

Preface

With a large and representative registration, an excellent program, an outstanding exhibit of highway materials and equipment, and a continuation of the splendid spirit of enthusiasm, cooperation and good fellowship exhibited by all concerned, our 38th Annual Road School and Show was one of the best to date.

Apparently there was general satisfaction with and appreciation of the helpful separate sessions, the outstanding general sessions, the stimulating and enjoyable banquet session (the Glee Club was tops), and the remarkable exhibits (53) of materials and equipment.

REGISTRATION

The near record breaking registration of 1,113 was most encouraging and testifies to the value rating placed on this annual affair by road and street men and others connected with this big business of highway improvement.

The accompanying tabulation shows the classified registration for the past five Road Schools.

REGISTRATION

	1948	1949*	1950*	1951	1952*
State Highway Men.....	181	200	204	199	296
County Road Supervisors.....	53	72	64	61	67
County Road Employees.....	13	37	26	3	71
County Surveyors and Engineers.....	55	50	46	52	49
County Surveyors Deputies.....	9	11	12	8	11
County Commissioners.....	57	83	105	90	111
City Officials.....	48	78	80	66	87
Contractors and Employees.....	38	81	134	26	103
Materials and Equipment Men.....	132	303	253	109	245
Miscellaneous.....	161	202	166	129	163
Total.....	747	1,117	1,090	743	1,113

*Road Show.

Among the city officials were 6 mayors, 27 city engineers, 30 city street commissioners and 24 miscellaneous.

In the 1952 miscellaneous group were 63 from Purdue. This



Group of officials and guest speakers at 38th Road School. Left to right: W. M. Holland, Executive Secretary, Indiana Highway Constructors; Albert J. Wedeking, Member, State Highway Commission of Indiana; Paul B. Reinhold, President, American Road Builders Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas B. McDonald, Member, State Highway Commission of Indiana; T. J. Kauer, Director, Ohio State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio; Samuel C. Hadden, Chairman, State Highway Commission of Indiana; Professor K. B. Woods, Associate Director, Joint Highway Research Project, Purdue; Fred Bechold, Assistant Attorney General, Indiana assigned to State Highway Commission of Indiana; Ben H. Petty, Chairman, Road School, Purdue.

included university officials, staff members, and graduate students (principally in highway engineering).

A considerable sprinkling of road and street men from Illinois, Michigan and Ohio were present. Six prominent traffic engineers from Germany were in attendance. They were spending several days on the campus under the guidance of Prof. J. L. Lingo, Director, Public Safety Institute of Purdue.

PROGRAM SESSIONS:

The school opened with a general session at 10 on Monday morning. The Monday afternoon general session was devoted entirely to subjects presented by staff members of the Purdue Joint

Highway Research Project. A final general session was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Separate sessions for most of the cooperating groups were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The general session programs are centered on subjects of a more general nature in the highway field, featuring outstanding engineers and officials as speakers.

The separate sessions afford an excellent opportunity for members of the various cooperating groups to center their attention on pressing problems in their own particular fields of work and responsibility.

OUT-OF-STATE SPEAKERS

The program sessions were enhanced by the presence and presentations of some outstanding out-of-state men in the field of highway engineering, including:

J. T. Sharpensteen, Genesee County Highway Engineer, Flint, Michigan.

W. H. Root, Maintenance Engineer, Iowa State Highway Commission, Ames, Iowa.

L. L. Coulter, Agronomist, Field Agricultural Chemicals Research, South Haven, Michigan.

Ellis Danner, Professor of Highway Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

J. H. Randle, Associated Equipment Distributors, Chicago, Illinois.

Harry H. Porter, Senior Traffic Engineer, National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois.

E. J. Rainer, Engineer, Genesee County Road Commission, Flint, Michigan.

C. C. Wiley, Professor of Highway Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

W. F. Watkins, City Traffic Engineer, Louisville, Kentucky.

Burton W. Marsh, Director, Traffic Engineering and Safety, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.

T. J. Kauer, Director, Ohio Department of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

Paul B. Reinhold, President, American Road Builders Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. As in recent years, the Smoker program on Monday night again was sponsored by the Lafayette chapter, Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. Chapter President B. B. Lewis presided.

A very informative and beautiful kodachrome film entitled "Inter-American Highway Report—Part I, Mexico" was shown through the courtesy of the Bureau of Public Roads.

The highlight of the evening was an illustrated discussion by T. R. Johnston, Director, Bureau of Information, Purdue, of his recent sojourn in Italy. He had just returned from an eight months assignment in that country, under the auspices of the State Department, to aid in the development and expansion of public relations activities and extension work in the field of agriculture.

2. The Banquet Program on Wednesday night was attended by 375 men. The speakers were Governor Henry F. Schricker and Paul B. Reinhold, President, American Road Builders Association. Both addresses were outstanding and well received.

Entertainment at the banquet was provided by the famous Purdue Glee Club under the very capable direction of A. P. Stewart. Their gracious response to the enthusiasm of the audience provided a 30-minute period of group and individual singing that will be long remembered.

Ben H. Petty served as toastmaster.

ROAD SHOW:

The Highway Materials and Equipment Association sponsored a noteworthy exhibit of highway materials and equipment (53 exhibits) in the Purdue Armory as a supplement to the Road School.

The Show was officially opened at 8 p. m. Monday, following the Smoker. In addition, Tuesday afternoon and evening and the period between the Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions were devoted exclusively to the show.

A fried chicken dinner was served to about 650 people at the Road Show Tuesday evening, with the compliments of the Highway Materials and Equipment Association. Similarly a snack lunch was provided for Road Show guests Wednesday noon by the same organization. Drawings for several valuable attendance prizes was a feature of the Wednesday noon exhibit session in the Armory.

COOPERATING GROUPS:

The 1952 official directory of the Road School cooperating groups follows:

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

1952 Officers

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Frederick L. Hovde	President
A. A. Potter	Dean, Schools of Engineering—and Director, Engineering Experiment Station
R. B. Wiley	Head, School of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics—and Director, Joint Highway Research Project
W. A. Knapp	Associate Dean, Schools of Engineering
G. E. Davis	Director, Adult Education Division
K. B. Woods	Associate Director, Joint Highway Research Project
Ben H. Petty	Professor of Highway Engineering—and Chairman of Annual Road School

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF INDIANA

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G. E. Olvey, Jr., Indianapolis	Chief Clerk

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Harry J. Harman, Indianapolis	Vice-Chairman
Leland K. Fishback, 509 Circle Tower, Indianapolis	Secretary

DIRECTORY:

The 1952 edition of the Directory of Indiana State, County and City Highway Officials, compiled by the Road School Chairman, was mailed out in March and additional copies were available for distribution at the Road School. The preparation and distribution of this directory meets with a very popular and enthusiastic response from highway officials and engineers, materials and equipment men, and others having interests in highway improvement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

One of the most remarkable things about the Purdue Road School is the generous spirit of cooperation exhibited by all groups involved. The interest and enthusiasm centered in this annual affair is not only statewide but each year attracts more attention from highway men outside of Indiana.

A list of all who aided in making this one of our best Road School Shows would be too long to enter here. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to this outstanding event!

39th ROAD SCHOOL:

The dates for the 1953 Road School are April 6-9. The Road School dates shift with the Easter Vacation at Purdue in order to utilize facilities of the Purdue Armory for a Road Show.

BEN H. PETTY