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## Memorial Day Highway Safety Announcements

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Transcript of a sound recording in MS 608, WLBZ Radio Station Records, Bangor, Maine, 1931-1973

Title: Memorial Day Highway Safety Announcements

Date: Circa 1955

Recording number: D 16.90 and 16.91; CD 10, tracks 5-9, 13-16

Length of recording: 0:20 each

[transcript begins]

TOOLE: WLBZ Bangor. This is John B. Toole, Chief of the Bangor Police Department speaking, reminding you to drive carefully during the holiday weekend. Remember the careless motorist isn't driving his car, he's aiming it.

WILLOUGHBY: WLBZ Bangor. This is Chief Ralph Willoughby, Brewer Police Department, with a safety message for the holiday weekend. No one has the right of way when a life is at stake. Remember, one victim haunts you for life.

MARX ANNOUNCEMENT 1: Colonel Robert Marx, Chief of your Maine State Police at WLBZ in Bangor. The coming Memorial Day weekend will be a busy one on our streets and highways. Alertness and caution behind the wheel are absolutely necessary if we are to avoid traffic mishaps. Please remember that the increased traffic load will mean greater danger of accidents. Please drive carefully.

MARX ANNOUNCEMENT 2: This is Colonel Robert Marx of your State Police at station WLBZ in Bangor. We have learned from experience that weekends are the most dangerous days on the road. Many of our traffic fatalities and many of our serious injuries result from weekend accidents. Please be especially careful if you plan to do any driving during this Memorial Day weekend when traffic will be unusually heavy.

HUNTER: WLBZ in Bangor. This is Irving Hunter reminding you that the long holiday weekend is drawing to a close and the highways will be crowded with folks returning home. So, drive carefully. Better late a few minutes than laid up a few months.

DEWINTER ANNOUNCEMENT 1: This is Captain John DeWinter of the Maine State Police speaking from WLBZ Bangor. Your State Police will be working overtime to protect lives during the holiday. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Please slow down and live.

DEWINTER ANNOUNCEMENT 2: This is Captain John DeWinter of the Maine State Police speaking from WLBZ Bangor. The usual heavy holiday traffic demands extra caution, extra courtesy on the highways. Please allow plenty of time for travel. Slow down and live.

MUSKIE ANNOUNCEMENT 1: This is Governor Muskie speaking from WLBZ in Bangor. I want to take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant holiday and to ask your cooperation in seeing that it is a safe one for the citizens of Maine. If you are going out of town, please allow plenty of time for traveling, plenty of time for courteous, safe driving.

MUSKIE ANNOUNCEMENT 2: This is Governor Muskie speaking from WLBZ in Bangor. I hope you will enjoy a pleasant holiday and that you will cooperate with our law enforcement officers in seeing that Maine's highways are safe highways. Caution and courtesy on your part will save lives.

[transcript ends]

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