REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS
MAY 22, 1936

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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
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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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