

PREFACE

Despite the fact that the American Road Builders' Association held its Annual Meeting and Road Show in Chicago at the same time as our Twentieth Annual Road School, the total registration at the latter set a new record of 859. This exceeds the record attendance of last year by almost 100.

Much of the success of this year's Road School was due to the very splendid cooperation of the Indiana State Highway Commission, the Indiana County Surveyors' and County Engineers' Association, the Indiana County Road Supervisors' Association, the Highway Materials and Equipment Association, and the County Commissioners' Association of Indiana. The helpful counsel and program participation by Dean A. A. Potter of the Schools of Engineering, Professor W. K. Hatt, Head of the School of Civil Engineering, and Professor W. A. Knapp, in charge of the Engineering Extension Department, merit acknowledgment as important contributing factors to the success of these annual events.

The following classified registration illustrates the trends in attendance of the various groups during the past four years:

	1931	1932	1933	1934
State Highway Officials.....	84	93	96	156
County Highway Superintendents (Road Supervisors, 1934)	86	83	84	44
County Highway Employees	40	30	80	111
County Surveyors	81	79	78	79
Deputy County Surveyors and Employees.....	10	9	6	14
County Commissioners	57	53	75	88
City Officials	61	30	23	16
Contractors	37	30	42	52
Materials and Equipment Men.....	163	173	190	208
Miscellaneous	67	95	89	91
Total	688	675	763	859

The reduction in the county road supervisors group as compared to the county superintendents of previous years results from new legislation giving the commissioners the option of appointing a road supervisor or turning the roads over to the county surveyor for maintenance. Road supervisors have been appointed in 49 counties.

There was a considerable increase in attendance among county road employees as compared with that of previous years.

The city officials were represented by the smallest group during the last six years. This is no doubt accounted for by

the fact that during the depression an increasing number of cities have refused to allow expense accounts for officials attending this School.

The marked increase in the attendance of state highway officials can be attributed to the high standard of value placed on attendance at this School by the commissioners.

Five county road supervisors were missing from the following counties: Brown, Floyd, Jay, Lake, and Vanderburgh.

In the county surveyors group, the following thirteen counties were not represented: Brown, Clay, Dearborn, Fulton, Martin, Ohio, Owen, Pike, Rush, Scott, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

The smoker held on Monday night in the Memorial Union Building as a get-acquainted session again proved to be a very popular attraction, with an attendance of approximately 250. The session was presided over by Dr. W. K. Hatt, Head of the School of Civil Engineering. Mr. M. R. Keefe, Chief Engineer of the Indiana State Highway Commission, presented a very excellent address on "Railway Construction in Persia," illustrated by moving pictures. Mr. Keefe was formerly connected with the Ulen Company of Lebanon, Indiana, and has had extensive engineering experience abroad.

The climax of the week's program was the annual banquet on Thursday evening in the Memorial Union Building, with a record attendance of 488. Banquet arrangements were in charge of W. M. Holland, Director of the Highway Materials and Equipment Association. Addresses were made by A. A. Potter, Dean of Engineering of Purdue University, and the Honorable Paul V. McNutt, Governor of Indiana.

The Road Show in the Armory under the auspices of the Highway Materials and Equipment Association was the most successful thus far. There were 38 exhibitors of materials and equipment, and the interest displayed by visiting road officials was very gratifying. An excellent exhibit prepared by the State Highway Commission added materially to the success of the Road Show.

Officers of the various cooperating associations for the present year are as follows:

County Surveyors' and County Engineers' Association

I. R. Lyons, Portland.....President
 Archie Walters, Cannelton.....Vice-President
 John Kelley, LaPorte.....Secretary-Treasurer

Highway Materials and Equipment Association

C. Dana Ward, Indianapolis (410 Illinois Bldg.).....President
 C. A. Wilson, Indianapolis.....Vice-President
 Dorsey Allison, Indianapolis.....Treasurer
 Walter O'Neill, Crawfordsville.....Secretary

County Road Supervisors' Association

Everette McVicker, Marion	President
Oren Helvie, Muncie	Vice-President
Glen Arbaugh, Portland	Secretary-Treasurer

County Commissioners' Association

J. A. Slane, Lafayette	President
C. E. Roy, Fort Wayne.....	Vice-President
Bruce Short, Indianapolis	Secretary

The program as actually carried out is listed on the following pages.

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