PREFACE

The official registration lists for the Fifteenth Annual Road School show a total enrollment of 515. This is 25 less than last year’s record attendance, a decrease possibly due to the fact that we had no exhibit of materials and equipment this year. The classified registration was as follows:

State Highway Department ..................................... 61
County Highway Superintendents ........................... 73
Ass’t County Highway Superintendents .................... 24
County Surveyors .................................................. 73
Deputy County Surveyors ...................................... 6
County Commissioners ......................................... 23
City Officials ......................................................... 52
Contractors ............................................................. 23
Materials and Equipment Men ................................. 131
Miscellaneous ........................................................ 49

Total ........................................................................515

There are some counties in the state which persistently evade the requirements of the state law requiring the attendance of each county surveyor and highway superintendent at this school. As a rule, these are the counties having the poorest road systems in the state. However, there are always several counties not represented because illness or other excusable factors prevent the attendance of their respective representatives. The following counties were not represented by county surveyors at this year’s road school:

*Brow *Laporte *Posey
Clay   *Martin    Ripley
Decatur *Morgan    Shelby
*Grant *Owen      *Switzerland
Jackson Parke *Union
*Johnson *Perry    Pike

Counties not represented by highway superintendents were as follows:

*Brow *Ohio  *Randolph
Clay   Orange    Ripley
*Gibson Parke   Spencer
Knox   *Perry    *Sullivan
*Lagrange Pike   Switzerland
*Monroe Posey    Vigo

* Counties which have not been represented at the past three Road Schools.
There were 34 new county surveyors in office this year. This represents a turnover of 37%. There were only 11 changes in the county highway superintendent’s office, representing a turnover of 12%. The four-year term of office of the county highway superintendents terminates this year, therefore we may anticipate a number of changes in this group for 1930.

Officers of the various associations for the year 1929 are as follows:

**County Highway Superintendents Association**

S. B. Mylin, Wabash .......................President
Elmer Blue, Greencastle ...............Vice-President
Fred Hubbell, Angola ............Secretary-Treasurer

**County Surveyors and County Engineers Association**

Don Heaton, Fowler .......................President
John L. Stewart, Brookville ..........Vice-President
H. D. Hartman, Wabash ..........Secretary-Treasurer

**City Street Commissioners Association**

W. D. Medlock, New Albany ..............President
A. B. MacDonald, Linton ..............Vice-President
H. A. Blunk, Martinsville .............Secretary
Guy Farr, Liberty ........................Treasurer

**Highway Materials and Equipment Association**

Harry S. Marshall, Indianapolis ........President
Bruce Short, Indianapolis ............Vice-President
V. E. Trimble, Indianapolis ..........Secretary
Hoyt Summerlin, Wabash ...............Treasurer

This year the time allotted to separate group meetings was extended to include two full days, namely, Wednesday and Friday. This arrangement permits discussion of questions applying to particular groups which would not be of sufficient general interest to justify scheduling them on the program at the joint sessions of all of the groups.

The annual dinner-smoker usually held on the first evening of the road school week was dispensed with this year to permit the men to attend the conference basketball game between Wisconsin and Purdue, for which a block of seats had been reserved.

On Wednesday evening the Indiana County Highway Superintendents’ Association held a banquet in the Fowler Hotel, at which Professor F. F. Hargrave, of the Department of History and Economics, spoke on “The Early Development of Railways in Indiana.”
The Annual Road School banquet on Thursday evening in the Purdue Memorial Union Building was attended by 425 men. Professor Ben H. Petty acted as toastmaster and the principal address was made by Mr. F. Harold VanOrman, former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana. This program was broadcast over the Purdue radio station, W.B.A.A., through the courtesy of Mr. Stafford of the School of Electrical Engineering.

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