

PREFACE

We are very well satisfied with, and proud of, the total registration of 610 at our recent Road School. This is about 60 per cent of a normal attendance, which, in the face of wartime handicaps, represents a very good showing of road and street men and affiliated groups at this annual affair. The many comments we have received, both oral and written, all indicate that this 29th Road School was one of the most successful we have ever held. We are confident that all those who attended this School with an open mind and in a receptive mood are now better qualified to carry on their various and sundry duties in improving and maintaining our roads and streets.

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

	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>1941</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>1943</i>
State Highway Commission.....	223	226	282	228	160
County Road Supervisors.....	59	64	66	61	47
Other County Road Employees.....	189	179	227	113	59
County Surveyors.....	62	61	67	57	51
Assistant County Surveyors.....	14	17	16	17	8
County Commissioners.....	111	100	116	82	43
City Officials.....	54	55	82	79	33
Contractors.....	48	91	77	39	21
Materials and Equipment Men.....	234	234	161	111	75
Miscellaneous.....	103	146	137	143	113
Total.....	1,097	1,173	1,231	930	610

To conform better with wartime conditions, this year's Road School was streamlined to three days, including night sessions, and the usual mass entertainment features were drastically curtailed.

The program subject matter dealt primarily with priorities and other wartime restrictions which have greatly altered our normal road improvement procedures, introducing serious problems of personnel, materials, equipment, and finance.

The time was equally divided between general sessions and separate sessions. A special traffic session was scheduled on Monday afternoon for all interested in this subject, while separate sessions were being held simultaneously for other groups. The Tuesday afternoon general session was devoted exclusively to reports on some of the work being done by the Joint Highway Research Project.

Faced with the competition of a home basketball game between Purdue and Ohio State, we nevertheless had a group of 100 at the smoker program on Monday night in the Union Building. Those present were richly repaid by the very in-

structive and humorous illustrated address by Professor George D. Scarseth on Central America. This smoker was sponsored by Chi Epsilon.

On Tuesday night the group was assembled for a one-hour general session at which time sound movies portraying war activities were presented. About 400 men were present at this session. After the general session the group broke up into separate sessions which, for some of the co-operating organizations, were business meetings.

The "War Supper" on Wednesday night in the north ball room of the Union Building attracted 341 dinner guests, and probably 50 more, including students, crowded in after the dinner for the speaking program. The Governor's inspirational and thought-provoking address was very well received by the audience. The illustrated address on the Alcan Highway by Harold W. Richardson, of the *Engineering News-Record*, provided a thrilling finish to the Road School program. The timeliness of this subject proved a real drawing card, and despite the fact that our total registration was only 60 per cent of normal, the attendance at this "War Supper" equaled our normal expectancy for this affair.

During the last two Road Schools the usual exhibit of highway materials and equipment in the Purdue Armory has been discontinued. This valuable supplement to the Road School is sponsored by the Highway Materials and Equipment Association. This year funds were raised by this Association to sponsor the limited entertainment features. In addition, this Association added a check for \$100 to the Purdue Student Loan Fund set up in its name several years ago. This makes a total of \$1,200 in contributions, which, with the accumulated interest, now makes a grand total of \$1,441 in this fund. Thirty-nine students have already been aided in getting through Purdue by loans from this particular fund. The unselfish co-operation received from this group contributes materially to the success of the annual Road School.

The official directory of the co-operating groups for the year 1943 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
- 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

Lemuel Carey, Noblesville.....	President
Ronald Horton, Wirt.....	Vice-President
Ben Winebrenner, Wabash.....	Vice-President
Ernest Coffin, Richmond.....	Secretary-Treasurer

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William Dorsey, Kosciusko County.....	President
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U. S. Hauck, Cass County.....	Vice-President
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
Ray L. Schutt, Indianapolis.....	Secretary-Treasurer
W. M. Holland, Indianapolis.....	Executive-Secretary

CITY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

S. W. Hodgin, Richmond.....	President
Arthur B. Henry, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President—1st Class Cities
Virgil Lee, Anderson.....	Vice-President—2nd Class Cities
Edwin M. Brady, Elkhart.....	Vice-President—3rd Class Cities
Clyde Yater, Shelbyville.....	Vice-President—4th Class Cities
H. D. Hartman, Wabash.....	Vice-President—5th Class Cities
J. E. Hupp, Jr., LaPorte.....	Secretary-Treasurer

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.

