

speed driving. Therefore, the motorist must be constantly aware of the speed hazard. This is particularly true with our young drivers.

Last year, drivers under the age of 25 years — who make up less than 14% of all licensed drivers—were involved in 27% of all fatal accidents. The experts say the responsibility for these figures rests with the schools, parents, lenient traffic courts and the percentage of young drivers who are heedless.

The State Police are using the marked car, the un-marked car and radar to apprehend the speeder who has no regard for his life or the lives of others, but the police cannot do the job alone. They must have the voluntary compliance of the laws by all the citizens of our State.

On June 15th, I addressed the Maryland Magistrates Association in Annapolis and stressed the important position they hold in furthering the overall safety program dealing with the swift, fair and impartial adjudication of motor vehicle cases brought before them. I was assured of their cooperation. You as individuals, are charged with the responsibility to uphold the laws of this State and nation, and the integrity and reputation of the State Police, which has been earned by your predecessors. This cannot be taken lightly.

Today, you are graduating as State Policemen, and I urge that you too be proud; proud of the uniform you wear; proud of the trust that is being placed in you; proud of the authority that is vested in you; and above all, proud of the opportunity that is yours for the saving of human lives.

It has given me real pleasure to be here today. As you young men take up your duties in the ranks of the Maryland State Police, I am confident that your performance of duty will be in the best tradition of this fine organization.

Best wishes and good luck to all of you.

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Last June when I attended graduation here at Pikesville, I recall pleasantly that the ceremony was held in the shade of the magnificent large poplars out in the quadrangle. At that time, this spen-