

Christmas Holiday Accidents Often Mar Spirit Of Yuletide

In hundreds of North Carolina homes, this December the Holiday spirits will be dampened to a large measure by the occurrence of home accidents or injuries. A review of information available to the North Carolina State Board of Health indicates that all accidents—home, farm, motor vehicle, and industrial—seem to increase during holiday periods.

Over many holidays, the major hazards seem to be on the highways or in recreational areas; Christmas is unique, however, in that it is basically a holiday which is celebrated within the home. Since the home is so important in the celebration of the birth of Christ, the home accident is one of the major types of accidents against which community action must be directed.

How Serious Is The Problem?
In 1954 during the month of December, a total of 120 North Carolinians lost their lives in home accidents. Almost 40 per cent of these deaths occurred during the period immediately before Christmas until January 1, 1955.

Between December 23, 1954 and January 1, 1955, 45 home accidents resulted in deaths to their victims in North Carolina alone.

During December 1954, home accident injuries were estimated at over 18,000 by the State Board of Health's Accident Epidemiologist, Dr. Charles M. Cameron. At least 6,750 of these accidents happened just before, during, or just after the actual Christmas holiday.

It is estimated that 480 North Carolinians faced 1955 permanently disabled as a result of home accidents which occurred last December. This number exceeds the number who were permanently disabled from poliomyelitis in North Carolina throughout the entire year of 1954.

Cossack Chorus In Elizabeth City Dec. 10

For the first time in the history of this immediate vicinity, the world-famed Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers will be seen in concert.

The Cossacks, who are on their 17th anniversary tour, are being



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presented as the first in its lyric series by the Elizabeth City State Teachers College on Saturday night, December 10, at 8:15 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The Cossack Chorus has gained world acclaim for its varied program, ranging from stately, religious music to the stirring folk melodies, and classical music only singable by a highly trained chorus. Favorite with its thousands of audiences have been the Cossack dances and popular American melodies.

Among this latter repertoire are the hair-raising dagger dance of the intrepid Cossack, G. Calodubin, and the Lesinks, the spectacle of a dancer juggling 10 knives from forehead, shoulders and clenched teeth.

The chorus under the direction of Nicholas Kostrukoff has traveled six continents, appeared in more than 6,000 concerts in 67 different countries.

The college anticipates the event as one of the highlights in the history of the lyceum series.

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