

PREFACE

Breaking all previous attendance records, the 26th Annual Purdue Road School ended with a total official registration of 1,173. The official registrations for the Road Schools of 1936 to 1940 were as follows:

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
State Highway Commission.....	177	150	190	223	226
County Road Supervisors*.....	42	40	48	59	64
Other County Road Employees.....	70	77	110	189	179
County Surveyors	69	63	69	62	61
Deputy County Surveyors.....	6	8	14	14	17
County Commissioners	58	85	101	111	100
City Officials	33	28	39	54	55
Contractors	24	35	66	48	91
Materials and Equipment Men....	181	197	249	234	234
Miscellaneous	66	73	109	103	146
Total	726	756	995	1,097	1,173

A tabulation of the classified daily registration shows that 28% of the week's total had registered by Monday evening, 68% by Tuesday evening, and 92% by Wednesday evening.

All previous registration records were broken by the following groups: State Highway Commission, County Road Supervisors, Contractors, and Miscellaneous.

Eliminating the Materials and Equipment Men and the Miscellaneous group, we still had a total of 793 road contractors and city, county, and state officials registered. Students are not registered at this road school; neither do we register the *general public* in attendance at the Road Show or at the group entertainment sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The Smoker program on Monday night attracted about 185 men, and the banquet on Tuesday night was attended by 328 men.

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

The official directory of the co-operative groups for the year 1940 follows:

* 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 1940, road supervisors have been appointed in 72 counties.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF INDIANA

T. A. Dicus, Swayzee Chairman
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COUNTY SURVEYORS' AND COUNTY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

Asher Gray, Wabash President
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COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

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 Dorsey Allison, Indianapolis Treasurer

INDIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

G. R. Barr, Rochester President
 Robert H. King, Danville Vice-President
 Ray L. Schutt, Indianapolis Secretary-Treasurer
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The Road School was supplemented by a very successful road show in the Purdue Armory sponsored by the Highway Materials and Equipment Association, with a total of thirty-nine exhibits.

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