

Preface

Largely because of our inability to provide exhibit space for a Road Show and the scarcity of rooming accommodations, the total registration dropped to 666. The program was one of the best we have ever arranged, and the interest and enthusiasm of the men attending indicate a very successful School despite the low registration. Evidently the answer is that we had those men here who really are interested in the Road School itself.

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

	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
State Highway Commission.....	160	166	155	183	182
County Road Supervisors.....	47	62	61	62	57
Other County Road Employees.....	59	47	43	67	7
County Surveyors	51	43	57	49	51
Assistant County Surveyors.....	8	10	6	12	7
County Commissioners	43	64	62	91	48
City Officials	33	57	55	78	50
Contractors	21	13	15	77	37
Materials and Equipment Men.....	75	100	90	315	124
Miscellaneous	113	106	64	113	103
Total	610	668	608	1,047	666

The program covered four days. General sessions were scheduled in the afternoon, and the various separate group sessions were scheduled in the morning. This is a very satisfactory arrangement. The many separate group sessions this year were the best ever, thanks to the greatly increased aid and cooperation of the officers in making program arrangements.

All sessions were held in the Union Building.

Several men who are outstanding in the field of highway engineering high-lighted the general sessions program this year. These included: Harry Metcalf, Maintenance Engineer, Kentucky State Highway Department; C. M. Nelson, Editor, *Better Roads*, Chicago, Illinois; Col. V. J. Brown, Manager, *Caminos Y Calles*, Chicago, Illinois; C. L. Motl, Maintenance Engineer, Minnesota State Highway Department; Maxwell Halsey, Executive Secretary, Michigan State Safety Commission; C. S. Mullen, Chief Engineer, Virginia State Highway Department; R. P. Ellison, Executive Assistant, Virginia State Highway Department; D. S. Berry, Director, Traffic and Transportation Division, National

Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois; D. B. Steinman, Consulting Engineer, New York City, and G. Donald Kennedy, Vice President, Automotive Safety Foundation, Washington, D. C.

The Lafayette Chapter, Indiana Society of Professional Engineers, sponsored a smoker program in the Union Building Monday night. This was well attended and received enthusiastic response. A song fest led by Al Stewart and Bill Luhman broke the ice and prepared the audience for a stimulating illustrated lecture on unusual road construction practices by Col. Vic Brown, widely known from his "Puddle Jumper" column days with *Roads and Streets* magazine.

On Tuesday night a purely entertainment program featuring Stanley Benz, magician, and Walker and Kenzler, local comedians, attracted some 200 enthusiastic road men.

Quite a sizeable number of road men succeeded in purchasing tickets for the Purdue-Illinois basketball game on Wednesday night.

The climax of the Road School was the banquet on Thursday night. President Frederick L. Hovde and Dean A. A. Potter made short talks; and G. Donald Kennedy, the principal speaker, ably discussed "Implications of Recent Highway Planning Studies."

Because of the necessity of using the Armory for second-semester registration, it was impossible to stage a Road Show as a supplement to the Road School. This undoubtedly was a major factor in the lowering of registration totals for the Road School.

Nevertheless, the Highway Materials and Equipment Association gave us their full cooperation in support of the School. They financed the "smokes" for the Smoker Program, the special musical events, the entertainment program on Tuesday night, the complimentary tickets for the banquet.

A few weeks after the Road School, they made another \$100 contribution to the Student Loan Fund which they established several years ago. This fund now totals approximately \$2,000.

A 1947 Directory of Indiana State, County, and City Road Officials was prepared, printed and distributed at the Road School. This is a most popular project with the road men of Indiana and some other states. Many calls are received throughout the year for copies of this directory.

This year the Street Commissioners resumed their separate sessions after a lapse of several years. The attendance was encouraging and should increase in future years.

"Cooperation" is the keynote of the Purdue Road School. Practically every group in the State definitely concerned with road improvement is actively cooperating with the Road School.

The official directory of these groups for 1947 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
Charles T. Miser, Auburn.....	Superintendent of Maintenance

COUNTY SURVEYORS AND COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

Asher Gray, Wabash.....	President
James Chase, Logansport.....	Vice-President
Ed. Nesbitt, Rensselaer.....	Vice-President
Charles Butler, North Vernon.....	Vice-President
A. W. Wright, New Castle.....	Treasurer
Paul R. Brown, Indianapolis.....	Secretary

COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

William T. Ayres, Indianapolis.....	President
William Bosson, Jr., Indianapolis.....	Chairman of Legislative Committee
Lee Long, Peru.....	Secretary-Treasurer

CITY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

Thomas R. Jacobi, Indianapolis.....	President
Harold E. Beine, Gary.....	Vice-President
Ad. T. Jackson, New Albany.....	Vice-President
Delbert A. Gunder, Columbus.....	Vice-President
Robert V. Youkey, Crown Point.....	Vice-President
John E. Hupp, Jr., La Porte.....	Secretary-Treasurer

INDIANA TRAFFIC ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

James T. White, Ft. Wayne.....	President
Herman C. List, Knightstown.....	Vice-President
Elmo Stuckey, Ft. Wayne.....	Secretary-Treasurer

HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

E. W. MacAllister, Indianapolis.....	President
Glenn P. Holcomb, Indianapolis.....	Vice-President
F. E. Flesch, Indianapolis.....	Treasurer
Tom Goby, Bloomington.....	Secretary

INDIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

John Dehner, Fort Wayne.....	President
Blair Reith, Goshen.....	Vice-President
R. L. Schutt, Indianapolis.....	Secretary-Treasurer
W. M. Holland, Indianapolis.....	Executive-Secretary

STREET COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Luther Tex, Indianapolis.....	President
G. W. Akin, Elkhart.....	Vice-President
Guy Farr, Liberty.....	Vice-President
William T. Suthard, Linton.....	Vice-President
Roman Schenkel, Huntington.....	Vice-President
Newton Gilmore, Bloomington.....	Treasurer
William B. Hamilton, Indianapolis.....	Secretary

The continued success and beneficial influence of this Annual Road School are most gratifying to all of us who are responsible for its organization and supervision. Major credit for the Road School's outstanding success through the years is due to the loyal and enthusiastic support of practically all groups in the State interested in highway improvement.

BEN H. PETTY.