

Preface

An excellent program of general interest attracted a total registration of 787 at our thirty-fourth Road School. This exceeds the 1947 registration by 121 and indicates a gradual return to normal attendance following the lean war years. Housing was still a problem, and failure to secure facilities for staging the supplementary Road Show also limited the attendance.

The following comparison of classified registrations for the past five Road Schools may be of interest:

CLASSIFIED ROAD SCHOOL REGISTRATION BY GROUPS

	1944	1945	1946*	1947	1948
State Highway Commission.....	166	155	183	182	181
County Road Supervisors.....	62	61	62	57	53
Other County Road Employees.....	47	43	67	7	13
County Surveyors	43	57	49	51	55
Assistant County Surveyors.....	10	6	12	7	9
County Commissioners	64	62	91	48	57
City Officials	57	55	78	50	48
Contractors	13	15	77	37	38
Materials and Equipment Men.....	100	90	315	124	132
Miscellaneous	106	64	113	103	161
Total.....	668	608	1047	666	787

* A Road Show was held in 1946.

No students, other than graduate students in Highway Engineering, are included in these registration figures.

The program covered three and one-half days. General sessions were held all day Monday, and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Separate group sessions were held on the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Tuesday afternoon general session was devoted primarily to reports on some of the activities of the Joint Highway Research Project. All sessions were held in the Memorial Union Building.

Among the out-of-state speakers who contributed greatly to the success of the program were:

Talbert Abrams, President, Abrams Aerial Survey Corp., Lansing, Michigan.

- Bob Evans, Caterpillar Tractor Company, Peoria, Illinois.
 Burt L. Knowles, Associated General Contractors of America,
 Washington, D. C.
 A. G. Siegel, Public Roads Administration, Washington, D. C.
 Edward G. Wetzel, Highway Analyst, Port of New York Author-
 ity, New York, New York.
 A. D. Harrington, Lighting Specialist, General Electric Co.,
 Cleveland, Ohio.
 Verner H. Johnson, Supervisor, Traffic Engineer Shop, Flint,
 Michigan.
 Dallas D. Dupre, Jr., Landscape Architect, Ohio Department of
 Highways, Columbus, Ohio.
 Donald S. Berry, Director, Traffic and Transportation Division,
 National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois.
 Rex M. Whitton, Engineer of Maintenance, Missouri State High-
 way Department, Jefferson City, Missouri.
 John W. Wheeler, Executive Assistant, Burlington Lines, Chicago,
 Illinois.
 Norman W. Nester, City Engineer, East Cleveland, Ohio.
 Captain A. A. Potter, CEC, U.S.N.R., Assistant to District
 Director of the Naval Reserve, Great Lakes, Illinois.

The varied experiences and diversified interests of these guest speakers, coupled with the excellent performance of many of our local highway engineers and officials, insured an outstanding program.

The smoker program on Monday night was sponsored by the Lafayette Chapter, Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. Magical maneuvers performed by a local dentist, Dr. W. S. Walters, were truly professional. Then Messrs. Woods, Frost, Hittle, McCollough, and Pollard of the Joint Highway Research staff presented a most interesting oral and pictorial treat on "Amazing Alaska".

The Tuesday night entertainment program opened with a song-fest led by A. P. Stewart, Director, Purdue Musical Organizations, with Bill Luhman as accompanist. This was followed by "Purdue in Athletics" featuring G. P. Mackey, Director, Physical Education for Men; Joe Dienhart, Assistant Football Coach; and Stu Holcomb, Head Football Coach. A film of the Purdue-Illinois game was shown.

With Dean A. A. Potter (Schools of Engineering) as toastmaster, the banquet on Wednesday evening was a fitting climax to the special events. Frederick L. Hovde, President, Purdue University, spoke briefly. John W. Wheeler, Executive Assistant, Burlington Lines, Chicago, in his inimitable manner presented a thought-provoking address on "Transportation in Congested Cities".

Unable to secure the Purdue Armory in which to stage a Road Show, the Highway Materials and Equipment Association never-

theless gave its liberal support to the Road School. This Association financed the special musical events and the complimentary tickets for the banquet. Shortly after the Road School, they contributed \$100 to the Student Loan Fund established in their name several years ago. This brings the total to well over \$2,000.

A 1948 Directory of Indiana State, County, and City Road Officials was ready for distribution at the Road School. This service is greatly appreciated by the highway industry. Many additional calls are received for copies throughout the year.

Many favorable comments are received from out-of-state visitors on the fine spirit of cooperation among all interested groups in the Annual Road School. The 1948 Official Directory of the cooperating groups follows:

State Highway Commission of Indiana

John H. Lauer, Williamsport.....	Chairman
Herman D. Hartman, Wabash.....	Member
Norman F. Schafer, Indianapolis.....	Member
Keller B. Thompson, Winslow.....	Member
Carl E. Vogelgesang, Indianapolis.....	Chief Engineer
A. O. Hastings, Crawfordsville.....	Superintendent of Maintenance

County Road Supervisors Association

Leaton L. Day, Lebanon.....	President
Kenneth Jackson, Columbus.....	Vice-President
Harold Mason, Danville	Vice-President
Ernest Coffin, Richmond.....	Secretary-Treasurer

County Surveyors and County Engineers Association

Asher Gray, Wabash	President
Lester Janey, Muncie.....	Vice-President
Earl Alexander, LaPorte.....	Vice-President
A. W. Wright, New Castle.....	Treasurer
Lessel L. Buzzard, Huntington.....	Secretary

County Commissioners Association

Lee S. Long, Peru.....	President
Howard Leach, Terre Haute.....	Vice-President
Fred Bills, Lewisville.....	Secretary-Treasurer

City Engineers Association

Harold E. Beine, Gary.....	President
Edward C. Keith, Evansville.....	Vice-President
M. G. Johnson, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President
Delbert A. Gunder, Columbus.....	Vice-President
Joseph C. Horner, Marion.....	Vice-President
Ray H. Bower, Tipton.....	Vice-President
Claude M. Draper, West Lafayette.....	Secretary-Treasurer
John H. Matthews, Purdue University.....	Executive Secretary

Traffic Engineers Association

Herman C. List, Knightstown.....	President
Elmo E. Stuckey, Ft. Wayne.....	Vice-President
John E. Camardy, Lafayette.....	Secretary-Treasurer

Highway Materials and Equipment Association

Bruce Short, Indianapolis	President
Robert H. Wilson, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President
F. E. Flesch, Indianapolis.....	Treasurer
Tom Goby, Bloomington	Secretary

Indiana Highway Constructors, Inc.

Blair Reith, Goshen	President
R. L. Schutt, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President
E. B. Johnson, Indianapolis.....	Secretary-Treasurer
W. M. Holland, Indianapolis.....	Executive Secretary

Street Commissioners Association

Bert Nightenhelser, Noblesville	President
Guy W. Akin, Elkhart.....	Vice-President
L. D. Crum, New Castle.....	Vice-President
Frank Rose, Crawfordsville.....	Vice-President
James Thompson, Bloomington.....	Vice-President
Jack Hartshorn, Marion	Treasurer
I. V. Pence, Peru.....	Secretary

Commendation for official backing, encouragement, and assistance in planning and managing the Road School is due the following:

1. To President Hovde, Vice-President Hockema, Dean Potter, and Professor Wiley, for encouragement, interest, and participation.

2. To Professor Woods and his staff in J. H. R. P. for staging the general session Tuesday afternoon and presenting the story of Alaska at the smoker on Monday night. Professor Woods did an excellent job of handling the running details of the program in my illness-enforced absence.

3. To K. E. Glancy of the Technical Extension Division for relieving me of so many time-consuming details in providing and placing placards designating various meeting rooms, handling physical arrangements for registration, selling banquet tickets, and giving other valuable assistance.

4. To Marie Robinson for competent and helpful services over many weeks in handling Road School correspondence, setting up program manuscript, preparing manuscript for the Directory, getting out copies of "Highway Extension News" and handling last-minute arrangements while I was in the hospital.

5. To T. R. Johnston and his assistant, J. C. Hannah, for excellent Road School publicity.

6. To L. M. Vallely and his staff for very fine cooperation in scheduling reservations in the Union Club, reserving rooms for meetings, and providing the many facilities needed to insure the smooth running of this annual affair.

7. To Forest Green for help in getting out my final grades and assisting on provision of projection facilities at program sessions.

8. To officials of the cooperating groups for assistance in planning the programs and stimulating interest in their various groups. For all this assistance I am extremely grateful.

Arrangements have been completed for holding future Road Schools during the Spring Vacation, when the Armory will be available for a Road Show. The 1949 Road School and show will be held April 11-14.

Again we have completed a very successful Road School. The attendance and interest were gratifying. Unquestionably the School performs a valuable and much needed service in Indiana.

BEN H. PETTY.