Early Acadia Rice Men To Be Honored In Crowley

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CROWLEY — Presentation of a marker to be erected at one of Louisiana agriculture's great historical sites will be a highlight of the Rice Festival program at Crowley on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The site is that of the experimental plot near Crowley where the late S. L. Wright, an independent plant breeder, developed the Blue Rose, Early Prolific, Lady Wright, Edith, Louisiana Pearl and other varieties that became the foundation of the American rice industry.

James Graugnard, president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, will present the marker to S. L. Wright III, grandson of the famous rice expert, in a ceremony set for 10 a.m. It will be placed at the experimental plot site later by the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission.

Dr. H. R. Caffey, superintendent of the Louisiana State University Rice Experiment Station at Crowley and president of the Rice Festival Association, will preside.

Others scheduled to take part in the ceremony are Harnett Kane, historian and newspaperman and chairman of the Historical Marker Committee of the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission, and Gene Wittler, chairman of the Rice Advisory Committee of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.