Petty Award to J. W. Wheeler

The Ben H. Petty Award, instituted in 1958 to recognize those persons who have made outstanding contributions to highway progress, was presented this year to John W. Wheeler of Crown Point, Indiana. Mr. Wheeler, a graduate of the Purdue School of Civil Engineering class of 1916, has made contributions to highway development not only in Indiana but also in other parts of the United States and in
many foreign countries. In presenting the award to Mr. Wheeler, Prof. K. B. Woods, Head of the School of Civil Engineering and Director of the Joint Highway Research Project, Purdue University, made the following remarks:

“At the 44th Purdue Road School an award named the Ben H. Petty Award was instituted to be bestowed upon those rare individuals who by virtue of their outstanding, unselfish and invaluable contributions stand out among their peers. The first recipient of this award was my old friend and colleague, Ben H. Petty.

“This year we have the good fortune of having with us another such individual—John W. Wheeler. He was the unanimous choice of the committee who had the task of determining not who the recipient should be, but first whether or not there should be an award made this year, because this is not an annual award but one that will remain on the occasion when there is someone who measures up to its first two recipients.
“So on behalf of Dr. F. L. Hovde, President of Purdue University, it gives me pleasure to present to John W. Wheeler the second Ben H. Petty Award for outstanding contribution to Highway Progress in Indiana.”