PREFACE

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Purdue Road School was a record-breaker in several ways. The official total registration of 1,231 exceeded last year's record attendance by 58. Several of the co-operating groups exceeded all previous attendance records, including the State Highway Commission, County Road Employees, County Commissioners, and City Officials.

Judging from comments received from many sources, the general and separate session programs, the entertainment features, and the general spirit of co-operation and interest indicate that this was probably our most successful Road School.

Eliminating the materials and equipment men, for whom no record was kept as to the particular day on which they registered, the accumulative registration on a percentage basis at the end of each day of the Road School was as follows:

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<th>Day</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>25.5%</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>62.0%</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>88.0%</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>99.5%</td>
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For comparative purposes the official registrations for the past five Road Schools are listed below:

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<tr>
<td>State Highway Commission</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>226</td>
<td>282</td>
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<td>County Road Supervisors*</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>59</td>
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<td>Other County Road Employees</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>179</td>
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<td>County Surveyors</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>61</td>
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<td>Assistant County Surveyors</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>County Commissioners</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>City Officials</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>82</td>
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<td>Contractors</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>77</td>
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<td>Materials and Equipment Men</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>249</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>161</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>146</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>756</td>
<td>995</td>
<td>1,097</td>
<td>1,173</td>
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Eliminating the Materials and Equipment Men and the Miscellaneous group, we still had a total of 933 officials and employees representing contractor's organizations and city, county, and state governments. Students, except graduate students connected with the Joint Highway Research Project, are not registered at this Road School; neither do we register the general public in attendance at the Road Show or at the

* In 1933 the office of county road superintendent was abolished by the state legislature and the county commissioners were given the option of appointing a county road supervisor to have charge of county roads or of placing the county surveyor in charge. For 1941, road supervisors have been appointed in 78 counties.
group entertainment sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

There were about 150 men at the smoker Monday night and 365 at the banquet on Thursday night.

The Highway Materials and Equipment Association sponsored one of its best Road Shows in the Purdue Armory as a supplement to the Road School. This attracted a total of 40 exhibitors. After the Road School, the officials of this association voted to contribute an additional $100 to the Purdue Student Loan Fund established in their name, which now totals over $1,200.

It was agreed that the City Engineers’ Association should join with the other co-operating groups in this annual Road School.

The official directory of the co-operating groups for the year 1941 follows:

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF INDIANA

James D. Adams, Columbia City ...................................................... Chairman
Samuel C. Hadden, Indianapolis ...................................................... Member
Albert J. Wedeking, Dale ...................................................... Member
Earl B. Lockridge, Indianapolis ...................................................... Chief Engineer

COUNTY SURVEYORS’ AND COUNTY ENGINEERS’ ASSOCIATION

Asher Gray, Wabash .............................................................. President
Homer Gardner, Scottsburg ........................................................ Vice-President
Ed Nesbitt, Rensselaer ........................................................ Vice-President
Don Gilbert, Angola ........................................................ Vice-President
Arthur F. Buerkle, Lafayette ........................................................ Secretary
Paul W. Phipps, Pendleton ........................................................ Treasurer

COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISORS’ ASSOCIATION

S. R. Laughlin, Warsaw ........................................................ President
Raymond Linn, Crawfordsville ........................................... Vice-President
Ray Colglazier, Salem ........................................................ Vice-President
Ernest H. Coffin, Richmond ................................................ Secretary-Treasurer

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ ASSOCIATION

Ralph M. Biery, Lafayette ........................................................ President
William A. Brown, Indianapolis ............................................ Secretary-Treasurer

HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

C. Dana Ward, Indianapolis ........................................................ President
W. F. Bookwalter, Indianapolis ........................................... Vice-President
Walter O’Neall, Crawfordsville ................................................ Secretary
Dorsey Allison, Indianapolis ........................................................ Treasurer
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INDIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

G. R. Barr, Rochester .................................................. President
Robert H. King, Danville .............................................. Vice-President
Ray L. Schutt, Indianapolis ........................................... Secretary-Treasurer
W. M. Holland, Indianapolis ......................................... Executive Secretary

CITY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

Clyde Williams, South Bend ............................................. President
M. G. Johnson, Indianapolis ............................................ Vice-President—1st Class Cities
William B. Cottingham, Gary ...................................... Vice-President—2nd Class Cities
Victor E. Carman, Bloomington .................................... Vice-President—3rd Class Cities
Alonzo Krug, Frankfort ............................................... Vice-President—4th Class Cities
Russell Williams, Washington ...................................... Vice-President—5th Class Cities
John Hutt, LaPorte ..................................................... Secretary

The whole-hearted co-operation received from the officials of these various organizations and from the University officials and staff members concerned is largely responsible for the splendid success of this important annual affair.

BEN H. PETTY.