

Motor Club Predicts 17 Will Die In Thanksgiving Holiday Wrecks

The N.C. State Motor Club has estimated that 17 persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents over the Thanksgiving holiday week-end.

Official observance of the holiday will be over a 102-hr. period that lasts from 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 21 through midnight Sunday, November 25. Last year during a similar period 12 deaths occurred.

"There are several reasons why our prediction is higher than last years death toll," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club said.

"North Carolina traffic fatalities continue on an upward trend. Latest figures show an approximate 12% increase over the same period last year", Frazier stated.

"Highway deaths and injuries have, traditionally, been a fairly good indicator of economic conditions. As economic conditions improve, highway deaths and injury numbers increase", Frazier continued.

"Another very important factor contributing to the increase in traffic deaths is higher driving speeds", Frazier pointed out.

"More and more motorists are allowing their driving speed to creep steadily upward and fail to abide by the 55-mph speed limit", Dr. Frazier stated.

"If you want to be in control of your own fate on the highway, slow down," Frazier advised. "Fast driving removes control from your hands, making it humanly impossible to prevent collisions," he concluded.

All motorists are also urged to use their seat belts. It has been estimated that between 400 and 600 lives could be saved in North Carolina each year if every motorist wore seat belts.

"Thanksgiving should be a time for families to gather and

give thanks for their blessings over the past year," Dr. Frazier stated. "Make this a safe and happy Thanksgiving by driving carefully. Slow down, and wear seat belts at all times," he concluded.

Total fatalities reported to date this year now stands at 1,218, an increase of 133 deaths over the same period last year.

Family Will Ask For More

Holidays are family days and your family and friends will pass their plates for seconds when you serve these dishes, some of which can be prepared ahead of time to give the hostess more time with her company.

CHICKEN SPECTACULAR Can Freeze

3-4 cups cooked chicken, cubed
1 6 oz. pkg. combination wild and long grain rice, cooked by directions.

1 can cream of celery soup
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium jar pimiento, cut up
2 16 oz. cans French style green beans, drained
1 cup mayonnaise
1 8 oz. can water chestnuts, sliced

Salt and pepper to taste
Mix all above ingredients. Pour into 3 quart lightly greased casserole. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

CRAB & SHRIMP CASSEROLE Can do ahead

1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup King crabmeat
1/2 tsp. each, salt and pepper
Generous squeezing of lemon
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup shrimp, cooked
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. worcestershire sauce
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1 Tbsp. margarine, melted

Combine all ingredients except bread crumbs and margarine. Pour into greased 1 1/2 qt. casserole dish. Mix bread crumbs with melted margarine and sprinkle over casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves four.

DIFFERENT BAKED BEANS Can Do Ahead

1 16 oz. can baby lima beans
1 16 oz. can kidney beans
1 16 oz. can pork and beans
1 16 oz. can green beans
1 large onion, chopped
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup catsup
1 Tbsp. worcestershire sauce
2 Tbsp. bacon drippings, optional

Drain all beans. Add other ingredients and mix well. Bake in 9x13 inch casserole for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Makes 10 servings.

BAKED EGGS Can Do Ahead

2 dozen eggs
2 tablespoons butter
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup half and half
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced and sauteed
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 cup grated cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Scramble 1 dozen eggs in 1 tablespoon of butter, very soft. Mix in half the other ingredients, except cheese. Pour into a 2 quart buttered casserole. Top with half the cheese. Repeat with other half of ingredients and top with remaining cheese. Bake at 250 degrees for 20-30 minutes. Turn heat up briefly before serving to be sure it is well set and very hot. 12 Servings.

HOT BROCCOLI DIP Can Freeze

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 10 1/2 oz. cans mushroom soup
3 rolls of garlic cheese
2 4-oz. cans chopped mushrooms, drained
3 10 oz. pkgs. frozen, chopped broccoli

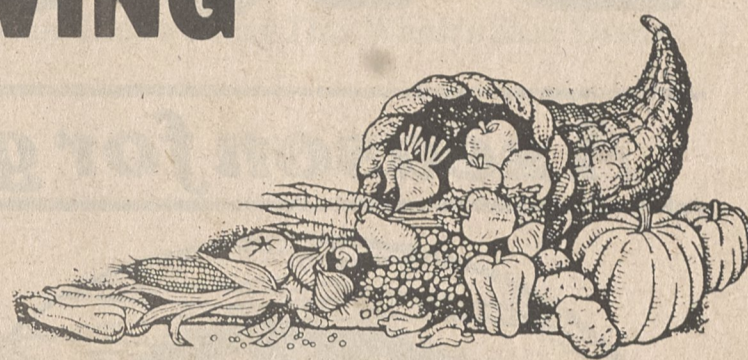
Melt butter and saute onions until clear. Stir in soup, cheese and mushrooms. Stir until cheese melts and all is blended. Add cooked broccoli, well drained. Put mixture in a 2 qt. chafing dish. Serve hot with crackers.



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