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## Training center dedicated

More than 200 attended Saturday ceremony

# Electrician school opens

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Tampa Area Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Center opened its doors today after dedication ceremonies of the new \$180,000 vocational school structure Saturday.

The new training center has been a coordinated effort by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the National Electrical Contractors Association and the Hillsborough County school system.

Philip Humphrey, director of the program, said 140 students are now in the four year program and he expects the number to jump to 200 when the September courses begin.

The 9,000 square foot building, located on Harney Road, just east of 56th Street, consists of four class rooms and a huge area where working equipment will be housed.

Humphrey said the exten-

sions were provided by the Veterans Administration for training of ex-GIs under the federal GI Bill.

The entire course consists of 576 hours of class room work and 9,000 on-the-job training hours with contractors.

Students come from two sources, according to Humphrey. Applications are accepted by the center and contractors can send their own workers to the training program.

"It is the first electrical apprenticeship and training center in the state of Florida,"

the director said. "There are two others now being built, but we started the first."

At the dedication ceremony Saturday, more than 200 local electrical executives and contractors, plus a number of state officials joined in the program.

Among the notables were Anthony Borrell Jr., president of the National Electrical Contractors Association; Joe Schuck, Tallahassee, representing Lt. Gov. Tom Adams;

and Lloyd Dyal Sr., business manager of Local 915, I.B.E.W.

The new center was dedicated to Ronald Hamilton, who was singled out for outstanding service in the electrical apprenticeship programs in this area for more than 20 years.

Although the center is partly sponsored by the I.B.E.W., non-union contractors are equally cooperating in the training programs.