

## PREFACE

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In piling up a registration total of 930 in spite of the uncertainties resulting from the war emergency and the discontinuance of the supplementary Road Show, the 28th Annual Purdue Road School has demonstrated its value and pulling power in a rather striking manner. While the registration was considerably below last year's record of 1,231, nevertheless, in view of the uncertainties involved we are proud of the attendance and of the excellent quality of the program.

Many expressions of approval of both the general and separate session programs have been received, and those who failed to attend missed one of the best Road Schools we have ever held.

A comparison of classified registrations for the past five Road Schools is given below:

	<i>1938</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>1941</i>	<i>1942</i>
State Highway Commission . . . . .	190	223	226	282	228
County Road Supervisors . . . . .	48	59	64	66	61
Other County Road Employees . . . . .	110	189	179	227	113
County Surveyors . . . . .	69	62	61	67	57
Assistant County Surveyors . . . . .	14	14	17	16	17
County Commissioners . . . . .	101	111	100	116	82
City Officials . . . . .	39	54	55	82	79
Contractors . . . . .	66	48	91	77	39
Materials and Equipment Men . . . . .	249	234	234	161	111
Miscellaneous . . . . .	109	103	146	137	143
Total . . . . .	995	1,097	1,173	1,231	930

The City Engineer's Association was added to the list of officially co-operating groups this year. Excellent separate session programs were arranged for this group, an arrangement very favorably received by the city officials attending.

A special traffic session for city engineers, county surveyors, and traffic engineers was provided for the first time, with very gratifying results.

Because of the war emergency it was decided by the Highway Materials and Equipment Association not to be advisable to hold a Road Show in conjunction with the Road School this year. However, the members of this Association, aided by sponsor gifts from fifty-two material and equipment companies, sponsored the entertainment features during the Road School week in their usual high-class manner.

This Road School is used as a medium for the annual business meeting and election of officers for the County Surveyors' Association, the County Road Supervisors' Association, the Highway Material and Equipment Association, and the City Engineers' Association.

There were approximately 200 men at the smoker on Monday night, 800 at the supper and floor show on Tuesday night, 400 at the musical entertainment on Wednesday night, and 365 at the banquet on Thursday night.

The official directory of the co-operating groups for the year 1942 follows:

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF INDIANA

Samuel C. Hadden, Indianapolis	Chairman
Albert J. Wedeking, Dale	Member
Thomas B. McDonald, LaPorte	Member
Jap Jones, Fort Wayne	Member
*Merton R. Keefe, Lebanon	Chief Engineer
Ray H. Bower, Indianapolis	Chief Engineer

COUNTY SURVEYORS' AND COUNTY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

Arthur F. Buerkle, Lafayette	President
Homer Gardner, Scottsburg	Vice-President
Ed Nesbitt, Rensselaer	Vice-President
Don Gilbert, Angola	Vice-President
Don Carpenter, Veedersburg	Secretary
Karl M. Laurimore, Crawfordsville	Treasurer

COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

Vaughn Crowe, Bluffton	President
Lemuel Carey, Noblesville	Vice-President
Ronald Horton, Wirt	Vice-President
Ernest Coffin, Richmond	Secretary-Treasurer

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Ralph M. Biery, Lafayette	President
C. F. Spaulding, Allen County	Vice-President—North
R. Russell, Vermillion County	Vice-President—South
F. L. Inskeep, Tippecanoe County	Vice-President—West
Harold Scudder, Switzerland County	Vice-President—East
William T. Ayres, Indianapolis	Secretary-Treasurer

HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

C. Dana Ward, Indianapolis	President
Fred Johnston, Indianapolis	Vice-President
Walter O'Neill, Crawfordsville	Secretary
Arthur G. Wilson, Indianapolis	Treasurer

INDIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

Robert H. King, Danville	President
John Dehner, Fort Wayne	Vice-President
Roy L. Schutt, Indianapolis	Secretary-Treasurer
W. M. Holland, Indianapolis	Executive Secretary

CITY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

W. P. Cottingham, Gary	President
M. G. Johnson, Indianapolis	Vice-President—1st Class Cities
R. E. Gibbons, Terre Haute	Vice-President—2nd Class Cities
L. D. Hale, Kokomo	Vice-President—3rd Class Cities
W. D. Main, Newcastle	Vice-President—4th Class Cities
Jesse Botset, Plymouth	Vice-President—5th Class Cities
J. E. Hupp, Jr., LaPorte	Secretary

Again I wish to pay tribute to the very fine spirit of unity evidenced by the various co-operating groups, to my mind a major factor in the continuing success of this annual Road School.

BEN H. PETTY.

\* Deceased.