1980 International Rice Festival honorees named

CROWLEY
The 1980 International Rice Festival will honor Winston "Skeet" Attebury for his long support of the rice industry. Attebury has been involved in the rice industry since 1929 when he began farming on a 1,223-acre family farm.

Since 1943 he has been involved in the processing and marketing and he is currently president of the Louisiana Rice Council and vice-president of the National Rice Council for Market Development.

"Farmer of the Year" for the 1980 Rice Festival will be Larry Sarver of Lyons Point. He began farming as a senior at Crowley High School, planting 45 acres as an FFA project.

The operation has grown steadily and he now farms 725 acres of rice and 1,150 acres of soybeans. His rice cultural practices are excellent and he believes in systematic marketing. In 1980 he brought his 18-year-old son Tommy into the family partnership with him.

Wade Paul Richard, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Richard of Lyons Point, has been named Junior Farmer of the Year for the 1980 Rice Festival.

Wade and his family operate a 750-acre rice and soybean farm along with a grain trucking business. He is presently enrolled at LSU, majoring in agricultural engineering, but his interest in farming began in eighth grade when he began a rice cart operator on his father's farm.

He has been active in 4-H, as a president of local and parish executive boards, won state honors in 4-H contests, attended regional and national meetings, and participated in cultural exchange programs.

Wade has also been involved in FFA, serving as chapter president, receiving the chapter farmer degree in 1977 and the state farmer degree in 1979.

He was active in student council, Key Club, band, math and science clubs, was named to the Phi Beta Kappa, and was president of the Outdoors Club.

The who's who of the National Honor Society. He and his family are members of St. John the Baptist Parish, Lyons Point, and he was recipient of the Outstanding Catholic Youth Award for 1980 from the Louisiana Knights of Columbus.

Street dance, bands to play
A special feature of this year's Rice Festival will be a street dance, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Mid-Festival platform. The dance will take place inside a fenced-in area and will cost $2 per person.

Wade Paul Richard
Jr. Farmer of the Year

Larry Sarver
Farmer of the Year

Winston "Skeet" Attebury Sr.
Rice Festival Honoree

Beth Meaux, Eunice,
1979 Rice Festival Queen

Children's King and Queen for the 1979 Rice Festival

Erin Scott Thomas of Rayne and Nina Anne Melancon of Crowley