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As Road School Co-Chairmen

Professors Harold L. Michael and William H. Goetz served as co-chairmen of the Purdue Annual Road School from 1970 to 1985. They join a small distinguished group of former chairmen. There have been approximately 72 Road Schools — including the first few that were called conferences. The first conference was in 1913. After several years, Professor Ben Petty served as Road School chairman for approximately 40 years — through 1958. Following chairmen were: Professor Kenneth B. Woods 1959-1964 (six years); Dr. John F. McLaughlin 1965-1969 (five years); and lastly, co-chairmen Michael and Goetz 1970-1985 (16 years).

Each chairman did considerable highway research himself and each administered many thousands of dollars of research performed by fellow Purdue Civil Engineering staff members and graduate students. Each chairman built and improved on the accomplishments of his predecessor.

The Purdue Road School has been one of the foremost highway technology transfer organizations in the world. Because of their national and international reputations the Road School chairmen were able to attract highly qualified speakers also of national and international fame. The chairmen have carefully selected laymen, researchers and professors to transfer knowledge of highway construction, maintenance and management to many thousands of local, county, state and federal highway officials.

The time, effort, and leadership provided by these few men have greatly contributed to the highway industry. The money spent on research has paid for itself many times over and has helped to provide us with the greatest highway system in the world.

To Professors Michael and Goetz we say thank you and Godspeed in your future retirement years.