Grey County Road Superintendents 40 th. Anniversary April 9, 1997

Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, Head Table Guests, Fellow Road Superintendents, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I was happy, when Barry Gilray asked me to come to Grey County Road Superintendents Association's 40 th. Anniversary and thank you for the invitation.

The first time I heard of the Grey County Association was at the first O.G.R.A. Road School, May 11 th. and 12 th, 1959 held at Hart House, University of Toronto. This school was sponsored by O.G.R.A. in co-operation with the D.H.O. and the University of Toronto.

The following is taken from the 1959 Road School Book, which was sent to all the Road Superintendents that attended the 1959 Road School.

'The Hon. Fred M. Cass, Q. C., Minister of Highways for Ontario addressed the Road School and said how pleased he was to see so many Road Scholars present also I notice one of the papers which is on the program for Tuesday May 12, is Frost Action and Gentlemen, this is one of the things we are all talking about now'! (new Ont Tax Law, Leslie Frost was Premier of Ontario, the Frost bite.)

Mr. Vermont Pow, Rd. Supt. Southwold Twp., Elgin Cty. gave an interesting paper on the history of the Elgin County Road Supt. Assoc. "He told of the merits of the organization, meetings, guest speakers, speaking on road and bridge construction and maintence, weed control, dustlayer etc. and the support of the County and the Municipal Engineer, D.H.O. We found it very beneficial, and I am sure other Counties would also find a similar organization

beneficial'. Elgin County Road Superintendents organized on June 8, 1946

Rd. Supt., from Grey County stated : The County of Grey has an organization of Road Supt., which was formed in 1957. It is hoped that in the future , eventually, We may be formed on a Province wide basis. I congratulate my friend on his organization 1946".

The 1959 T.J. Mahony Road School Book didn't record the name of the Grey County Road Superintendent but I am sure it was Wilbur Sutcliffe as he is a man who always looked to the future.

Attending the first Guelph Road School at Guelph University - a three year course from Grey County were Stan Acheson, Proton Twp.; William Beckett, Derby Twp.; Harold Freethy, Osprey Twp.; L. Rawn, Egremont Twp.; Wilbur Sutcliffe, Holland Twp.; William Mather, Bentwick Twp. and Walter Manning, Sydenham Twp.;

The calculator gave him a Mr Sutcliffe a mark of 84.99 for a three year average. All the Grey County Road Scholars had marks of over 76%. Mr. Rawn and Mr. Acheson had over 90 %

Grey County were among the first to join A.O.R.S. Grey County has been very active in A.O.R.S. with three Presidents, William Beckett, in 1967, Barry Gilray, in 1981, who did an excellent job as Chairman of the 1996 Trade Show and Ken Sewell, in 1985.

The Grey County Road Superintendents are to be congratulated on this their 40 th. Anniversary year and to have one of the founding members in the person of Wilbur Sutcliffe present. Grey County Road Superintendents are to be congratulated for the excellent Trade Show of 1996, the year Association of the Ontario Road Superintendents celebrated its 35 th. Anniversary.

At this time I would like to present the Grey County Road Superintendents Association with this book, the Ontario Road Superintendents' history from 1952 to 1990.

Again, I thank you for asking me to the celebration of your 40 th. Anniversary and I wish everyone a safe journey home.