

Establishment of Road School Award

W. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary
Indiana Highway Constructors, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

For many years I have had an assignment of some sort or other at the annual Purdue Road School, but none has been so gratifying as the one I undertake at this time. It is my very pleasant duty as chairman of a sub-committee of the Road School Program Committee to make the first presentation of an award for outstanding contribution to the highway field. This award has been instituted to honor its first recipient for his outstanding, unselfish and invaluable contributions through the years. It will be perpetuated by interval awards with the hope of encouraging and perpetuating the many outstanding characteristics of the first recipient. Outstanding contributions at all levels of the industry, as well as the three levels of government, will qualify for



Presentation of award. Left to right: C. E. Vogelgesang, chief engineer, Indiana State Highway Department; G. A. Hawkins, dean of engineering, Purdue; K. B. Woods, head, School of Civil Engineering, Purdue; W. M. Holland, executive secretary, Indiana Highway Constructors; Ben H. Petty; John Peters, chairman, Harry E. Bodine, member, and Charles M. Maddox, member, State Highway Department of Indiana; Frederick L. Hovde, president, Purdue University.

future awards. I have indicated that the award in the future will be given at *intervals*. It is not contemplated that this award will be given *annually* inasmuch as it is very unlikely that there will be an annual "outstanding" contribution as that word "outstanding" must be understood in the light of its first recipient. For there have been few who would qualify through the years, when measured by such a standard. It is with great pleasure that I present to Prof. Ben H. Petty, the Ben H. Petty Award.