Farmers Lumber Is Young But Vigorous Firm

In a city which in the past decade has outgrown its boundaries and has gained the reputation of being one of the most “up and coming” communities in the state, the Farmers Lumber and Hardware co. is a perfect example of the host of young and vigorous industries dotting the area.

This firm was founded February 9, 1946 at its present location on North College avenue, with Roy Dupuis, part owner, as manager. Operations were begun as a lumber yard, with the hardware department added later. The transportation and delivery service has grown from one truck and one shipping clerk to a fleet of several trucks and a well-rounded staff in all departments.

Two small frame buildings originally housed the company whose present quarters consist of a large brick building which shelters two large lumber sheds and one shop building.

Heads of the various departments are Ben L. Arceneaux, office manager; Chester Chaisson, hardware manager; Paul Miguez, lumber yard foreman; Jessie L. Miller, head shipping clerk; Sidney Bell, shop foreman; Paul Dugas, estimating department and Gilbert Dutel, Appliance department.

Farmers Lumber is considered to be one of the largest single Lowe Brothers Paint accounts in South Louisiana, with this year’s paint sales far ahead of last year because of the tremendous repeat business. The company is handler of Youngstown Kitchens, the world’s largest manufacturer of metal kitchens.

Also carried by this company are kiln dried lumber of all kinds, roofing, sheetrock, wall board blanking, ceiling tile, acoustical tile, insulation, mill-work, ply woods, builders hardware, tools of all kinds, paint, electrical and plumbing supplies, farm supplies, appliances, machine and carriage bolts, and a host of other items.