

skillful and your speed may affect his operation of the car; furthermore, the slightest carelessness on his part may spell disaster for you.

The point that I would like to stress tonight is this: the success of this October Safety week, and of the entire campaign conducted by the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission is assured if it receives the cooperation and goodwill of those listening in tonight and of the other citizens of our State.

The Commission will do its work and evidence is at hand that a general and well-considered program will be pursued in every section of the State. If, added to this effort, the public of Maryland, without extra trouble or expense to itself, will help, then the most satisfactory results will be achieved.

It is inconceivable that we who have the utmost sympathy with the unfortunate people of lands across the seas, should refuse to do all in our power to stop the tragedies that are happening daily, sometimes under our very eyes. We must—in all humanity,—take up the fight that has been launched and carry it on vigorously to the end that next month and all the months to follow will give evidence that the people of Maryland **WILL NOT** have their friends, or relatives, or others killed wantonly on our roads and streets!

Every organization that exists in Maryland today, to achieve some meritorious civic or fraternal purpose, can well join hands with the Maryland Traffic Commission in this most important campaign to save human lives. Many of such organizations have similar programs of their own and have done most commendable work, notably among the school children. But the fact can be emphasized that our State-wide safety program does not supercede or in any way conflict with the good work that has been started in particular sections. We welcome the active assistance of every such organization because the purpose to be served is one in which we can all work for the common good.

As a closing word, we could not engage in a more humane and worthy cause than for the safe-guarding of the lives of our fellow-citizens, including the children of our State. This is a campaign in which differences of political affiliations or other nature, can be set aside while an united front is presented in a concerted effort whereby the simple exercise of decent regard for the rights of others, we can achieve success to the lasting happiness of many families throughout the State. Maryland formerly stood in the front rank of the States of the country in regard to the safety of its citizens on the highways. I ask your active and much-needed support in this movement so that our State can regain the place it formerly enjoyed, and in order that we can eliminate the losses of life and intense human miseries through the avoiding of accidents which are clearly avoidable! Your help will mean that Maryland will become a safer place in which to live.

THE OPENING OF THE HANCOCK BRIDGE

October 7, 1939

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WE are assembled this afternoon for the pleasurable duty of dedicating formally the newest and finest bridge in the Maryland roads system. This splendid structure spanning the historic Potomac is a thing of beauty,