

NEW ADDITION

Vocational School Has 1,000 Students

Nanaimo's Vocational Training School began with an automotive class of eight pupils in 1936.

Now, 29 years later, it has just hit the 1,000 mark for students in all courses in a season, and has added a new wing to provide still more classrooms.

The school moved to its present site on Wakesiah avenue in 1947. Early in 1962 it became clear major expansion was necessary.

The new building was started in December of that year, and completed last December. Its official open-house will be held Saturday.

There are 16 different courses now offered at the school, and several of these were made possible because of accommodation afforded by the expansion.

New classes housed in the 1963-wing include beauty culture, cooks' training, and secretarial training.

The new wing means addition of a library to the school. Instructors are now choosing books for the library and study hall. It will be open to students from 7 to 10 each night.

The school covers everything from hair dressing to time-

keeping, from heavy-duty mechanics to typing. Principal J. R. Hindle says it is "the most diversified vocational school on the continent, if not in the world."

The school is far ahead of any other vocational centre in western Canada, and it is still growing rapidly.