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Twenty persons died in Virginia accidents during the long Fourth of July weekend, 11 by drowning and nine in traffic crashes.

Another traffic death today raised the state's toll to 493—two under the count a year ago.

For statistical purposes, the holiday period extended from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight yesterday.

BLAND — Mrs. Diane Faye Songer of Roanoke was killed today when the car in which she was riding struck a bridge on U.S. 21-52 south of Bland.

One drowning victim was Robert Lewis Hopkins, 19, of Orange. He died in an abandoned stone quarry near Madison Run where he had gone with nine other persons for a picnic.

Funeral arrangements for Hopkins were incomplete today.

RICHMOND — Henry Junie Thomas, 13, of Richmond drowned yesterday in the James River near the Ninth Street Bridge. The body was recovered.

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