# ANNUAL REPORT 

TO THE<br>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS<br>of the<br>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

BY
FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER

Honorable Board of Supervisors, 501 Hall of Records, Los Angeles, Califormia.

Geatlemen:
In compliance with section 77 of the Administrative code of the county of Los Aageles, I submit herewith my statistical report covering the operations of the coroner's Department for the fiscal year 1941-4天.

You will note that the case load handled during this period was 6760 as compared with 6606 during the preceding fiscal year. This is a smaller increase than is usually experienced and is largely due to the fact that there was a decrease in the mumber of deaths due to automobile injuries.

The cost oi operewions per case was $\$ 13.72$ as sompared with ${ }_{\psi} 13.11$ for the wereding fiscal period, due to the fact that it was nevessary to einploy nore ossistants and to pay higher prices for materiais used in our work. This cost per case is sevexal dollaxs less then is experiepced in other coroners oftices in this country.

Although no disaster occurred in this county durimg the last fiscal period in which a number of lives were lost, nevertheless the coroner has spent a great deal of time and effort in organizing an auxiliary staff of approximately 2000 persons, without compensation, to assist in caring for a great number of victims in the event of an eneny attack on this county. I am pleased to report that extensive emergency plans have been completed that should enable the coroner to take care of the victims of almost any disaster in a prompt and satisfactory maner.

Respectfully yours,


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| JULY | 1941 | 551 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AUGGUST | 1941 | 512 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1941 | 510 |  |
| OCTOBER | 1941 | 555 |  |
| NOVEMBER | 1941 | 281 |  |
| DECFMBER | 1941 | 679 |  |
| JANUARY | 1942 | 605 |  |
| FEBRUARY | 1942 | 546 |  |
| MARCH | 1942 | 558 |  |
| APRIL | 1942 | 580 |  |
| MAY | 1942 | 545 |  |
| JUNE | 1942 TOTAL | -538 | 6760 |
|  | * * * * * * |  |  |
| MALE |  | 45477 | 6760 |
| FEMALE | TOTAL | 2213 |  |
|  | * * * * * * |  |  |
| IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES |  | 4091 |  |
| IN THE COUNTY OF LOS AJUGELES O/S L.A.CITY |  | $\underline{+669}$ |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 6760 |

CLASSTFICATION OF DEATHS
HANDLED BY COKONER

## ACCIDFINTAL DEATHS: <br> AIRPLANE 11

ASPHYXIATION 9
BURNS 86
CRUSHLNG 5
DROWNING 65
RLECTRTC RAILWAY 29
EHECTROCUTION 2
FALLS 402
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STILLBORN 17
SUICIDES 585
UNKNOWN CAUSES


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## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MOTOR } \\ & \text { VEHICLES } \end{aligned}$ | FLECTRIC RY. | STEMM R | IDTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JULY | 1941 | 106 | 1 | 2 | 109 |
| AUGUST | 1941 | 79 | 1 | 3 | 83 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1941 | 78 | 3 | 2 | 83 |
| OCTOBER | 1941 | 87 | 3 | 3 | 92 |
| NOVEMBER | 1941 | 11.4 | 3 | 3 | 120 |
| DECEMEER | 1941 | 1.37 | 2 | 0 | 139 |
| J ANUARY | 1942 | 85 | 4 | 1 | 90 |
| February | 1942 | 80 | 2 | 4 | 86 |
| MARCH | 1942 | 70 | 3 | 1 | 74 |
| APRIL | 1942 | 69 | 3 | \% | 74 |
| MAY | 1942 | 67 | 4 | 0 | 71 |
| JUNE | 1942 | 59 | 1 | 2 | 62 |
|  | TOTAL. | 1031 | 29 | 23 | 1083 |

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES AEL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "FALECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONIY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS


## TRAFHIC FATALITIES

 PEDESTRIAN AGTIS

## TRAFEIC FATALITIES <br> PEDESTRIAN CAUSESS

CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION ..... 136
CFOSSING STREET CARELESSLY ..... 112
PLAYING IN IHE STREET ..... 8
GUNNING IN THE STREET ..... 17
WALKING IN THE STREET ..... 14
BACKING ..... 10
BACKING - (WORKMVAiv) ..... 1
INCOMPETHNT HANDUING ..... 68
RECKLESS DRIVING ..... 111.
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT ..... 1
INTOAICATION ..... 1
STRIJCK BY A SKIDIING CAR ..... 1
STRUCK BY A DRIVERTHSSO CAR ..... 1
STRUCE BY A DRIVERLESS TRUCK ..... 2
STRUCK WHLLE COUPLING TRUCK $4 N D$ TRaILER ..... 1.
STRUCK DURING A BL,ACKOƯT ..... 2
S'TRUCK WHILE ON AFiMY TRAFTIC DUTY ..... 1
STRUCK WHILE PUSHING A STALLED CAR ..... 1
STRUCK WHILE REPAINING A TIRE ..... 1
STRUCK WHTLE ATTMMPTING TO BOARD A MOVING TRUCK ..... 1FELE DOWN IN FRONT OF AUTOMOBILESTILLBORN (PREGNANT MOTHER STRUCK BY BICYCLE)1
STILIBORN ( " " " AUTOMOBILE ..... 1
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE AND RTSPONGIBILITY ..... 28

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> TRAFFIC FATALTTIES
> PEDESTRIANS
> CAUSES, CQNTINUBD

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:
MALE DRIVERS 125

FEWALE DRIVERS 15
UNKIOWN DRIVERS 40
EAONTRATED BY CORONER'S JURY:

| MALE DRIVERS | 279 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FEMALE DRIVIRRS | 23 | 302 |
| JURY UNABLE TO DIEPERMTNE PRSSPONSTBILITY: |  |  |
| MALE DRIVERS | 20 |  |
| FEMALE DRIVERS | 6 |  |
| UNKNOWN DRIVERS | 2 | 28 |
| CASES IN WHICH NO INGUEST WAS HELD: |  |  |
| MALE DRIVERS | 11 |  |
| DRIVERLESS TRUCK | 2 | 13 |
| total |  | 523 |

HIT AND RUN CASESS 62
H. B. D. CASES (PEDESTRIAN) 4I
H.B.D. CABES (DRIVERS) 19

## TRAFFIC FATALITIIS

## COLLISION GND NON-COLIISION



## TRAFTIC FATSIITIES

## COLLISION AND NON-COLLISTON

## AGES



## TRAFPIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND AON-COLLISION
MATURE
COLIISION:
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { AUTO AND AUTO } & 153 \\ \text { AUTO AND TRUCK } & 86 \\ \text { AUTO AND PARKED TRUCK } & 2\end{array}$
ATTRO ATVD BUS 4
ATMO AND BICYCTE $\quad 1 \%$
ATTMO AND MOTOPCYCLE E2
AJPC AND PORFI 20
Hijrmo AND THEE
AJTIO AND LANTP EOLE I.
AUTO AND WALT. 1
AITO AND RISCTPIC RAILWAY 37
ATJLO AND STEM RAILWAY $\angle L$
AUTO AND NOTOR-SCOOTRER 3
AUTO AND BRIDGE 1
AUTO AND BUILDING 2
AUTO AND GUARD-RAIE I
AUTO ANT CURB
AUTO AND RATMWHY BTITCA I
AUTO AKD TRACYOE 1
AUTO AND MOTOR-GEIDRR I
AUTO AND SHTFTING LOAD I
TRUCK AND TRUCK 7

## 11.

TRAFTIC FATMLITIES
COLIISION AND LOON-COLLISION

## MATURE

COLLISION, COntinued:
TRUCK AND BICYCLE ..... 4
TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 3
TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY ..... 7
TRUCK AND HORSE-DRAWA VEHICLE ..... 1
MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE ..... 1
MOTORCYCLT AND STEAM RAILWAY ..... 2
MOTORCYCLE AND BUS ..... 1
MOTORCYCLE AND SIGN ..... 1
MOTORCYCLE AND CURB ..... 1
MOTORCYCLE AND TREE ..... 6
TANICAB AND ELECTKIC RAILWAY ..... 1
BICYCLE AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 1
NON-COLLISION:
AUTO OVERTURNED ..... 56
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED ..... 12
TRUCK OVERTURNED ..... 2
AUTO OVER A CLITF ..... 1
FELL FROM MOVING VEHICLE ..... 11
JUMPED FROM AUTOMOBILE ..... 3
42285
AUTO ACCIDENT WITH UNKNOW DETATLS1

TRAFITC FATALITTES COLTISION AND DON-COLLISION CAUSES

COLIISION:
INCOMPETFINT HANDLING 144
RECKLESS DRIVING 63
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED 81
MOTOFIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING 59
LOST CONTROL 30
AUTO RACING 1
INTERFERHNCE WITH DRIVER 1
STRUCK BY DRIVFRLESS TRUCK 1
DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF ROAD I
SKIDDING 7
COLIISION WITH ARMY TRUCKS I
VIEW OBSTRUCTED I
SHIFTING LOAD 1
UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE C\&USE 28
UNKNOWN CAUSE
3422

NON-COLLISION:
FEHL FROM VEHICLE 11
ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERIVINED 1
LOST CONTROL 22
AUTO RAN OVER A CLIFF 1
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED 6
TRUCK OVEKTURNED 1

TRAFFIC F'ATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION
CAUSES, CONTINUED

AUTO OVERTURNED:

| MAKING A TURN |  | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOST CONTROL | $\because 6$ |  |
| AVOIDING A COLUISION | 2 |  |
| SKIDDING | 1 |  |
| INCOMPETENT HANLLING | 2 |  |
| RECKLESS DRIVING | 2 |  |
| EZCESSIVE SPEED | 1 |  |
| TIRE BLEW OUT | 2 |  |
| UN:ANOWN CAUSE | 5 |  |
| UNABLE 70 DETTERNINE CAUSE | 2 | 86 |
|  | TOTAL | 508 |

TRAFHIC FATALITIES

## COLLTSION AND MOLV-COLTISION

HELD RESPONSI BLE BY CORONER'S JURY:
MLI E DRIVERS ..... 149
FEMALE DRIVERS ..... 9
UNKNOWN DRIVERS ..... 5
TRAIN CREWS ..... 2 165
EMONERATED BY COFONEFIS JURY:
MIALE DRIVERS ..... 120
FEMALE DRIVERS ..... 14
BOTH DRIVERS ..... 1
UNKNOWN DRIVERS ..... 1
TRAIN CREWS ..... $64 \quad 200$
CASES IN WHICH JURY COUTD NOT DETEFMINERESPONSIBILITY:
MALE DRIVERS ..... 25FEMALE DRIVERS 3UNKNOWN DRIVERS 836
CASES IN WHICH NO INGUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD:
MALE DRIVERS87
FEMALE DRIVERS ..... 12
UNKNOWN DRIVERS ..... 3
NO DRIVERS

|  | 87 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 12 |  |
|  | 3 |  |
| TOTAL | 5 | 107 |HIT AND FUN CASES7

H. B. D. CASES ..... 39

## TRAFFIC FHTALITIES <br> ELECTRIC RAILWAY



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TRAFFIC FATALITAES

## FLECTRIC RAILWAY

AGRS

| 20 | to 45 Years | 9 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 45 | to 65 Years | 3 |  |  |
| 65 | Years and 0ver | TOTAL | $\underline{12}$ | $\underline{29}$ |

NATURE
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTEIAN a'7
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSHNGEF 1
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND HVIPLOYEE TOTAL

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CAUSES
CROSSING RAILWAY RIGEM-OF-WAY CAFELESSLY 18
WALKING ON RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY z
WALKING ON RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND H.B.D. 1
ALIGHTING FROM STANDING STREET CAR 1
ATTEMPTING TO BOARD A MOVING CAR . 1
UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE C」IUSE ~
UNKNOWN CAUSE 1
RUNNING IN STREET • 1
ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED 1
INCOMPETENT HANILING BY WOTORIMAN

TRABEIC FAMALTIES
STEAM KHTLWAI


IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
8
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A.CITY TOTAL

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STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRLiN 16
STMAM RATLWAY AND PASSENGDF 4
STEAM RAITNAY AND EMPLOYEE 2́
STEANI RAILWAY AND UNKNOWN

CAUSES
WALKING ON RAILWAY RIGFTT-OF-WAY 5
PLAYING ON RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY 3
FHLL FROM A FREIGiaT TRaIN á
FELL FROM A ROCK CAR WHILT PLAYING 1
FELE FROM THE TOP OF A MOVING CAR (H.B.D.) 1
FELL WHILE FIDING ILLEGALIS ON $A_{\text {PASSENGER TRAIN } 1}$ ATTEMPTING TO BOARD A MOVING TRAIN I
CROSSING THE RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WIY CARELESSLY 5
STRUCK BY TRAIN WHILE AT WOFK IN KY. YARDS a
UNKNOWN CAUSE


## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES



## NATURE

ASPHY IATLON ..... 1
BODILY INJURY ..... 24
BURNS ..... 12
CRUSHING ..... 20
DECAPITATION ..... 2
ELECTROCUTION ..... 3
FALLS ..... 3
FRACTURED BACK ..... 5
HEAD INJURY ..... 42
INFECTION ..... 9
MACHINERY ..... 2
POISONING ..... 3
SUFFOCATION ..... $-9$TOTAL135

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## ASPHYXI ATION:

Inhalation of acid fumes

## BODILY INJURY:

Caught by a turning crane I
Compressor outlet pipe blew off, striking victim 1 crushed by a cave-in of dirt1

Due to a fall down stairs I
Due to a cave-in of a ditch
Fell from a scaffold
Fell into a grease pit durines a blackout
Fell from a ladder to a tank top
Fell into a grease pit
Load of piling fell on victim
Pipe skidaed from crib and fell on victim l
Struck by a tree being moved 1
Struck by falling lumber 1
Struck by tongue of cement mixer 1
Struck with the hook on a crane l
Struck by a falling pipe l
Struca by a bulk-head 1
Struck by an airplane wing 2
Unloading truck; casing fell on victim 1
While diogino a cess-pool
24

## BURNS:

By steam due to explosion in a fish cooker 1
By explosion of oil tank l
By an explosive erperiment l
By a boiler blowing out I
By collision of two steam railway enönes I
By escaping steam in a sterilizer 1
Exploding gas tank ignited by a torch I
Explosion of a weed burner 1
Escaping fumes exploding from ignition of a torchl $0 i l$ truck exploded and trapped victim
Pushed into hot water by a swinging plate
While doing college experimental work


## INDUSMFIAL FATALSRIES

CAUSES, CONTINUED

## CRUSHIAG:

| By a moving crane | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By moving lumber aboard a torpedoed ship | 1 |  |
| Body of automobile fell on victim | 1 |  |
| Caught in a metal press | 1 |  |
| Caught under a falling refrigerator | 1 |  |
| Caught betwecn two railway cars | 1 |  |
| Caught between truck ana trailer | 1 |  |
| caught in machinery | 1 |  |
| Caught under a printing press | 1 |  |
| Crushed by barge agrinst wharf | 1. |  |
| Crushed by a falling crate | 1 |  |
| Crushed by a falling harvester | 1 |  |
| Crushed by a falling pole | 1 |  |
| Due to a fall from a ladder | 1 |  |
| Fell from bos car while moving same | 1 |  |
| Pole fell on victim due to dry rot | 1 |  |
| Struck by journal box of moving freight car | 1 |  |
| Struck by falling lid of washing machine | 1 |  |
| Struck by a lumber carrier | 1. |  |
| While switching cars | 1 | 20 |

## DECAPITATION:

Fell from moving freight car While switching cars

## ELECTROCUTION:

Came in contact with live ecuipment Came in contact with high tension wires

## FALIS:

Fell in yard while wcting as traffic director Fell while painting

## INDUSTPIAL FATALTTIES

CAUSTS, CONTPINUED
FRACTUEED BACK:
Due to a fall.
Fell down a mine shaft
Fell from a scaffold
Ran over by a freight car
Ran over by a lumber carrier

## HEAD INJURY:

| Due to a Pall from scaftold | 5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Due to a fall from tree | 3 |
| Due to fall from garage roof | 1 |
| Due to fall while painting | 1 |
| Due to fall from ladaer | 3 |
| Due to fall from barge | 1 |
| Due to fall from building | 2 |
| Due to a fall | 1 |
| Due to fall into a storm draid | 1 |
| Due to fell through a hatch | 2 |
| Due to fall to floor while packing a pump | 1 |
| Due to fall down stairs | 1 |
| Due to fall from a pole | 1 |
| Due to fall from a crane | 1 |
| Ditch caved in on victim | 1 |
| Explosion of gas in bake room | 1 |
| Lighted a match in o gas filled room | 1 |
| Landing gear broke loose | 1 |
| Knocked from a ladder by a crane | 1 |
| Iron bracket fell on head of victim | 1 |
| Struck by a steel rod | 1 |
| Struck by a falling plank | 1 |
| Struck by traveling carrier on a crane | 1 |
| Struck by a falling beam | 1 |
| Struck head on a rafter | 1 |
| Struck by a fallinc door | 1 |
| Struck by an airplane propeller | 1 |
| Struck by an electric gate | 1 |
| Struck by a falling pipe | 1 |
| Struck by a falling tool box | 1 |
| Struck by a falling piece of steel | 1 |
| Thrown against the frame of drive stand | 1 |

Due to a fall from scaffold
Due to a f'all from tree
Due to fall from garage roof
Due to fall while painting I
Due to fall from laacer 3
Due to fall from barge 1
Due to fall from building 2
Due to a fall 1
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Struck by a falling tool box
Thrown against the frame of drive stand

## INDUSUIAL TATALTRIES

CAUSES CUMTINUFD

## INFECTION:

Dropped an anvil on toe; septicemia developed Cut hana; septicemic developed
Foreign object in oye; operation infected
Fell on a sword; sopticemia developed
Injured at work; paritonitis developed
Injured abdomen on mower; peritonitis developed Injured in a fall; tetanus developed
Pan a thorn in foot; cellulitis developed $\frac{1}{1}$
Ran a splinter in finger; septicemia developed _1

## MACHINERY:

Caught finger in machine; pneumonia developed Leg cut by a falling eloctrlc saw

## POISONING:

Hydrogen-Sulphide gas; workino at oil plant Hydrosen-Sulphide gas; from sewer line

SUFFOCATION:

Ditch caved in on victim
3
By gas and smoke; caught in tunnel in train wreck
Inhaled fumes while welding
GRaND TOTAL
135

## WISCELLAFFOUS ACC[DTENAL FATALITIES



## MISCELLANEOUS AOCDDHNTAL FATALITIES AGES



NATURE
ASPHYתIATION 9
BURNS 86
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POISONING (ALCOHOLISIM, 23) 92
STRANGULATION 17
SUFFOCATION

## MISTELLANEOUS AYGIDHTAL FATALITIES

CAUSBS

## ASPHYXIATION:

Gas escaping in closed room
Partial heart attack in closed room with
, heater burning
Regurgitation of food
Inhalation of vomitus
Forced feedin through a hose (mental case)
Caused by electric shock to baby
Caused by smoke from burning bed
Baby placenta and cord not severed
Unwanted baby founa in depot locker

## BURNS:

Baby crib ignited from an electric atomizer
Baby found in incinerator
Bedding ignited by an electric heater
Bedding ignited by a cigarette
Clothing ignited from an open fire
Clothing ignited from a cigarette
Glothing ignited from a match
Clothino ignited from a gas heater
Glothing ionited from a candle
Clothing ignited from an incinerator
Conflagration in a building
Explosion in a gas-filled room
Explosion of cleaning fluid
Explosion of gasoline
Explosion of cigarette lighter
Explosion testing home-made oxygen tank
Fire in home - Intoxication
Fell into a tub of hot water
Fell asleep while smoking
Hot liquid on baby
By a cigarette in car - H.B.D.
Inhalation of steam
Spilled hot liquid on self accidentally
Trapped in a burning building
Trapped in a burning truck
Unknown cause

## MISCHLLANEOUS DHNTAL FATALITIES <br> CAUSES, CONTINUYD

## CRUSHING:

Fell from pleasure riding concession l
Horse fell on victim
Jumped from a window during a fire
Walked into a tazied airplane
1
1
While workins on an automobile at home $\quad 1$
TOTAL

## DROWNING:

Accidental or suicidal, undetermined7 Baby submerged in bath tub Boat capsized
Child fell in fish pond
Epileptic fit while in bath tub
Exhausted while swimming
Fell into the water while fishing
Fell into a pit full of water
Fell into canal while playing
Fell from boat
Fell in bath tub
Fell into lake
Fell into culvert
Fell into a arain while at play
Fell into water from dock
Fell into cistern while at play (baby)
Fell into water tank while at play (baby)
Fell into the bay
Fell through rusted roof into oil tank
Fell into pool of water at the ocean
Stepped into deep water
swimming in a pool
Trying to catch a drifting boat
While swimming
Unable to swim
Unknown cause

HLECTROCUTION:

## MISCELLANEOUS $\quad$ FNTAL FATAI ITIES

## CAUSHE, CUNTINURD

## FALLS:


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## MTSCELLANHOUS ACCDDENTAL FATALITIES



FALLS, Continued

| To floor; pushed by another person |
| :---: |
| To floor; tripped while boxing |
| To floor; cause unknown |
| To street; old age |
| To street; ill heailh |
| To street; tripped over object |
| To street; tripped on curb |
| To street; intoicication |
| To street; slipped on orange peel |
| To street; slipped on paveinent |
| To street; cane slipped |
| To street; while pushing a car |
| To street; cause unknown |
| To walk; old age |
| To walk; ill health |
| To walk; senility |
| To ground; old age |
| To driveway; tripped |
| To driveway; partial blindness |
| To driveway; old age |

FIREARMS:

| Accidental discharge of gun | 14 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Aecidental discharge of rifle | 2 |
| Accidentally shot while shooting at birds | 1 |
| Accidentally shot by playmate | 2 |
| Accidentally shot while cleaning rifle | 1 |
| Accidentally shot while cleaning revolver | 1 |
| Accidentally shot while cleanine gun | 1 |
| Accidentally shot while inspectinu gun | 1 |
| Gun accidentally dischargea while huntin | 3 |
| Gun accidentally discharged during argument, |  |
| sadictdal, or Homicidal undetermined | 1 |
| Discharge of firearms; Accidental or |  |
| Suicidal undetermined. |  |

TOTAL

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCCDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES, CONTINUED

## HEAD INJURIES:

Fell to street in epileptic fit Fell to sidewalk; lost balance
F'ell to street
Fell down stairs
Fell from building
Due to a fall
Due to fall while intoricated
Due to fall from bed
Due to fall from window
Due to fall from bicycle
Due to fall from load of hay
Due to $f$ all from slide at school
Due to fall when jumping a fence
Due to fall from horse
Due to fall froin ladder
Due to fall from clifí
Due to fall from tree
Due to fall from gangilank
Due to fall in a fieht
Due to fall to floor
Due to fall in a friendly scuffle
Due to fall in ill health
Baby fell from a wagon
Baby fell from a toilet bowl 1
Baby fell from high chair 1
Baby fell from baby buggy
child fell from swing
Knocked down eccidentally
Dragged by a freight car; unknows cause
Struck by swinging door
Kicked in head at a ball game
Kicked in head by horse
Jumped or fell feom building; suicidal or
accídental undetermined
Accidental or homicidal undetermined
From unknown causes


## INFECTION:

Abscess of pelvis ; peritonitis developed
Blister on foot; cellulitis developed Bruised arm; cellulitis developed
Cut toe; gangrene developed
Cut foot; tetanus developed
Cut hand; septicemia developed
Caught hand in wringer; cellulitis developed
Dog bite in arm; rabies developed

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES, CONTTNUED

## INFECTION, Continued

Extraction of teeth; septicemia developed 2
From a s.cratch; gangrene developed l
From injuries ; accidental or suicidal undeter.l
Injured arm in foot ball; septicemia devel. 1
Injured finger on fish hook; acute broncho-
pneumoria developed
1
Injurca arm; tetanus developed 1
Infected burn ow hand 1
Infected injury from fall 1
Infected eye; unknown cause 1
Laceration of vaginal vault; septicemia 1
operation for kifiney trouble; tetanus devel. $\frac{1}{3}$
pimple on lip; septicuia developed 1
Swallowed bore; peritoritis developed 1
Skin grafted to hend; gangrene developed I
Sliver in arm; septicemic developed 1
Splinter in foot; tetanus developed 1
stepped on a mail; tetanus developed
Unknown injury; tetanus developed
TOTAL
32

## MISCELLANEOUS :

Bodily injury; liftin $n_{0}$ bod
Bodily injury; struck by board
Bodily injury; struck by closin $n_{0}$ sate I
Bodily injury; fall from scaffold l
Bodily injury; fall from belcony I
Boijuy injury; fell from tree l

Bouily injury; inflicted in a domestic quarrel 1
Bodily injury; accidental or suicidal undeter. I
Bodily injury; ruptured spleen from unknowa
cause
Bodily injury; from unknown causes
Broken neck; divins in shailow water l
Child aied under mestmesia during repair of cut finger
Cut self for hernia; hypostatic paeumonia developed
Fractured back while diving
Fractured back; struck by $\mathfrak{F o l}$ aing bed
Fractured bacs; fell from wall
Fractured back; fell down erbankment Foreion body lodoed in bronchu (baby) Gored by bull.
Hemorrhage; struck in neck by piece of saw
Injured leg; tripped or fell at play

## MISCHLLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITTIES

## CAUSTS, CONTInUED

## MISCELLANEOUS, Continued:

Injured hip in fall; osteomyolitis developed
Injured foot; cellulitis developed
Jumped on fell frora building; acci. or sui. undeter. Macerated foetus, due to fall of mother Nail lo dged in luuge
Patient whose nurse iell on him
Premature birth by reasom of self-induced abortion
Shock from subuersion ia water
Sarcoma of sacrum due to a fall
Stepped on nail; lobar pasumonia developed
total

## POISONTNG:



CAUSES, CUNTITNUED
POISONTNG, continued


## STRANGULATION:

| Aspiration of milk into lungs (baby) <br> " " ingested food (mental case) |
| :---: |
| Baby caught neck in picket fence while at play |
| Baby constricted by sleeping bag |
| Baby entangled in sleepiny garments |
| Child entangled in zipper blanket |
| Foreign object lodged in bromchae (baby) |
| Hangins; child playing cowboy |
| Inhalation of blood during an operation |
| Pencil lo dged in child's throat |
| Regurgitation of milk (baby) |
| Swallowed a piece of crayon |

SUFFOCATION:
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { By smoke from a burnine davenoort } & 1 \\ \text { By smoke from a buraing building } & 1 \\ \text { During an epileptic fit } & 3 \\ \text { Dirt caved in on victim while digging bomb shelter } & 1 \\ \text { Entangled in rubber sheet (baby) } & 1 \\ \text { Face covered with bedding (baby) } & 6 \\ \text { Fumes from furnace ( } & \\ \text { Inhalation of milk (baby) } & 1 \\ \text { Inhalation of mucus at birth } & 1 \\ \text { Iying on face in sleep } & \end{array}$

GRAND TOTAL

21
920

## SUICIDES



## SUICIDES

## NATURE

BURNING6
CAREBON MONOAIDE: FROM AUTO EAHAUST ..... 67
GUTTING ..... 48
DROWIING ..... 22
ELECTROCUTIOR ..... 1
ILIUMINATING GASS ..... 20
SHOOTING ..... 161
STABBING ..... 1
STRANGULATION - HANGING ..... 75
JUMPING:
From bridge ..... 2
From building
From cliff
From porch
From top of tunnel In front of train Under electric train
POISONING:
Ant paste ..... 10
Allonal ..... 1
Ammonia ..... 1
Arsenic ..... 35
Barbitol ..... 2
5
Barbiturate5
Bichloride of mercury ..... 3
Carbolic acid
chloroform
Copper sulphate4Cyanide29
Fluoride ..... 6
Fluorine - ant powder ..... 2
Formal dehyde ..... 1LysolMorphine
Lye1
NembutolNi cotine (Black Leaf 40)Nitric acid14
13

## SUICIDES

## NATURE

## POISONING; Continued

Phenobarbitol 6
Phosphorus (rat poison)
Potassium pomgranate
Sleeping tablets
Strychnixe
Turpentine
TOTAL SUICIDES

SUICIDES
ChUSES
After murder of wife ..... 6
After murder of wife and child ..... 1
After murder of wife and mother-in-law ..... 1
After murder of son ..... 1
After murder of three small daughters ..... 1
After attempt to murder girl friend ..... 1
Blindmess1
DespondencyDespondent over gambling1
Despondent over death of wife ..... 2
Despondent over death of son ..... a
Despondent over death of daughter ..... 1
Despondent because husband called to war ..... 1
Domestic difficulties ..... 60
Fear of Insanity3
Fear of prosecution ..... 11
Fear of arrest1
Fear of deportation ..... 1
Fear of becoming unwed mother ..... 1
Fear of going into concentration camp (alien)l
Fear of blindness
Financial difficulties3
Grief over death of husband ..... 231
Grief over death of wife
Grief over death of brother ..... 1
Gli healt Ill health231
17
Intoxication231
17
JealousyLack of employment1
4
1Lack or employmentMental disturbance1
4
1
Mentally unsoundMentally deranged1
24
241
24
24
over love affairSuicide pact
Temporarily deranged11
Worry over alien status
Worry over the war3
6
Tired of life

## HOMICIDES

 AGES

| Under | 1 |  | ear |  | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | to | \% | Years |  | 1 |
| 2 | to | 5 | Years |  | 2 |
| 5 | to | 10 | Years |  | 3 |
| 10 | to | 20 | Years |  | 4 |
| 20 | to | 45 | Years |  | 68 |
| 45 | to | 65 | Years |  | 26 |
| 65 | Years |  | and Over |  | 4 |

39. 

HOMICIDES
NATURE

| BEATEN | 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CUITING | 1 |  |
| FIGHTING | 6 |  |
| POISONING | 1 |  |
| PULMONARY ATELECTASIS | 1 |  |
| StVFRED WRISTS | 1 |  |
| SHOOTING | 66 |  |
| STABBING | 18 |  |
| STRANGULATION | 5 |  |
| STRUCK WITH AN OBJECT TOTAL | 8 | 109 |
| ******** |  |  |
| JUSTIFIABLE | 15 87 |  |
| UNJINTMTNTIONAL | 4 |  |
| JUSTIFIABLE OR UNJUSTIFIABLE, UNDETERILINED |  | 109 |
| * * * * * * * |  |  |
| BY KNOWN PERSON | 60 |  |
| BY UNKNOWN PERSON | 16 |  |
| BY OFFICER | 6 |  |
| BY HUSBAND | 15 |  |
| BY WIFE | 4 |  |
| BY MOTHER | 2 |  |
| BY FATHER | 4 |  |
| BY SON-IN-LAW | 1 |  |
| BY STEP-SON | 1 |  |
| TOTAL |  | 109 |

## HOMICIDES <br> CHUNES

JUSTIFIABLE:

| During a holdup | 3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| During a robbery | 3 |
| Duxing a fight | 2 |
| Evading arrest | 3 |
| Resis ting arrest | 1 |
| In defense of mother | 1 |
| In selt-defense | 2 |

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

| During a scuffle | 1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| During an argument | 3 |
| During a family argument | 1 |
| During an argument over money | 1 |
| During a fight | 22 |
| During a quarrel | 1 |
| During a drunken brawl | 4 |
| During a holdup | 1 |
| During a robbery | 5 |
| During a burglary | 1 |
| Domestic difficulties | 19 |
| Cyanide sent victim through the mail | 1 |
| Evading arrest | 1 |
| Hit by shot intended for another persou | 1 |
| Hung by mother (probably insanity) | 1 |
| Jealousy | 1 |
| Marital difficulties | 1 |
| Neglect at birth - unwanted baby | 1 |
| oldgrudige | 1 |
| Self-defense | 1 |
| Uaknowa causes | 1 |

## UNINTENTIONAL:

While playing
During a guarrel
Accident at target practice
2
1
TOTAL $\quad 1$
JUSTIFIED OR UNJUSTIFIED, UNDETERMINED
During a fight
Shot by arny private when disresarded an order to halt
Unknown cause
GREND TOTAL


## ABORTIONS



## ALCOHOLISM

| $\operatorname{MALE}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| FEMALE |  |
|  | $* * * * * * *$ |

IN. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LA. CITY
TOTAL * * * * * * * AGES
20 to 45 Years
9
45 to 65 Years
$\begin{array}{r}11 \\ \hline\end{array}$

23


## AIRPTANE FATALITIES



## AIRPLANE FATALITIES

CONTINUED

AGES


## INQUESTS

CORONER'S L.A.CITY \& COUNTY INQUEST ROOM OUTSIUE INQ. ROOM

TOTALS 103
JULY 1941

AUGUST 1941
SEPTEMEER 1941 OCTOBER 1941 NOVEMBER 1941 DECEMBER 1941 JINUARY 1942 FEBPUASY 1942 MAKCH 1942 APRII 1942 MAY 1942 JUNE 1942 TOTALS

| 41 | 62 |  | 1.03 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 46 | 51 |  | 97 |
| 55 | 39 |  | 94 |
| 41 | 51 |  | 92 |
| 69 | 53 |  | 122 |
| 71 | 72 |  | 143 |
| 65 | 42 |  | 107 |
| 49 | 43 |  | 92 |
| 44 | 42 |  | 86 |
| 33 | 40 |  | 73 |
| 36 | 32 |  | 68 |
| 31 | 35 |  | 66 |
| 581 | 562 |  | 1143 |
|  | AUTOPSIES |  |  |
| COFONEE'S MOPTUAEY | L.A.GITY ${ }^{g}$ COUNTY OUTSIDE MORTUARY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GENEFALI } \\ & \text { HOSPITAL } \end{aligned}$ | TOTALS |
| 253 | 294 | 4 | 551 |
| 247 | 257 | 6 | 510 |
| 2.33 | 270 | 6 | 509 |
| 296 | 248 | 9 | 553 |
| 283 | 293 | 4 | 580 |
| 343 | 330 | 4 | 677 |
| 301 | 293 | 10 | 604 |
| 238 | 297 | 9 | 544 |
| 265 | 278 | 15 | 558 |
| 236 | 334 | 10 | 580 |
| 264 | 267 | 13 | 544 |
| 25] | 278 | 7 | 536 |
| 3210 | 3439 | 97 | 6746 |

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER I4 YRS.) EMBALMED:NO FEE 151

NUMBER OF FMBALMING EAEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS
UNDER SEC. 4300 h OF PENAL CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE
NUMBER OF BODIES FNBALMED FOR GOVERNMENT: NO FERE WHICH _ TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH
NO FEES WERE COLIECTED

TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES FNBALMED: FEES COLLECTED 2370
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY 2900 NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONEF'S MORTUARY 3213
NUMBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY
AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S OF CORONEK'S MORTUARY
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES FANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER
JULY 1 , 1941 TO JUNE 30,1942
NUMBER OF INVESTLGATIONS : ivO AUTOPSY 14
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INGUESTS AND I\&VESTIGATIONS 15,261 MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES
AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES MILES TRAVEUED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES 13,138 NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD. 532 NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK 1,143 " " " FURNISHED GOVERNVENT AGENCIES: NO FEE 18 " " " $"$ DISTRICT ATTOFNEY 1,143
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED 3,979
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY WRITTEN
13,303.
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS. 5,603
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF JURIES 1,143
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INGUESTS
10,287
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPO ENED TO TESTIFY AT INGUESTS 6,858
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFIC $\mathrm{m}^{T} T E$ SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN; THESE CASES CLASSIFIED

## SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC ELAH MINATIONS ..... 607
" " BACTERIOLOGICAL " ..... il
" " BLOOD TESTS FOF CARBON MONOAIDE ..... $4 \dot{a}$
" " CROSS SPECIMENS PREPAFED FOR EVIDENCE ..... 23
NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY' PATHOLOGICAL LABORA'TORY ..... 349
NUMBER OF CHENICAL TESTS FOR SUGAR ..... 5
" " " " " CYANIDE ..... 6
" " " " " STRYCHHINE ..... 1
" " C\&SES SUBMITTED TO TOAICOLOGICAL LABORATORY ..... 724
" CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES ..... 2347
48.

## EXPENDITURES

FISCAT YEAK 1941-42

|  | APPKOPKIATION | EAP ENDITUFES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SALAFIES AND WAGES | \%116, 506.00 | ¢115,590.79 |
| MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIOIN | 17, 34<.00 | 15,875.5a |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | $1,346.50$ | 912.02 |
| TOTAL | 4-135,494.50 | \$132,378.33 |

REVFNUES COLLECTED
FISCAL YEAR 1941-4天

EMBALMING FEES
PREPARATION FEES
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS
SHERIFF'S FEES
WITNESS FEES

