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Acadia Farm Bureau Meet

CROWLEY — Member of the Acadia parish Farm Bureau, meeting in annual session at the Rice Festival Building here Saturday, heard reports on latest developments in federal planning affecting rice growers, presented by Congressman Edwin Edwards of Crowley and H. G. Hardee Jr. of Gueydan, third vice-president Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

Edwards told the bureau members that he felt the change in the seventh congressional district to include Vermilion parish is a significant improvement, since Vermilion has much in common with the rice-producing parishes in the district. With the inclusion of Vermilion, the seventh congressional district now represents 24.6 percent of all the rice produced in America.

He warned the rice-growers that other farm areas are falling with their crops, such as cotton, and are looking into the possibility of going into rice production. He assured the group that he will not support any type of legislation in Congress which might mean a transfer of rice production from this district.

Allotment Soon

Edwards said that he expected the 1967 rice acreage allotment to be announced within the next 20 days and on a basis of 1,800,000 acres, the same as the 1975 allotment.

There is a remote possibly, the Congressman continued, of an increase in allotment after the first of the year, depending on Vietnamese needs.

Hardee, prominent Gueydan rice farmer, outlined to the farm Bureau members some of the plans which are presently being considered on a federal level in the field of rice production. These programs will be discussed further in an all-day meeting of the directors of all rice-producing parish Farm Bureau units to be held in Crowley.

Board Named

Holding special interest was the election of a new board of directors to serve for the coming year after the report of the nominating committee was read, the members voted unanimously to accept the report and elect a board by acclamation.

Named to serve on the board for the coming year were: Ward One — Leroy Breaux, Dalfred Alleman and Watson Comeaux; Ward Two — Lawrence Heinen and Evon Comeaux; Ward Three — Remie McGee, W.N. Prather, Francis Burleigh; Ward Four — Harry Lacasse, William Miller, Newton Leger and Clark Gray; Ward Five — Colbert Thibodeaux and Billy...