

Preface

The official registration for the 1944 Purdue Road School was 668. Although this is but approximately fifty percent of the maximum attendance (1,231 in 1941), it is still an increase over last year's figure of 610. The war has presented a number of very difficult problems in connection with the construction and maintenance of highways and, as a result, most of the officials attending appeared to make the best of the time which they had available.

Table I presents a comparison of classified registration by groups during the past six years, while Table II shows the classified registration by days for this year's School. Table III lists the officials of the various co-operating organizations.

The 1944 Road School was streamlined like the 1943 School, lasting only three days in place of the customary five. In addition, more hours were included in the daytime sessions, and some night sessions were scheduled.

Since last year's program dealt primarily with priorities and other war-time restrictions, the program committee decided early that it would be desirable this year to use post-war planning as a theme.

TABLE I
ROAD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (1939-1944)

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
State Highway Commission.....	223	226	282	228	160	166
County Road Supervisors.....	59	64	66	61	47	62*
Other County Road Employees.....	189	179	227	113	59	47
County Surveyors.....	62	61	67	57	51	43
Assistant County Surveyors.....	14	17	16	17	8	10
County Commissioners.....	111	100	116	82	43	64
City Officials.....	54	55	82	79	33	57
Contractors.....	48	91	77	39	21	13
Materials and Equipment Men.....	234	234	161	111	75	100
Miscellaneous.....	103	146	137	143	95	79
Cook County, Illinois.....					18	27
Total.....	1,097	1,173	1,231	930	610	668

* Actually 68, since six county road supervisors who are also county surveyors are not included.

TABLE II

REGISTRATION BY DAYS, 1944 ROAD SCHOOL

	<i>Sunday</i> <i>Jan. 23</i>	<i>Monday</i> <i>Jan. 24</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>Jan. 25</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Jan. 26</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>per Group</i>
State Highway Commission	74	48	33	11	166
County Road Supervisors	6	51	5	0	62*
Other County Road Employees	0	6	41	0	47
County Surveyors	2	34	7	0	43
Assistant County Surveyors	0	7	3	0	10
County Commissioners	2	41	18	3	64
City Officials	3	35	15	4	57
Contractors	0	9	3	1	13
Materials and Equipment Men	1	46	44	9	100
Miscellaneous	9	37	18	15	79
Cook County, Illinois	0	23	4	0	27
Total each day	97	337	191	43	668

* Plus six county surveyors who also serve as county road supervisors.

Accordingly, papers dealing with various phases of this subject were presented at most of the sessions. For instance, Mr. Raymond Pike, Director, Indiana Economic Council, discussed "What Public Officials Can Do on Post-War Planning" at the Monday morning general session. At the Tuesday afternoon meeting, some activities of the Joint Highway Research Project were described, and the application of research data to post-war work was discussed. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. S. C. Hadden, Chairman, State Highway Commission of Indiana, also discussed this subject. The post-war theme was climaxed by an address by Colonel William Carey, Chief Engineer, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C., on "Planning for Post-War Construction."

The Purdue Memorial Union was used again this year for all the formal sessions except the War Supper on Wednesday evening, which was held at the Educational Center of the Presbyterian Church in Lafayette since the Union ballrooms are not available for such purposes during the war. Other Union facilities have proved invaluable for such a meeting as the Road School.

The program was organized so that a general session was held each of the three days. Separate sessions were then scheduled for the remaining time. On Monday morning the program got under way very nicely with a session devoted to general highway problems and to post-war work. On Tuesday afternoon the Project Research activities received special attention. Wednesday afternoon was the highlight of the

TABLE III

OFFICIALS OF CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS
(For the Year 1944)*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
N. F. Schafer, Indianapolis.....	Superintendent of Maintenance

County Surveyors' and County Engineers' Association

Arthur F. Buerkle, Lafayette.....	President
Charles E. Condra, New Albany.....	Vice-President
Clarence V. Windsor, Anderson.....	Vice-President
James H. Chase, Logansport.....	Vice-President
H. Lester Janney, Muncie.....	Treasurer
Jack McIntyre, Bloomfield.....	Secretary

County Road Supervisors' Association

Ronald Horton, Madison.....	President
Lloyd Ellis, Veedersburg.....	Vice-President
Wilbur Bannister, North Vernon.....	Vice-President
Ernest H. Coffin, Richmond.....	Secretary-Treasurer

County Commissioners' Association

C. F. Spaulding, Allen County.....	President
George G. Davis, Wayne County.....	Vice-President
F. L. Inskeep, Tippecanoe County.....	Vice-President
U. S. Hauck, Cass County.....	Vice-President
William T. Ayres, Indianapolis.....	Secretary-Treasurer

Highway Materials and Equipment Association

C. Dana Ward, Indianapolis.....	President
E. W. MacAllister, 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

Earl E. Phillips, Peru.....	President
Arthur B. Henry, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President—1st Class Cities
Rudolph Meisinger, Evansville.....	Vice-President—2nd Class Cities
A. T. Jackson, New Albany.....	Vice-President—3rd Class Cities
Carl Cozzi, Goshen.....	Vice-President—4th Class Cities
John T. Fritz, Linton.....	Vice-President—5th Class Cities
John E. Hupp, Jr., LaPorte.....	Secretary-Treasurer

School since we were fortunate in having Mr. S. C. Hadden from Indianapolis, Mr. Roy W. Crum from Washington, Mr. H. S. Fairbank from Washington, and Mr. Stewart Mitchell from California, on the program.

On Wednesday morning a new type of program was initiated which turned out to be exceptionally successful. Questions had been obtained from various county and city officials before the meeting, and a panel of eight experts submitted prepared answers.

No entertainment was scheduled except for brief periods on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Monday, Professor G. J. Mackey and Coach E. H. Burnham, from the Purdue athletic department, presented moving pictures of the Purdue-Great Lakes football game and discussed Purdue's athletics. The program was sponsored by the Lafayette Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. On Tuesday night sound moving pictures showing highway problems in foreign countries were presented for a little over an hour.

The Road School closed on Wednesday evening with a War Supper, attended by slightly fewer than 300. Dr. Edward C. Elliott presided. The addresses by Governor H. F. Schricker and Colonel William Carey brought the Road School to an inspiring finish.

If this year's School was a success—and we believe that it was—it was largely so because of the fine spirit of co-operation existing among the many sponsoring organizations.

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