Auto Parts Doubles Its Original Staff

One Lafayette business firm which received its initial start from a New Orleans establishment was the Auto Parts House, which began here in 1929 as a branch of M. H. Rykoski, 920 Julia St. of the Crescent City.

At its inception here, Auto Parts House was solely owned by M. H. Rykoski (deceased) and managed by Louis M. Mann. When Rykoski died in 1940, the business was then secured by Mrs. M. H. Rykoski and Mann, and is still under the management of the latter. It became independent of the parent store in 1937.

The Auto Parts House was organized with four employees, and at the present time has eight. The parts department has doubled in size since that time, and the machine shop building has been added to accommodate the shop, which for a time was included in the parts department building. The shop building is now connected to the parts department building.

Although no members of the original employees are with the firm, L. Raoul Gerac has been employed there for the past 16 years. The rest of the present employees range in service from one to 10 years.

The manager of the firm has been in the parts business for over 30 years, having been with the Rykoski organization for 23.