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FOREWORD

Feeling the need for an exchange of ideas on better roads, the College of Engineering, University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Highways cooperated in sponsoring a two-day conference early in March.

The results of this conference as evidenced by the attention, attitude, and comments of those who attended were quite gratifying. This was the first meeting of its kind for a number of years and it is hoped now to make it an annual affair. The talks delivered are set forth in this bulletin as a record for the visitors at the conference and as information for others.

It is hoped that this meeting and those planned for the future will be a means of closer cooperation and understanding not only among members of the Highway Department but with all State, County, and City officials whose work is connected in any way with the motor transportation system of the State.
Certificates of Achievement and other tokens of appreciation for more than 35 years service to highways in Kentucky were presented to D. V. Terrell, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Kentucky, and Mack Galbreath, District Engineer, Public Roads Administration, at the dinner-meeting of the Conference on March 3. Left to right are: D. V. Bray, Chief Engineer, Kentucky Department of Highways; J. Stephen Watkins, representing the Bluegrass Automobile Club, Lexington; Dean Terrell; Mr. Galbreath; and Eugene Smith representing the Louisville Automobile Club.
KENTUCKY HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

MORNING
8:30—9:45
Registration—Anderson Hall (Engineering Building)
10:00—11:30
Session 1—Lecture Room, Training School
Presiding—D. V. Terrell, Dean, College of Engineering, University of Kentucky
Welcoming Address—H. L. Donovan, President, University of Kentucky
Highways and Highway Engineering in Kentucky—D. H. Bray, State Highway Engineer
Announcements

AFTERNOON
12:00—1:15
Luncheon—Student Union Building
Introduction—G. D. Davis, Past President, Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors
Address—Hon. John A. Keck, Commissioner of Highways

1:30—4:30
Session 2—Lecture Room, Training School
Presiding—T. H. Cutler, Consulting Engineer and Member of Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky
Selection and Acquisition of Rights of Way—Arthur Lewis, Right of Way Engineer, Kentucky Department of Highways
NIGHT
6:30

Dinner—Student Union Building

Toastmaster—W. E. Lehman, President, Lehman-Roberts Company, Lexington, Kentucky

The Relationship of Highway Builders to Society—N. W. Daugherty, Dean, College of Engineering, University of Tennessee

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

MORNING
9:30—12:00

Session 3—Lecture Room, Training School

Presiding—J. T. Sabel, County Road Engineer, McCracken County

Standards of Construction on Secondary and Rural Highways—A. L. Chambers, Professor of Highway Engineering, University of Kentucky

Maintenance and Drainage Facilities on Secondary and Rural Highways—Paul Owen, Assistant Director Division of Rural Highways, Kentucky Department of Highways

Highway Safety—James D. Hill, Southern Field Representative, National Safety Council

Use of Polarized Headlights—Lewis W. Chubb, Jr., Research Engineer, Polaroid Corporation
AFTERNOON
12:00 – 1:15

Luncheon—Student Union Building

Introduction—J. Stephen Watkins, Consulting Engineer, Lexington, Kentucky

Address—Professor C. S. Crouse, Secretary Kentucky State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers

1:30 – 4:00

Session 4—Lecture Room, Training School

Presiding—Professor R. E. Shaver, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky

Consideration in Planning a Rural Highway Program—Dave M. Humble, County Road Engineer, Boyle County, Kentucky

The Value of Competent Engineering Supervision on County Roads—W. E. Wehrman, County Judge, Kenton County

Allocation of Funds for a Rural Highway Program—Hon. Emerson Beauchamp, Commissioner of Rural Highways, Kentucky Department of Highways