Calling attention to plans for opening the new area trade school, where numerous vocations will be taught young South Carolinians, Governor Thurmond today said that he expected the full 400 enrollment to be reached prior to the school's start on September 16, at the Capital Airport.

"South Carolina needs more people specifically trained for industry and for many vocations. Heretofore it has been impossible for many of our small schools to provide vocational work and consequently thousands of high school students were without this training. The area trade school is being started to provide facilities for this training."

The governor said that high school graduates or persons 17 years of age or older were eligible for the school. George W. Fricks, formerly of North Charleston, is principal and is now selecting the faculty. J. M. Cherry is business manager of the new school system and E. R. Turner is director of trade schools.

Governor Thurmond said the Capital Airport School was the first of several which would be established. A school for negroes is planned as soon as a proper location can be secured. Later other schools will be opened in various parts of the state.

"We need more skilled workers and this school will lay the foundation for them," the governor said. Courses will require from several months to two years, depending upon the particular course. Upon graduation students should be able to make advantageous entrances into occupations.

Nine courses are planned for men: Machine shop, electricity, radio, carpentry, cabinet making, auto mechanics and diesel engine, air conditioning and refrigeration, and sheet metal and drafting. Women will be offered cosmetology, power sewing, commercial dress making and cafeteria and tea room operation. Related subjects, such as trade mathematics and drawing, physical education and health, will be in the curriculum and other courses will be added if demand for them is sufficient.