Farmers State Bank and Trust Company announces the retirement of Mrs. Effie C. Richard, a long time employee of the bank, on December 31, 1990.

Mrs. Richard's career at the bank began the day the current main office at 110 W. Plaquemine Street was opened on April 26, 1965. She began as a bookkeeper and worked as a teller and note teller. She was promoted to assistant cashier and then to cashier and is now vice-president and cashier.

When Mrs. Richard was hired in 1965, the Farmers State Bank had only eight employees. Her fellow employees were the late Homer Bellard, along with Shirley Harmon, Raleigh Thibodeaux, John G. Latiolais, Roy J. “Billy” Daigle, Anthony “Tony” Wimberly, Earline Oakley and Marie Thibodeaux. At the present time, nearly 26 years later there are 39 employees at the bank.

Mrs. Richard is a graduate of Crowley High School and served for two years in the Women's Army Corp. After her discharge from the service, she married the late Harry J. Richard, who was at the time serving in the U.S. Army. Upon Mr. Richard's discharge they made their home in Church Point and are the parents of three children. After her children were in school Effie decided to attend T. H. Harris Technical School in Opelousas. Upon completing her schooling she was employed at Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. Richard's children are Johnny Richard of Lake Charles; H. James “Jim” Richard of Church Point, Barbara “Bobbie” Fontenot of Lafayette. She has seven grandchildren. Christopher Richard of Jackson, Miss., Michael Richard of Renton, Washington, Amy, Rachelle and Laurie Richard of Church Point and Matthew and Mark Fontenot of Lafayette.

She is the daughter of the late Walter and Alice Cormier. She has two sisters, Dorothy Fontenot of Crowley and Edith LaComb of Midland.

Effie stated that she plans to spend more time with her hobbies, handcrafts, ceramics and movie collection.

Plans are being made for a retirement party in her honor.