FOURTY-FIRST INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL

"Rice Capital of America"

CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

October 21st and 22nd, 1977

JOHN E. BROUSSARD .................................................. PRESIDENT
L. J. DAILEY .................................................. PRESIDENT ELECT
BILL WILLIAMS .................................................. GENERAL CHAIRMAN

This year the International Rice Festival is celebrating its 41st Anniversary. Since the inauguration on October 5, 1937, as the National Rice Festival, over four million people have attended the International Rice Festival. The first National Rice Festival was held in connection with the city's observance of its Golden Jubilee. After being suspended during the war years, the event was staged in 1946 as the International Rice Festival and Crowley, and Acadia Parish played host to nations from all over the world. Since 1946, the Festival has been sponsored as an annual two (2) day affair. Our celebration serves to call attention to the importance of rice as a food and emphasize its place in the world's economic picture. In 1958 the association was set up on a sustaining membership basis. The celebration would not be possible without the financial contributions from industry, businesses, and individuals. A very special recognition must be given to the many volunteer workers who have given of their time and talents to make this event the success that is each year. It's our hope that you will enjoy our celebration and come back to visit with us again in the future.

OCTOBER 20th

The International Rice Festival honors the Festival Honoree, Rice Farmer of the Year, and the Junior Rice Farmer of the Year. It is held annually the night before the two (2) day event starts at the International Rice Festival Building in Crowley.

OCTOBER 21st

The first day of the International Rice Festival is recognized by many as "Children's Day". A number of special events will be presented which include the official opening of the Festival by the President, crowning of the Junior King and Queen that morning, presentation of candidates for the International Rice Festival Queen and the crowning of the Queen that afternoon, and the Children's Parade. The Livestock Show begins with the judging of the livestock in the morning at the Rice Festival Livestock Barn. The day is brought to a close with the Annual Queen's Ball held at the International Rice Festival Building.

OCTOBER 22nd

The International Rice Festival continues to be Louisiana's oldest and largest festival, as is signified by the large attendance. Last year over 125,000 people attended the affair. Special highlights of the day include the Fourth Annual International Rice Festival Marathon, a 26 mile run from Lafayette to Crowley, with some of the world's most famous runners. Some other highlights of the day include the International Rice Festival Acadian Accordion Contest, Rice and Boudin Eating Contest, the Rayne Lions Club Frog Derby, the Grand Parade, and an old time "Fais-Do-Do."

FRONT COVER
MISS TARA ANNE HARGROVE
1976 INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Hargrove
Oakdale, Louisiana
1977 INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvest festival celebrations are social rituals which have existed as long as man has existed. Historians tell us these early celebrations centered around a joyous communal thanksgiving which included music and dancing.

By comparison, modern festivals assume the same essential characteristics of the originals. Today, man continues to give thanks, to rejoice, to dance, to play music through his festivals. Also, man continues to celebrate festivals as a community event.

This year, the community of the rice industry celebrates the International Rice Festival at Crowley for the forty-first time. As the state's oldest agricultural celebration, the Rice Festival enjoys widespread community involvement which has resulted in the Rice Festival's singular popularity and growth.

To continue as a premier harvest celebration demands continued community involvement. Community implies every family, every municipality, every organization, every business, every industry which is related either directly or indirectly with the rice industry. Such involvement and support benefits both the community and the rice industry.

Enjoy this forty-first International Rice Festival. Take part in the thanksgiving, the rejoicing, the music, the dancing.

Remember, to MANGEZ PLUS DE RIZ!

JOHN E. BROUSSARD
PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL

1977 FESTIVAL HONOREE

The 41st International Rice Festival recognizes Dr. T. H. (Ted) Johnston as its honoree.

Dr. Johnston was born and educated in Nebraska and received his M.Sc. degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 1942. He served 39 years in the U.S. Army in World War II and was discharged as a Captain, Field Artillery, in 1946. He served on the Agronomy staff of Oklahoma State University for 7 years, during which time he earned his Ph.D. degree in crop breeding from Iowa State University, Ames. He moved to Stuttgart, Arkansas, in 1953.

Currently a Research Agronomist and Research and Location Leader for the Rice Production and Weed Control Research at the University of Arkansas Rice Branch Experiment Station at Stuttgart, Arkansas, he has served over 33 years in federal and state government agencies during which time he was involved in the development of many varieties of small grains (wheat, oats, barley and rice). The honoree is an acknowledged national and international authority in the field of rice production and varietal improvement. Johnston has presented numerous technical papers and participated in international symposia and other international meetings in Tokyo, Japan; Manila, Philippines; Teheran, Iran; Rome, Italy; Lake Charles, La.; and Washington, D.C. He represented the U.S. State Department at several of these meetings.

As the national ARS Technical Advisor for rice production, Dr. Johnston maintains close contact with numerous ARS and state rice researchers and administrators. He confers often with National Program Staff scientist and program evaluation personnel and administrators in ARS and in State Agricultural Experiment Stations in evaluating research proposals in most all phases of rice research in the U.S. and potential PL-480 research projects on rice in other countries.

Dr. Johnston organizes and moderates the annual Rice Variety Improvement Research Evaluation and Planning Conference involving State and Federal researchers, he works closely with Cooperative Extension Service specialists and with scientists in other governmental agencies and leading representatives of the Rice Industry. He has made important contributions in the development of improved cultural practices, especially the proper distribution, rate and timing of nitrogen fertilizers.

Being very active in the affairs of the Rice Technical Working Group since 1964, he has served as secretary-program chairman, chairman, and since 1973, as ARS-administrative advisor. He received the Group's Distinguished Service Award "in grateful recognition and appreciation for devotion to duty and loyal service to the American Rice Industry".

Johnston is a member of several professional and honorary societies in agriculture. He has received several outstanding awards which include: 1963-Fellow, American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science; 1968-Fellow, American Society of Agronomy; and 1973-Certificate of Merit and Quality Increase, USDA-ARS. He is listed in American Men and Women of Science.

Married to the former Marian Swanson, the couple has two sons.

DR. T. H. (Ted) JOHNSTON
1977 HONOREE
INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1977

7:30 p.m. SENIOR CITIZENS BALL. Rice Festival Building.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1977

Rice Festival Banquet
7:30 p.m. Banquet honoring Festival Honoree, Rice Farmer of the Year and Junior Farmer of the Year. Introduction of Visiting Queens and Contestants for International Rice Festival Queen. Rice Festival Building. Tickets $5.00 per person.

Friendship Hour 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1977

8:30 a.m. Opening of Livestock Show by 1977 International Rice Festival President, Mr. John E. Broussard. Livestock Exhibition Building. West Mill Street.
8:35 a.m. Judging of Livestock. Exhibition Building.
9:00 a.m. ENTERTAINMENT from Main Platform. Dixieland Band. 8th Naval District, New Orleans.
10:00 a.m. Special Festival Religious Service. Crowley Ministerial Alliance. Festival Platform.
10:00 a.m. CREOLE COOKING CONTEST: Rice Festival Building. Exquisite creole cuisine prepared by men and women from throughout Southwest La. and Texas. These dishes are prepared from rice and rice by-products.
10:30 a.m. Official opening of the Festival by Mr. John E. Broussard, 1977 International Rice Festival President. Festival Platform.
Remarks by Mr. Don Earles, President of the Crowley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Festival Platform.
Introduction and remarks by Miss Tara Hargrove, 1976 International Rice Festival Queen. Festival Platform.
Introduction of Honoree, Rice Farmer of the Year, and Jr. Farmer of the Year. Festival Platform.
AWARDS FOR CHAMPION RICE VARIETIES. Festival Platform.
AWARDS FOR WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST. Festival Platform.
10:50 a.m. CHILDREN'S QUEEN & KING: Presentation of candidates for Children's Queen and King. These young ladies and men represent the first and second grades of Acadia Parish Schools. Festival Platform.
11:45 a.m. CROWNING OF CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN & KING by Dr. & Mrs. John A. Bertrand, Supt. of Acadia Parish Schools. Festival Platform.
12:00 noon BOUDIN EATING CONTEST: Sponsored by the Crowley Kiwanis Club and Boudin King of Jennings. The Boudin Eating Contest was inaugurated last year and proved to be another outstanding event of the International Rice Festival. Boudin, which is made with rice, is a great favor here in Southwest Louisiana. Contestants will be required to eat the boudin and the winner will be determined by how much he eats. Festival Platform.
12:45 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT from Festival Platform. Dixieland Band. 8th Naval District, New Orleans.
1:20 p.m. AWARDS FOR CREOLE COOKING CONTEST. Festival Platform.
AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL "CHEF DE RIZ". Festival Platform.
1:30 p.m. CHILDREN'S PARADE - Theme - Nursery Rhymes - This one hour spectacular adds color and glamour to the Festival. Rice is used in making of the floats and the decorations. The parade route is from the Courthouse to Second Street then up Parkerson Ave. to the Courthouse.
2:30 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT by "Ricettes". Official Rice Festival dancing group. Festival Platform.
2:55 p.m. PRESENTATION OF VISITING QUEENS. These Visiting Queens represent Fairs and Festivals from La. & Texas. Festival Platform.
3:00 p.m. INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEENS CONTEST. Presentation of candidates for 1977 Festival Queen. These young ladies have been judged throughout the morning, this presentation being the last stage of judging to select the 1977 Queen.
3:30 p.m. CROWNING OF THE 1977 INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN. Festival Platform.
4:00 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT by Sons & Daughters. Festival Platform.
5:00 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT by Camey Doucet. Festival Platform.
7:30 p.m. QUEENS BALL. Presentation of the 1977 international Rice Festival Queen and her Royal Court, followed by the Queen's Ball. Music by "The Harmon Drew Group". Admission $6.00 per person. Rice Festival Building.

VISIT THE RICE FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday — Oddfellows Road & Highway 1111
Special thanks to the 8th Naval District Band, New Orleans, the Country Empire Navy Band, Memphis, and the 4th Aircraft Wing Marine Drum and Bugle Corp., New Orleans.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1977

9:00 a.m.  FOURTH INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL MARATHON. Marathon will start in Lafayette to Crowley. A total distance of 26 miles, 385 yards. AAU certified marathon. Race will end at Main Platform in Crowley at approximately 10:15.

8:00 a.m.  JUNIOR RICE COOKING DEMONSTRATION. The art of cooking rice dishes with at least one cup of rice included. Rice Festival Building.

8:30 a.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by Dixieland Band. 8th Naval, District, New Orleans. Festival Platform.

9:00 a.m.  CHILDREN’S GREASED PIG AND TUG OF WAR CONTEST. Sponsored by International Rice Festival and "Mr. C". Old Miller Stadium. West Mill Street. Awards given.

9:30 a.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by Country Empire. Country & Western music from Navy Band, Memphis. Festival Platform.

10:00 a.m.  "THE RIFLEMAN". Expert rifle shooting by the Honorable Harold H. Terry, Sheriff, Parish of Caddo. Pony League Park, next to livestock barn, West Mill Street.

10:15 a.m.  CONCERT by the Crowley High School Band, Rollie Mayfield, Directing. Official band of International Rice Festival. Festival Platform.

10:45 a.m.  Opening of the second day of the International Rice Festival. Festival Platform.

Greeting from the 1977 International Rice Festival Queen. Festival Platform.

Welcome by the Honorable Joe Gielen, Mayor of the City of Crowley. Festival Platform.

Awards for Rice Grading. Festival Platform.

Presentation of Trophy for Fourth Annual International Rice Festival Marathon. Festival Platform.

11:00 a.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by Crowley High School Band. In concert. Festival Platform.

11:15 a.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by "Ricettes". Festival Platform.

11:30 a.m.  INTERNATIONAL FROG DERBY. The Frog Derby is hosted by the Rayne Lions Club. From far and wide come the giant frogs and their beautiful jockeys to compete in this International Affair. Special concert music by the Rayne High School Band. Festival Platform.

12:30 p.m.  THE INTERNATIONAL RICE EATING CONTEST. When it comes to eating rice everyone is a winner, but for this special occasion we have challenged the champion eaters from throughout Southwest Louisiana to participate. May the best man win! This event is hosted by the Crowley Lions Club. Festival Platform.

12:45 p.m.  ENTERTAINMENT. Festival Platform.

1:30 p.m.  THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL ACADIAN ACCORDION CONTEST. The French Accordion is the traditional musical instrument in Acadiana. These instruments are not only played here, but made here also. The contest is open for all persons 21 years of age or older. The contestants are required to play a two step and cajun waltz. Each contestant will have a number and the judges will be out of view of the contestants. Cash awards will be made at this event and the contest will be conducted in French and English. Special appearance by Nancy Tabb Marcantel, through special arrangements by Watermaid and Mahalma Rice. Festival Platform.

2:15 p.m.  AWARDS FOR JUNIOR RICE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS. Festival Platform.

GRAND PARADE. Truly the grandest of the grand, providing color, fun and festivities. The parade will feature over one hundred units, including marching groups, bands, floats, antique cars, horses and last, but not least, beautiful girls.

4:30 p.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by Country Empire. Country and Western music from Navy Band, Memphis. Festival Platform.

5:30 p.m.  ENTERTAINMENT by Nancy Tabb Marcantel. Festival Platform.

6:00 p.m.  "FAIS-DI-DIO" - Truly French in every way. The fais-do-do's are as old as the French Culture in Louisiana. The word fais-do-do means "go to sleep". In years gone by the custom was that farmers took their children to the French dances and would put them in a room set aside for the children and tell them to "fais-di-dio", then the parents would enjoy the dance while their children slept. Music by Gayme Doucet. In front of the Festival Platform.

Festival Platform: North Parkerson Avenue in front of the Acadia Parish Courthouse.
International Rice Festival Building: 717 West Mill Street.
Livestock Exhibition Building: 721 West Mill Street.
Arts and Crafts Building: North Parkerson Avenue.

VISIT THE RICE MUSEUM ON WEST HIGHWAY 90 WHILE AT THE FESTIVAL. SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR ALL AGES.
FIRST INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO.
Saturday, Oct. 22 - 7:00 p.m.—Sunday, Oct. 23 - 2:00 p.m.
Rice City Riders Arena—Highway 13 N.

Special recognition goes to the Southwest Louisiana Vocational-Technical School, for the construction of the Main Platform, Acadia Parish FFA & 4-H Clubs, Crowley High School, and the City of Crowley, for all their efforts in helping to make the 1977 International Rice Festival a success.
FRANCIS DULPACHAN, JR.
1977 RICE FARMER OF THE YEAR
INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL

JUNIOR FARMER OF 1977

Danny Lawrence Richard, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Richard of Crowley, has been selected as the Junior Farmer of the Year for the 1977 International Rice Festival.

Danny was born in Anchorage, Alaska on August 10, 1960 while his father was on military duty there. Shortly after Danny's birth, the Richards returned to the Lyondor, Indiana area where they now reside.

Danny's school career began at Redemptorist Grade School in 1968. He left Redemptorist to attend Crowley Junior High in the 8th grade. After completion of the eighth grade, Danny attended Crowley High School, from which he recently graduated.

Rice farming has always been a way of life for the Richard family. Danny began helping his father on the farm when he was eight years old. The Richard's are a close-knit, hard working farming family. Other members of the family beside Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Danny are a sister, Deborah, and the youngest of the three children, Wade.

Danny's accomplishments in 4-H and FFA are evidence of his competiveness, dedication and determination. Danny has been an active 4-H member for nine years. His major 4-H achievements are: Parish Rice Production Winner, 1974; State Rice Essay Contest Winner, 1974; State Winner In Tractor Records (for which he won a trip to Chicago to 4-H Club Congress), 1977; Jennings PCA Outstanding Agriculture Boy in 4-H, 1977; Winner of the American Institute of Cooperative Trip to Texas A&M (Jennings PCA), 1977; Parish Tractor Contest Winner, 1974, 1975, 1977; Outstanding Boy Junior Leader in 1977; 4-H Key Club recipient for 1977.

Danny's achievements in FFA were also numerous. Tractor Driving Winner in 1975 and 1976; Acadia Parish FFA President, 1977; Chapter President, 1977; Outstanding Senior in FFA in 1977; Star Chapter Farmer, 1977; he was also awarded the State Farmer degree in 1975.

School and church affairs are also major concerns of Danny's. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years. This year he was selected as one of the 14 finalists for the Outstanding Catholic Youth Leadership Award in Louisiana.

Danny plans to attend LSU this fall to major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Agriculture. He feels his studies in these two areas will enable him to become a more productive farmer in the future.

RICE FARMER OF THE YEAR

The 1977 Rice Farmer of the Year is Francis Duplachan, Jr., a 47 year old farmer, of Kinder, Louisiana. He is married to the former Dolc Morton, they are the parents of three sons and five daughters.

A native of Allen Parish, Mr. Duplachan was reared on his farm, located four miles east of Kinder. At the age of 20, he rented and cleared 1000 acres from Rice University to begin farming.

Mr. Duplachan's total farm operation consists of 4,950 acres. All of his farm acreage is rented.

Five hundred and ten acres are allotted to rice production. Most of the rice acreage is planted to medium grain varieties. Saturn is the principle variety produced. This year 110 acres were planted to the long grain variety, LaBelle. Only top quality registered or certified seed are planted. Mr. Duplachan has produced registered and certified seed through the Louisiana Seed Certification Program. All of the land has been dry leveled and most of the land devoted to rice-soybean rotation has been water leveled. Rice yields have averaged 24% barrels per acre over the past three years on Mr. Duplachan's farm.

Francis devotes 4,440 acres to soybean plantings. Land preparation starts in early fall to allow for the best possible seed bed.

Varieties are selected according to maturity dates so that the harvest will be staggered. He has averaged 26 bushels of soybeans per acre in the past three years.

Francis actively participates in many farm organizations. He is a member and past member of the Board of Directors of the Allen Parish Farm Bureau. He is a past District Director of the U.S. Agriculture Census for Allen, Jefferson, St. Charles and Lafourche Parishers. Mr. Duplachan is a member and past Chairman of the Allen Parish Farmers Home Administration Committee. In this post he was instrumental in obtaining a new program for youth loans. He has been a member of the Allen Parish ASCS Community and County Committee for the past 21 years.

He is presently serving as Chairman of the Parish ASCS County Committee. He is a past president and presently serves as a Committeeman of the Louisiana Association of Farmers. Serving in this capacity, frequent trips were made to Washington urging Louisiana Congressional Delegates to support farm legislation and on one occasion presented testimony before the House Agriculture Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of American Grain Association, Kinder Rice Drier and member of the Kinder Chamber of Commerce.

Francis is vitally interested in the youth in his community. He is also a member of the board of Directors of the Allen Parish Recreation District.

Mr. Duplachan has contributed greatly for the betterment of his community. His farming operation is an example of interest and ability. An indication of his interest in his fellowman is evident by his unselfish contributions toward the development of a better community.

Francis is a member of St. Philip's Nori Catholic Church in Kinder.

DANNY LAWRENCE RICHARD
1977 JUNIOR FARMER
INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL
### Past Festival Queens

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**1976 International Rice Festival Queen**

Miss Tara Anne Hargrove

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Our label says Budweiser is brewed with rice. Yes, that's unusual. But it makes good sense (and great beer).

Because rice is what helps give Budweiser its unique "drinkability."

Anheuser-Busch, Inc. is the largest commercial purchaser of the United States rice crop.

Sure, it costs a bundle. But it's unusual extras (like brewing with rice) that make Budweiser the King of Beers.