

May 23, 1936

[Remarks For School Safety Patrols]

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

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It gives me sincere pleasure to welcome you here today. For a long time I have wanted to express to you personally my very keen interest in the excellent work you are doing for traffic safety.

From small beginnings only a few years ago, the school patrols have grown into a great national organization in which I understand 250,000 boys and girls are now enlisted to give daily protection to many millions of their schoolmates from the hazards of traffic.

What you have already accomplished is convincing proof of the value of safety education and early training, things on which we cannot possibly put too much stress. The fact that this

organization of yours is fostered and encouraged by such groups as the school authorities, the police officials and the American Automobile Association is a splendid demonstration of progress through cooperative effort.

My interest in you is not because of your work alone, but also because yours is a youth movement. The future belongs to youth and when youth voluntarily assumes helpful activities like yours for the benefit of the entire community, I for one feel ever so much more confident in regard to the future.

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