

PREFACE

With a total registration for the week of 675, the Eighteenth Annual Purdue Road School made a very favorable showing, considering existing business conditions. This total is only 11 under the record attendance of 1931. Judging from comments received, the program was one of the best presented thus far. Much of the success of this School is due to the very helpful co-operation of the various groups represented by the Indiana State Highway Commission, the Indiana County Highway Superintendents' Association, the Indiana County Surveyors' and County Engineers' Association, and the Highway Materials and Equipment Association.

The following classified registration list shows the trend in attendance of the various groups during the past four years.

	1929	1930	1931	1932
State Highway Officials.....	61	72	84	93
County Highway Superintendents...	73	77	86	83
Assistant County Highway Superintendents	24	16	40	30
County Surveyors	73	70	81	79
Deputy County Surveyors.....	6	13	10	9
County Commissioners	23	39	57	53
City Officials	52	49	61	30
Contractors	23	48	37	30
Materials and Equipment Men.....	131	139	163	173
Miscellaneous	49	67	67	95
Total	515	590	686	675

It will be noted that there was an increase in the state highway group, in the materials and equipment men's group, and in the miscellaneous registrants. The principal decrease was in the city officials' group, which dropped off 50%, probably because few city councils this year would agree to pay the expenses of their city officials in attendance at this School.

Since county highway superintendents and surveyors are obligated to attend this School by legislative enactment, with expenses paid by their respective counties, one naturally would expect practically 100% attendance of these groups. Each year, however, there are a few absentees, since illness and other unfavorable conditions prevent the attendance of a small percentage in each of these groups.

Nine county highway superintendents were missing this year, from the following counties: Brown, Dearborn, Hamilton, LaGrange, Lake, Perry, Randolph, Ripley, Spencer.

Thirteen county surveyors were missing, from the following counties: Boone, Brown, Hancock, Martin, Owen, Parke, Pike, Randolph, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Vermillion, Vigo.

Vigo County was represented by a deputy surveyor throughout the week.

Four half days were devoted to separate sessions of the various groups attending, thus permitting more general discussion of points of interest to each particular group. An equal amount of time was devoted to general sessions at which speakers of prominence in the highway field discussed the broader phases of the highway problems. This latter arrangement is highly important as it tends to prevent narrowing the field of view of those engaged in highway work, thereby impressing upon all concerned the fact that their particular duties cover only one small phase of our highway problem as a whole.

A highly successful Road Show sponsored by the Highway Materials and Equipment Association, was held in the Purdue Armory. This was the largest exhibit up to date, attracting a total of fifty exhibitors.

The Dinner-Smoker Monday evening in the Fowler Hotel was attended by 158 men. Dean A. A. Potter presided as toastmaster, and addresses were made by A. H. Sapp, State Highway Commissioner from Huntington, and Professor W. K. Hatt, Head of the School of Civil Engineering.

The high point of the Road School week is usually the annual Banquet on Thursday evening in the Memorial Union Building. The attendance this year was possibly a record with 459 present. Professor Ben H. Petty presided as toastmaster, and addresses were made by the Honorable H. G. Leslie, Governor of the State of Indiana, and Harry G. Hogan, President of the Dime Savings and Trust Company, Fort Wayne. This program was broadcast over Purdue Radio Station WBAA through the courtesy of the School of Electrical Engineering.

The officers of the various co-operating associations elected during the week of the Road School are as follows:

County Highway Superintendents' Association

H. A. Firestone, Goshen.....President
 C. W. Siniff, Fort Wayne.....Vice-President
 Chas. Mann, Indianapolis.....Secretary-Treasurer

County Surveyors' and County Engineers' Association

John L. Stewart, Brookville.....President
 Don Gilbert, AngolaVice-President
 J. W. Botset, Plymouth.....Secretary-Treasurer

Highway Materials and Equipment Association

V. E. Trimble, Indianapolis.....President
 C. Dana Ward, Indianapolis.....Vice-President
 Dorsey Allison, Indianapolis.....Treasurer
 C. A. Wilson, Indianapolis.....Secretary

BEN H. PETTY.

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