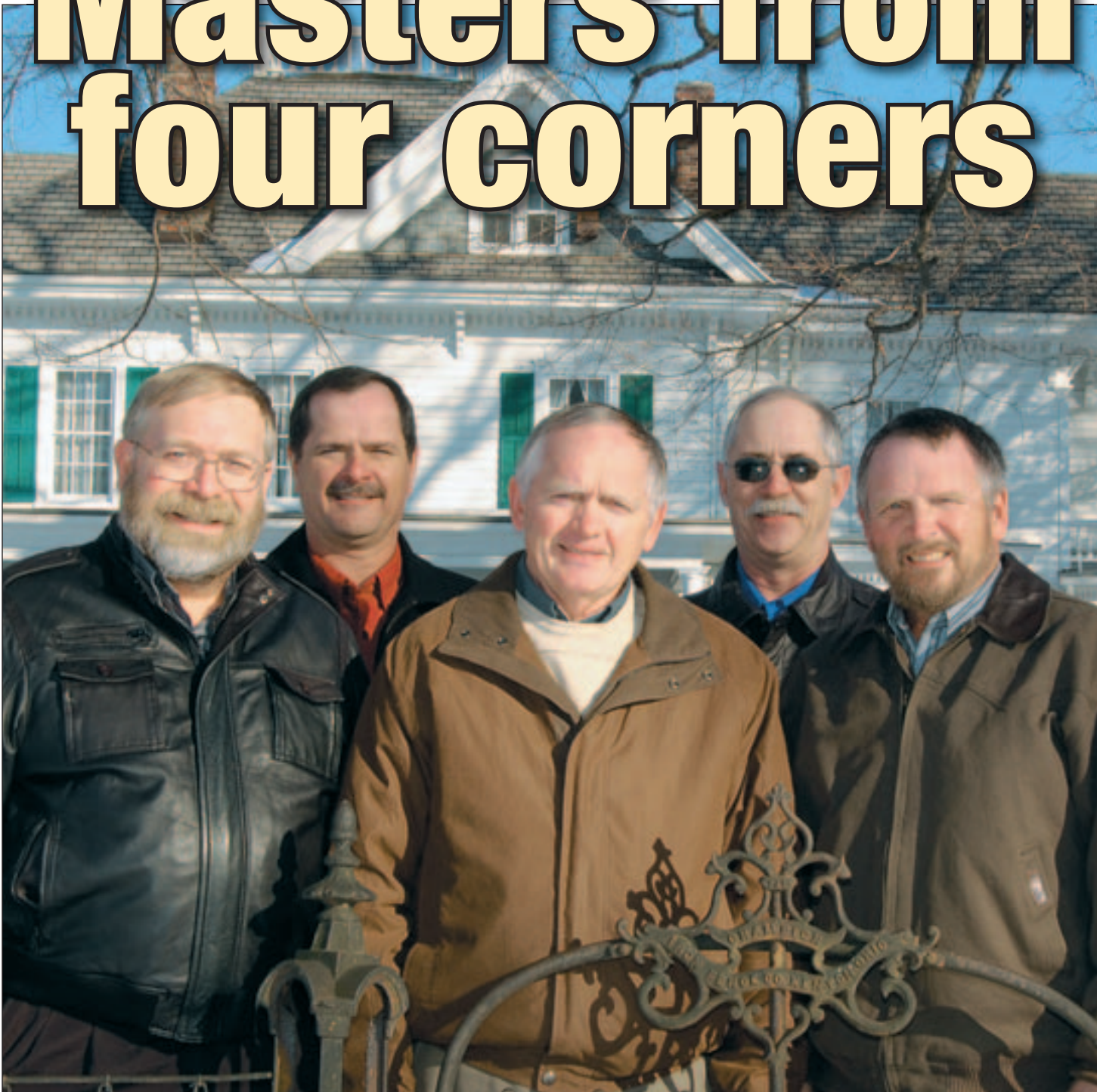
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### They said it



"Kent Schleich has demonstrated commitment and leadership in promoting agriculture at the local, state and national level. As president of the Illinois Farm Bureau, I've witnessed his hard work and dedication in serving fellow farmers and the agriculture industry."

— Phil Nelson,  
2001 Master Farmer

"Over the years, as I have read the articles on Master Farmers, there is usually one area that makes them stand out. To me, what makes Rick Nelson deserving of the distinction of Master Farmer is his leadership and service to others."



— Jim Niewold,  
2004 Master Farmer



"I've known Randy Lambdin since he was a youngster. I've been thinking about nominating him for several years now. A lot of people farm, but they don't do too much community service. Randy does it all."

— Sonny Eddleman,  
1989 Master Farmer

"Doug and Tom Block are superb at sharing the message of what ag is doing right. We need more farmers like them because animal ag is under a lot of pressure these days. They are outstanding ambassadors for agriculture in many ways."



— Bruce Johnson,  
Stephenson County  
Farm Bureau manager



CONGRATULATIONS: *Prairie Farmer's* 2009 Master Farmers are (from left) Rick Nelson, Paxton; Randy Lambdin, Wolf Lake; Doug Block, Pearl City; Kent Schleich, Fairview; and Tom Block, Pearl City. The Master Farmers stand in front of the historic Funk Prairie Home, built in 1863 by LaFayette Funk. The home, located near Funks Grove, has been restored to its original condition.

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