# ANWUL REPORT 

## CORONER

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA <br> Ben H. Brown, Coroner

JUNE 30,1948

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Sept. 22, 1948.

Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.
Gentlemen:
We are presenting herewith the annual report of the office of Coroner of Los Angeles Ccunty for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1948.

This report contains a summary of the year's accomplishments and sets forth the statistical and financial report.

The office is fortunate that the problem of keeping abreast of the ever advancing scientific determination of the cause of death is so completely understood by the Homorable Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer. This understanding adds to the efficiency of the department in the performance of our duty of protecting the rights of the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Reppectfully submitted,

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner
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                    OF THE
                    CORONER
    County of Los Angeles, California
            Fiscal Year Ending
            June 30, 1948
        BEN H. BROWN, Coroner
        VICTOR L. W&ILLGE, Chief Deputy
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WAYNE RLIEN,
Chief Administrative officer
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Chairman of the
Board of Supervisors Committee for the Coroner
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REPORT OF BEN H. BROWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER FOR FISCAL YEAR 1947-48


ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:
AEROPLANE 28
ASPHYKIATION 4
BURNS 123
CRUSHING 6
DROWNING 74
ELECTRIC RAILWAY 22
ELECTROCUTION 6
FALIS 486
FIREARMS 28
HEAD INJURIES 148
INDUSTRIAL 92
INFECTION 9
MISCELLANEOUS 40
MOTOR VEHICIES 833
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 2) 108
STEAM RAILWAY 14
STRANGULATION 23

| ABORTIONS | 8 |
| :--- | ---: |
| HOMICIDES | 203 |
| NATURAL CAUSES | 4789 |
| PREMATURE BIRTHS | 1 |
| STILLBORN | 41 |
| SUICIDES | 667 |
| UNKNOWN |  |
|  |  |
|  | TOTAL |

TRAFFIC FATAIITIES

JULY 1947 ..... 30
AUGUST 1947 ..... 26
SEPTEMBER 1947 ..... 23
OCTOBER 1947 ..... 31
NOVEMBER 1947 ..... 39
DECHMBER 1947 ..... 45
JANUARY 1948 ..... 27
FEBRUARY 1948 ..... 35
MARCH 1948 ..... 26
APRIL 1948 ..... 25
MAY 1948 ..... 27
JUNE ..... 1948
MALEFHMALE
TOTAL $\quad \frac{100}{352}$* * * * * * *
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ..... 185
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY ..... 165
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
TOTAL $\frac{2}{352}$ ..... 352

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN
AGES


## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## PEDESTRTAN

CAUSES
AVOIDING ACCIDENT ..... 1
BACKING ..... 3
CHILD AT PLAY2
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY ..... 96
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION ..... 66
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT ..... 5
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE ..... 1
FELL FROM AUTO ..... 1
FELT FROM ANOTHER VEHICLE ..... 2
FEII FROM BIGYCLE ..... 1
FELL IN BUS ..... 2
HELL UNDER BUS ..... 1
FELI UNDER TRUCK ..... 2
IMPROPER RIDING ..... 2
INCOMPETENT HANDLING ..... 14
INTOXICATION ..... 8
LOST CONTROL ..... 2
PASSING SCHOOL BUS ..... 1
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BX TRAFFIC ..... 8
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY ..... 5
PTAYING IN STREET ..... 5
RECKIESS DRIVING ..... 60
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED ..... 23
RUNNING IN STRPET ..... 19
RUN OVER BY TRUCK ..... 1
STANDING IN STREET ..... 2
STANDING ON HIGHWAY ..... 1
UNKNOWN CAUSE ..... 2
WALKED INTO SIDE OF TRUCK ..... 1
WALKING IN STREET ..... 14
WORKING ON HIGHWAY352

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:

| MGIE DRIVERS | 76 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FFMMALE DRIVERS | 7 |  |  |
| UNKNOWN DHIVERS |  | 22 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 105 | 105 |

EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:
MHIE DRIVERS 75
FEMALE: DRIVETS
$\begin{array}{lll} & \frac{10}{85} & \\ \text { TOTAL } & 85\end{array}$

JURY UNABIE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBIIITY: 0

ChisES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WiS HELD:
MAIE DRIVERS
FEMAIE DRIVERS

DRIVERIESS CAR $\quad 1$| 1 |
| :--- |

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HIT AND RUN CASES - 39
HAD BEEN DRINKING:
PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 52

| TRAFFIC FATALITIES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COLLISION AND NON-COLUISION |  |  |  |  |
| JULY | 1947 |  | 38 |  |
| AUGUST | 1947 |  | 45 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1947 |  | 32 |  |
| OCTOBER | 1947 |  | 39 |  |
| NOVEMBER | 1947 |  | 49 |  |
| DECEMBER | 1947 |  | 44 |  |
| JANUARY | 1948 |  | 45 |  |
| FFBRTUARY | 1948 |  | 52 |  |
| MAROH | 1948 |  | 36 |  |
| APRIL | 1948 |  | 33 |  |
| MAY | 1948 |  | 45 |  |
| JUNE | 1948 |  | 23 |  |
| ******* 481 481 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MA工退 |  |  | 366 |  |
| FEMALE |  |  | 115 |  |
|  |  | TOTAL | 481 | 481 |
| * * * * * * |  |  |  |  |
| IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES |  |  | 160 |  |
| IN THP COUNTY OF LOS ANGEIES O/S L.A. CITY |  |  | 297 |  |
| 0/S LOS ANGELES COUNTIY: DEATH IN I.A.COUNTY |  |  | 24 | - |
|  |  | TOTAL | 481 | 481 |

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

## AGES



TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION
NATURE
COLIISION:
AUTO \& ABUTMENT ..... 2
AUTO \& AUTO ..... 127
AUTO, AUTO \& AUTO ..... 8
AUTO, AUTO \& POLE ..... 1
AUTO, AUTO \& TRUCK ..... 2
AUTO \& BICYCIE ..... 6
AUTO \& BRIDGE ..... 3
AUTO \& BUS ..... 2
AUTO \& CURB ..... 4
AUTO \& ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 29
AUTO \& MOTORBIKE ..... 2
AUTO \& MOTORCYCLE ..... 24
AUTO \& MOTORSCOOTER ..... 10
AUTO \& TRUCK-TRAILER \& BABY CARRIAGE
AUTO \& PARKED AUTO ..... 1
AUTO \& POLE ..... 19
AUTO \& STEAM RAILWAY ..... 22
AUTO \& TREE ..... 18
AUTO \& TRUCK ..... 62
AUTO \& TRUCK-TRAIIER ..... 19
AUTO \& MOTOR SCOOTER \& TRUCK ..... 2MOTORCYCIE \& MOTORCYCIEMOTORCYCIE \& STEAM RAILWAYMOTORCYCLE \& TREEMOTORCYCLE \& PARKED AUTO
MOTORSCOOTER \& PARKED TRUCK ..... 1
MOTORCYCLE \& BUIIDING ..... 1TRUCK \& BICYCIE14
2TRUCK \& CULVERT
TRUCK \& MOTORBIKE
MOTORSCOOTER \& CURB ..... 1
TRUCK \& BUS ..... 23TRUCK \& MOTORSCOOTER
TRUCK \& POIE
TRUCK \& ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 3
TRUCK \& MOTORCYCIE ..... 1
TRUCK \& PARKED AUTO ..... 11

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## COLIISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

## COLUISION:



## NON-COLIISION:

AUTTO OVERTURNED
MOTORCYCIE OVERTURNED
MOTORSCOOTER OVERIURNED
TRUCK OVERTURNED
FALL FROMI VEHICLE
RAOING CAR OVERTURNED

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

## CAUSES

## COLLISION:



NON-COLLISION:
AVOIDING COLLISION 3
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT 3
DRIVER ASLEEP 2
IMPROPER RIDING
INCOMPETENT HANDLING
INTOXICATION
4

LOST CONTROL
MISSED CURVE
RECKLESS DRIVING 2
SKIDDING 3
TIRE BLEW OUT
unknown
TOTAL



TRAFFIC FATALITIES COLLISION AND NON-COLIISION

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:
MALE DRIVERS 108
HEMALE DRIVERS 13
UNKINOWN DRIVERS 2.
TRAIN CREWS


EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:
MALE DRIVERS 55
FEMALE DRIVERS 3
TRAIN CRPWS

JURY UITABITE TO DETERMIIEE RESPONSIBILITY: 1
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:
MALE DRIVERS 271
FEMALE DRIVERS 22
UNKNOWN DRIVERS 3
UNABIE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY 1
TOTAL 297


HAD BEEN DRINKING:
DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 56

## ELECTRIC RAIIWAY



IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGFLES 15
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGEIES


TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## BLECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES


## CAUSES



## TRAFFTC FATAIITIES

## STEAM RAILWAY



## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAIIWAY
NATURE


CHASING DOG $\begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & \\ & 3 & \\ & 1 & \\ & 1 & \\ & 1 & \\ & 1 & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & 14\end{array}$
CROSSING RIGHT OF WAY CARELESSLY FALL FROM TRAIN INCOMPETENT HANDITNG
LEAVING WRONG SIDE OF LOCOMOTIVE RUNNING ACROSS TRACKS
SIEEPPING ON TTLACKS
WALKED INTO TiRAIN
VIALKING ON RIGHT OF WAY


## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES



## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## NATURE

BODILY INJURY ..... 10
BURNS ..... 16
CRUSHING ..... 14
DROWNING ..... 2
ELECTROCUTION ..... 7
EXPLOSION ..... 2
FALIS ..... 9
HEAD INJURY ..... 17
INCINERATION ..... 1
INFECTION ..... 6
MACHINERY ..... 7
POISONING

| TOTAL | $\frac{1}{92}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 92 |  |  |

## INDUSTRIAI FATAIITIES

## CAUSES

BODILY INJURY:
FEIL AGAINST PIPE 1
FELI DOWN EIFVATOR SHAFT I
FELL DOWN HATCH I
FELL FROM POIE 1
FEII FROM SCAFFOID 1
KNOCKED FROM LADDER 1
STRUCK BY IUMBER 1
STRUCK BY WINCH LOAD I
LIFTING HEAVY OBSECTS
TOTAL 10
10
BURNS:
GASOLINE DRUM FXPLODED I
GASOIINE MOTOR EXPLODED l
POTASSIUM CYANIDE EKPLODED 1
TOUCHED LIVE WIRE 1
BROKEN GAS MAIN 1
CLEANING FLUID EXXPLODED 1
BUILDING AFIRE 1
FIGHTING FIRE 1
VARNISH CAUGHT FIRE 1
OIL FIRE 1
EIECTRICAL FIASH I
MAGNESIUM DUST EXPLODED I
RUBBER CEMENT MIXER CAUGHT FIRE 1
DYNAMITE EXPLODED 1
HOT TAR
FALJ AGAINST BRICK KILN
TOTAL 16
16

## CRUSHING:

BULIDOZER FELI ON VICTIM I
TRUCK SLIPPED OFF JACK I STRUCK BY TTMBER IIFT TRUCK OVERTURNED 2
CARELESS HANDIING OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT 1
STRUCK BY MACHINERY 1
CAUGHT IN CONVEYOR MACHINE I
CRANE BEAM FELL I

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## CRUSHING: (Cont'd.)

TRACTOR OVERTURNED


DROWNING:
FELL IN SEWER
FBEL IN OIL TANK


FLECTROCUTION:
CONTACIED LIVE WIRE CONTACTED SWITCH


EXPLOSTON:
OIL TANK EXPLODED
AMMONIA CYLINDER EXPLODED


## FALIS:

LOST BALANCE
TRIPPED ON STAIRS
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD


HEAD INJURIES:
d.UTO OVERTURNED

STRUCK BY BUS IN GARAGE
STRUCK BY HAY BAILER
OIL WELL EXPPLOSION
FALL FROM LADDER

1
1
1
1
2

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITTIES

## CAUSES (CONTTINUED)

## HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)

STRUCK BY PIPE
FALL FROM BUILDING
FALI FROM SCAFFOLD
STRUCK BY METAL
FALL FROM TRUCK
STRUCK BY BOOM POLT
STRUCK BY STEEL BAR
FALL FROM ROOF
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
STEEL BEAM FELL

| 1 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 17 | 17 |

INCINERATION:

## INFECTION:

| DROPPED ROCK ON TOE | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| FINGER CAUGHT IN WRINGER | 1 |
| LIETITING Patient | 1 |
| IEG INJURED- SEPTICIEMA DEVELOPED | 1 |
| PINCHED ELBOW | 1 |
| UNKENOWN | 1 |
| TOTAL | 6 |

MACHINERY:
DECAPITATED BY ELEVATOR WEIGHTS
SPRING RECOIIED
1
PRESSURE IN RETORT
DERRICK BROKE ON CRANE
ARM CAUGHT ON CONVEYOR
CRANE TIPPED OVER
REBOUNDING CARTRIDGE
total


POISONING:

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITTIES

| JULY | 1947 | 93 |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| AUGUST | 1947 | 69 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1947 | 84 |  |
| OCTOBER | 1947 | 91 |  |
| NOVEMBER | 1947 | 99 |  |
| DECEMBER | 1947 | 93 |  |
| JANUARY | 1948 | 129 |  |
| FEBRUARY | 1948 | 93 |  |
| MARCH | 1948 | 102 |  |
| APRIL | 1948 | 80 |  |
| MAY | 1948 |  | 80 |
| JUNE | 1948 |  | 76 |
|  |  | $* * * * * *$ | TOTAL |
|  |  | 1089 | 1089 |

MALE 581
FEMALE
TOTAL $\frac{508}{1089} \quad \overline{1089}$

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES 582
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY

466
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 18
LOCATION UNKNOWN

TOTAL $\quad \frac{23}{1089} \quad$| 1089 |
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## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTI.L FATALITTES

## AGES



MISCELILANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES
ABORTED BABY:
Criminal Abortion by nurse l
ARM INJURY:
Unknown I l
ASPHYXIATION:
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Aspiration of stomach contents } & 1 \\ \text { Gas heater in closed room } & & \\ \text { Illuminating gas in closed room } & 1 & \\ & & 2 & 4\end{array}$
BODIIY INJURY:
FALI TO STREET 2
FALI FEOM WAGON
FEII IN CHANDEL
FETL FROM CIIPF
JUMPED FROM TITER
STPUCK BY BAT
STRUCK BY TRACTOR I
FALI FROM ROOF
FALL FROM VINDOW
THROWN FROM HORSE
FALL FROM TRAPEZE
FALIING AUTO
DIVING INTO SHALIOW WATER
FALL FROM LADDER 2
UNDETERMINED 7
UNDETERMINED WHETHER ACCIDENTY OR SUICIDE 3
UNDETERMINED WHETHER ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE

| UNDETERMINED THETHER FALI OR AUTO AND |
| :--- |
| PEDESTRIAN |
|  |
| TOTAL |

## BURNS:

| BEDDING IGNITED | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| BRDDING IGNITED FROM HEATTER | 2 |
| BONFIRE - CLOIHING CAUGHT FIRE | 1 |
| BRUSH FIRE - SLEEPING IN VACANT LOT | 1 |
| BUTARE GAS EXPLOSION |  |

## MISCELIANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

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BURNS: (Cont'd.)
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| CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CIGAR OR CIGARETTE - CLOTHING IGNITED | 2 |  |
| CIGAR OR CIGARETTE - FEII ASIEEP | 2 |  |
| CIGARETITE -SMOKING IN BED | 12 |  |
| CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE | 11 |  |
| CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE | 1 |  |
| BLOW TORCH EXPLODED | 1 |  |
| CLOTHING IGNITED FROM HEATER | 8 |  |
| CLOTHING IGNITED FROM STOVE | 2 |  |
| CONFIAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE | 32 |  |
| CONFLAGRATION - TRAPPED IN BURNING | 3 |  |
| EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS | 1 |  |
| EXPLOSION OF GAS | 3 |  |
| EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE | 2 |  |
| FALI AGAINSST STOVE | 4 |  |
| FIGHTIITG FI2E | 2 |  |
| EXPLOSION OIL TANK | 1 |  |
| GAS EXPIOSION - ILLUMINJATING GAS | 3 |  |
| GAS EXPLOSIOIT - NJATURAL GAS | 1 |  |
| GAS HEATER - CLOTHITG IGNITED | 1 |  |
| GAS HEATER EXPLODED | 4 |  |
| GASOLINE EXPLOSION WHILE CLEANING ENGINE | 1 |  |
| GASOLITVE IGNITED | 1 |  |
| GAS DRUM EXPLODED | 1 |  |
| GAS TANK EXPLODED | 1 |  |
| SCALDS | 4 |  |
| SCALDS - WHILE TAKING HOT BATH | 3 |  |
| SAT ON GAS HEATER | 1 |  |
| SOLVENT IGNITED | 1 |  |
| HEATING PAD CAUGHT FIRE | 1 |  |
| PAINT FUMES EXPIODED | 1 |  |
| GREASE SPILIED | 1 |  |
| UNKINOWN | 1 |  |
| total | 123 | 123 |

CUTTING:
AJTTROATION
AMIPMRMING BURGLARY
TOTAL

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## CRUSHING:

CAUGHT IN ELEVATOR SHAFT
CAR SIIPPED OFF JACK
FLOWER BOX FELL
STRUCK BY F\&LLIITG TREE
TRACTOR OVERTURNED
STRUCK BY FALIING AUTO

DROWNING:
CAIRRIED UNDER BY STRE 1 M
CAUGHT IN RIP TIDE
BOAT CAPSIZED
CHILD AT PLAY
CHILD FELI IN POOL
FAINTED IN BATH TUB
FALL INTO WATER
FALL FROM BOAT
FALL INTO OIL TANK

|  | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 |
|  | 1 |
|  | 1 |
|  | I |
| TOT/L | 6 |

FALL INTO RESERVOIR
FALL FROM SHIP
FALL INTO FOUNTAIN
FALL INTO FISH POND
FALL INTO BATH TUB
FALL INTO SWIMMING POOL
FELL THROUGH ICT
FELL INTO OCEAN
ILL HEALTH - EPILEPTIC FIT
ILL HEALTH
INABILITY TO SWIM
INTOKICATION
IN SUIM HOIE - CHILD AT PLAY
OVERCOME WHILE SWIMMING
SLIPPED FROM RAFT
WASHED INTO OCTAN WHILE FISHING UNKNOWN
LIFE RAFT OVERTURNED
TOTAL
ELECTROCUTION:
INSTALLING FLOOR PLUGS
FAULTY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT
TOUCHED LIVE WIRE
TOUCHED HIGH TEISION WIRE

CAUSES (CONTINUED)
EXPLOSION:
EXPLOSION OF ACETYIENE GAS
FALLS:

| DOWN STAIIS | 8 |
| :---: | :---: |
| DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE | 9 |
| DOWN STEPS | , |
| FROM BED - ILI HEALTH | 1 |
| FROM BED - OLD AGE | 14 |
| FROM CHAIR - OLD AGP |  |
| FROM HOIST - LOST BALANCE | 1 |
| FROM IADDER - LOST BiLANCE | 1 |
| From Iadder - OID age | 2 |
| FROM CLIFF - OLD AGE | 2 |
| FROM CLIFF - UNETJOWN | 3 |
| FROM LADDER - UNKNOWN | 1 |
| Fizon PIEr | 1 |
| FROM PORCH | 2 |
| FROM PORCH - OLD AGE | 4 |
| FROM WiLL | 1 |
|  | 1 |
| FROM WINDOW - MENTAL CASE | 1 |
| FROM WINDOW - OLD AGE | 1 |
| IN STREET CAR | 1 |
| ON STEPS | 1 |
| ON STEPS - OLD LGE | 5 |
| TO FLOOR - ILL HEALTH | 5 |
| TO FLOOR - OLD AGE | 322 |
| TO FLOOR - SEIZURE | 1 |
| TO FLOOR - SLIPPED | 3 |
| TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER RUG |  |
| TO FLOOR - UNKINOWN | 5 |
| TO GROUND |  |
| TO GROUND - LOST BALANCE | 1 |
| TO GROUND - OLD hGE | 34 |
| TO GROUND - INTOXICATION | 1 |
| TO GROUND - TRIPPED | 2 |
| TO STREET | 5 |
| TO STREET - ILI HEAITH | 3 |
| TO STIEET - INTOXICATION | 1 |
| TO STTEET - OLD AGE | 22 |
| TO STREET - SLIPPED | 5 |
| UNKKNOWN | TOTA $\frac{5}{486}$ |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITTES

CAUSES (CONTTIUED)
FIREARMS:

| ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN | 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF REVOLVER | 1 |
| CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARMS | 11 |
| GUN FIGHT BETYMEN OTHERS | 1 |
| GUN WENT OFF WHILE EEING CLEANED | 3 |
| PLAYING WITH FIREARITS | 2 |
| SHOT BY OFFICER | 1 |
| STRAY BUIIET | 1 |
| UNKNOWN | 3 |
| UNKINOWN WHETHER ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 2 |
| TOTAL | 28 |

HEAD INJURIES:
CAR SLIPPED FROM JACK 1
CRUSHED BY TRACTOR
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE
FALI AGAITSST STOVE
FALL AGAIVST TRUCK 1

FALL DOWT ELEVATOR SHAFT
FALL DOWNSTAIRS 11
FALL FRON BED 6
FALL FROM BICYCLE 1
FALI FROM BRIDGE 2
FALL FROM BUILDING 4
FALL FROM CHAIR 2
FALL FROM CEITF 1
FALL FROM CROSS BAR I
FALL FROM HORSE
FALL FROM IADDER
$\longrightarrow 7$
FALL FROM LOAD OF HAY 1
FALL FROM PORCH 3
FALL FROM ROOT 1
FALL FROM STRETCHER I
FALL FROM TRRE I
FALL FROM WHEEL CHAIR I
FALL IN BATH TUB 1
FALL IN GREASE PIT 1
FALL OUT OF CRIB 3
FALL TO FLOOR 23
FALL TO GROUND 11
FAIL TO GROUND - INTOXICATION I
FALL TO PAVEMENT

| HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FALL TO SIDEWALK |  |  |
| FALL TO STREET | 11 |  |
| ROOF CAVED IN | 6 |  |
| STRUCK BY FLOWER POT | 1 |  |
| THROWN FROM HORSE | 1 |  |
| TRAMPELED BY HORSE | 5 |  |
| UNKINOWN | 1 |  |
| WHEITHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL | 19 |  |
| UNDETERMINED | 1 |  |
| TOTAL | 148 | 148 |
| INFECTI ON: 148 |  |  |
| CUT FOOT ON GTASS - TETMNUS DEVELOPED |  |  |
| INJECTION OF INFECTED | 1 |  |
| IEG INJURY | 1 |  |
| PERFORATION BY CARROT | 1 |  |
| SCRATCHED HAND - SEPTICEMA | 1 |  |
| SCRATCHED LEG | 1 |  |
| SWALLOW SAFETY PIN | 1 |  |
|  | 1 | - |
| TOTAL | 9 | 9 |
| NECK INJURY: |  |  |
| STRUCK BY SPOON |  |  |
| PERFORATED ESOPHAGUS: |  |  |
| SWALLOWED FISH BONE |  |  |
| PERFORATED RECTUM: |  |  |
| SWALLOWED FISH BONE 1 |  |  |
| POISONING: |  |  |
| AMYTAL - OVERDOSE |  |  |
| AMYTAL - UNKKNOWN 1 |  |  |
| ANT PASTE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE 2 |  |  |
| ANT PASTE - BABY ATE IN ERRORINED 2 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ( ACCIDENAL INGESTION | 1 |  |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATAIITIES.

## CAUSES (CONTTNUED)

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

| ATROPHINE - INGESTION OF EYE MEDICINEBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETTERMINED 11 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| BARBITURATE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED | 14 |
| BARBITURGTE - OVERDOSE | 7 |
| BARBITURATE - UNKNOWN | 3 |
| BROMIDE - OJERDOSE | 1 |
| CARBON DIOXIDE - UNKNOWN | 1 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING | 30 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE GFIRE | 4 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - MATTRESS IGNITED | 7 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - UNABIE TO DETERIMINE | 1 |
| CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRAIH IN ERROR | 3 |
| DIGITALIS - OVERDOSE | 1 |
| ILIUNMINATTNG GLS - UNKINOWN | 1 |
| INSULIN - OVERDOSE | 1 |
| KEROSENE - TAKEN IN ERROR | 1 |
| NGPTMA \& BENZINE - UNTENOVIN | 1 |
| NICOTISINA, IEAVES | 1 |
| Paraideriyde - OVERDOSE | 1 |
| PENTOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 3 |
| PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE | 2 |
| PHENOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 4 |
| phenobarbitia - overdose | 1 |
| PHENOBARBITCI - UNKINOWN |  |
| PHOSPHORUS - INGESTION OF RAT POISON | 1 |
| SECONAL - ACCIDEAT OR SUICIDE | 1 |
| SECONAL - OVERDOSE | 4 |
| SODIUM LMMYAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 1 |
| SPIDER - BITTEN B Y BILCK WIDOW | 1 |
| STRYCHININE - PLAYING WITH PILIS | 1 |
| TURPENTINE - DRANII IN ERROR | 1 |
| unkNown | 1 |
| TOTAL | 106 |

STREINGULATION:
ASPIRATION OF BLOOD
ASPIRATION OF FOOD
ASPIRATION OF VOMITUS

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES.

CAUSES (CONTINUED)
STRAMGULATION: (Cont'd.)

AT PLAY
FOREIGN SUBSTANCE IN ESOPHAGUS
IIJFANT CAUGHT HEAD IN CHAIR
IIFFANT CAJGHT HEAD IN PLAY PEN REGURGITATION OF FOOD
STRANGLED BY BED CLOTHES
SWALLOWED RATTIE
WHETHER ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE


SUFFOCATION:
aT PLAY - IN ICEBOX
CHOKED ON FOOD AFTER VOMITING
FACE DOWN IN BED
FACT DOWIT IN CRIB
FOREIGN CBJECT IN BRONCHIAL PASSAGE
SMOKE - HOUSF AFIRE
SMOTHERED BY FILLOW
SMOTHERID IN BED CLOTHES
SMOTHERED IN SLEEP BETWEEN PARENTS UNKNO WNJ

TOTLL
UNTINOWN:
UNDETERMINED
TOTAL $\frac{5}{1089} \quad \frac{5}{1089}$

## SUICIDES



## SUICIDES

NATURE
BURNING6
CARBON MONOXIDE ..... 1
CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST) ..... 49
CUTTING ..... 37
DROVNING ..... 13
EXPIOSION
25
ILIUMINATING GAS ..... 25
SHOOTING
STRANGULATION$\begin{array}{rr}207 \\ \text { TOTiI } & \begin{array}{r}85 \\ 424\end{array} \quad 424\end{array}$
JUMPING:
IN FRONT OF TREIN ..... 1
IN FRONT OF VEFIICLE ..... 1
FROM $A$ IRPLANE ..... 1
FROM BRIDGE ..... 10
FROM BTJTLDING ..... 39FROM OII DEPRICKFROM SHIP$\begin{array}{r}1 \\ \hline\end{array}$
5454

## NATURE

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

| IYE |  | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LYSOL |  | 1 |  |
| NEMBUTAL |  | 1 |  |
| NICOTENE |  | 10 |  |
| OIL OF WINTERGREEN |  | 1 |  |
| PEMTOBARBITAL |  | 9 |  |
| PHENOBARBITAL |  | 22 |  |
| PHOSPHORUS |  | 1 |  |
| QUTNINE |  | 1 |  |
| SECONAE |  | 14 |  |
| SODIUM HYDROXIDE |  | 1 |  |
| SODIUM FLUORIDE |  | 3 |  |
| SODIUM LUTITINAL |  |  |  |
| STRYCHININE |  | 5 |  |
| SUTPPHURIC ACID |  | 1 |  |
| TUTNAL |  | 1 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 189 | 189 |

## SUICIDES

## CAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER ..... 4
ALTERCATIONBELIEVED WORLD ENDING4
1BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES
BUSINESS FAILURE ..... 2
BUSINESS LOSSES ..... 1
DONESTIC DIFFICULTIES ..... 36
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF FATHER ..... 1
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF MATE ..... 3
DESPONDENT OVER LOSS OF JOB ..... 1
DESPONDENCY ..... 148
DRUG ADDICT ..... 1
EMMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES ..... 3
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES ..... 12
FAMILY WORRIES ..... 3
FEAR OF ARREST ..... 1
FEAR OF PROSECUTION ..... 8
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES ..... 8
ILL HEGLTH ..... 227
IIL HEALTH \& DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES ..... 2
INTOXICATION ..... 4
JEALOUSY ..... 2
LOVE AFFAIR ..... 9
MENTAL CONDITION ..... 19
IENTALLY DERANGED ..... 3
NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO MOVIES ..... 1
QUARREL ..... 3
REFUSED SERVICE AT BAR ..... 1
REMORSE1
RTVMTCD REVENGE ..... 1
SUICIDE PLCTTIRED OF LIFE17
UNKINOWN
UNKINOWN

## HOMICIDES



IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES 135
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS $A N G E L E S ~ O / S ~ L . A . ~ C I T Y ~$ OUTSIDE OF LOS LNGELES COUNTY UNKNOWN


*     *         *             *                 *                     *                         * 

IESS THAN ONE YEAR
2 to 5 YEARS
5 to 10 YEARS
10 to 20 YEARS
20 to 45 YEARS
45 to 65 YEARS
65 YEARS AND OVER


## HOMICIDES

## NATURE

BURNS 4
DROWNING 1
FIGHTIIVG 13
PUSHED FROM WINDOW 1
SHOOTING 112
STABBING 51
STRANGULATION 8
STRUCK WITH OBJECT 10
SUFFOCATION
HOTEL 203

*     *         *             *                 *                     *                         * 

JUSTIFIABLE 56
UNJUSTIFIABIE
UNDETERMINED

BY A KNOWN PERSON 115
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON 30
BY FATHER 1
BY HUSBAND 20
BY MOTHER 3
BY OFFICER 25
BY SON 2
BY SON-IN-IAW 2
BY WIFE
252810

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\frac{3}{203} \quad-
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TOTAL $\quad \frac{5}{203} \quad-$

## CAUSES

## JUSTIFIABLE:

| ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST |  | 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE |  | 2 |  |
| DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES |  | 1 |  |
| DURING ALTERCATION |  | 12 |  |
| DURING BURGL4RY |  | 5 |  |
| DURING BOXING MATCH |  | 1 |  |
| DURING FAMILY QUARREL |  | 2 |  |
| DURING HOLDUP |  |  |  |
| DURING ROBBERY |  | 4 |  |
| FIGHTING |  | 1 |  |
| QUELLING DISTURBAIVCE |  | 1 |  |
| RESISTING ARREST |  | 11 |  |
| SELF DEFENSE |  | 9 |  |
| UNDETERMINED |  | 2 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 56 | 56 |

## UNJUSTIFILBLE:



## ABORTIONS



## ALCOHOLISM



## UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE
FEMAIE


IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY $\frac{2}{5}$ TOTAL

*     *         *             *                 *                     *                         * 

AGES


AIRPLANE FATALITIES

| JULY | 1947 | 4 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AUGUST | 1947 | 6 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1947 | 4 |  |
| OCTOBER | 1947 | 3 |  |
| NOVEMBER | 1947 | 2 |  |
| DECEMBER | 1947 | 2 |  |
| JANUARY | 1948 | 2 |  |
| FEBRUARY | 1948 | 1 |  |
| MARCH | 1948 | 2 |  |
| APRIL | 1948 | 1 |  |
| MAY | 1948 |  | 0 |
| JUNE | 1948 | TOTAL | $\frac{1}{28}$ |

MALE
FEMALE
TOTAL $\frac{21}{28} \quad \begin{aligned} & 28\end{aligned}$

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TOTAL 28

PASSEIVGER PILOT

12
16 TOTAL $28 \quad 28$

ACCIDENTAL INDUSTRIAL


AIRPLANE FATALITIES
(COIVTINUED)
AGES


TYPE OF PLANE

| COMMERCIAI |  | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HOME MADE |  | 1 |  |
| NAVY |  | 1 |  |
| PLEASURE |  | 25 | - |
|  | TOTAL | 28 | 28 |
| CAUSES |  |  |  |
| DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT |  | 2 |  |
| FLYING TOO LOW |  | 8 |  |
| INCOMPETENT HANDIING |  | 1 |  |
| LOST CONTROL |  | 2 |  |
| LOST CONTROL STUNTING |  | 2 |  |
| UNKINOWN CAUSES |  | 13 | - |
|  | TOTAL | 28 | 28 |

## INQUESTS

|  |  | CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM | L.A.CITY \& COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM | TOTALS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JULY | 1947 | 28 | 18 | 46 |
| AUGUST | 1947 | 36 | 21 | 57 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1947 | 31 | 10 | 41 |
| OCTOBER | 1947 | 30 | 19 | 49 |
| NOVEMPER | 1947 | 34 | 35 | 69 |
| DECEMBER | 1947 | 43 | 20 | 63 |
| JANUARY | 1948 | 39 | 17 | 56 |
| FEBRUURY | 1948 | 36 | 22 | 58 |
| MARCH | 1948 | 29 | 23 | 52 |
| APRIL | 1948 | 37 | 18 | 55 |
| MAY | 1948 | 42 | 21 | 63 |
| JUNE | 1948 | 19 | 11 | 30 |
|  | TOTAL | 404 | 235 | 639 |


| JULY | 1947 |
| :--- | :--- |
| AUGUST | 1947 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1947 |
| OCTOBER | 1947 |
| NOVEMBER | 1947 |
| DECEMBER | 1947 |
| JANUARY | 1948 |
| FEBRUARY | 1948 |
| MARCH | 1948 |
| APRIL | 1948 |
| MAY | 1948 |
| JUNE | 1948 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CORONER's } \\ & \text { MORTUGRY } \end{aligned}$ | L.A.CITY \& CO. 0/S MORTULRY | GENERAL <br> HOSPITAL | TOTALS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 154 | 175 | 9 | 338 |
| 160 | 159 | 3 | 322 |
| 155 | 135 | 8 | 298 |
| 187 | 143 | 4 | 334 |
| 177 | 155 | 5 | 337 |
| 212 | 177 | 10 | 399 |
| 191 | 166 | 6 | 363 |
| 175 | 185 |  | 360 |
| 166 | 194 | 7 | 363 |
| 167 | 172 | 7 | 346 |
| 183 | 185 | 7 | 375 |
| 152 | 208 |  | 369 |
| 2079 | 2054 | 71 | 4204 |

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUNBER OF BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE ..... 117
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE ..... 196
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE ..... 58NUNBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONSUNDER SECTION 4300h OF PENAL CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE 19
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COILECTED ..... 390
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALIED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLIECTED ..... 2761
TOTAL NUNBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY ..... 3151
NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY ..... 507
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT COROIER'S MORTUARY ..... 3658
NUNBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY ..... 4131TOTAL NUNBER OF CASES HANDIED BY COUNTY CORORERJULY 1, 1947 to JUNE 30, 19487789
NUNBER OF INVESTIGATIONS: NO AUTOPSIES ..... 3585
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ..... 7234MILES TRAVEIED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIESAND APPEAR LIS WITNESSES59177
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCE TO TRANSPORT BODIES ..... 18013
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOID ..... 430
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK ..... 613
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERITIENT
fGENCIES: NO FEE
NUMBER OF TRAN SCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY17
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED ..... 613
NTMBER OT PICRS OF TESTTMONY PREPARDD NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTTMONY PREPARED ..... 12258
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF COROIER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS ..... 4843
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF JURIES ..... 639
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS ..... 3877
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS ..... 2956
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR ..... 181
NUNBER OF CASES REPORTTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATESIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN: THESE CASES CLhSSIFIED is"NOT A CORONER'S CASE"354

## SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGIC.L I $A B O R A T O R Y$ ..... 1008
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS ..... 1813
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ..... 85
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE ..... 108
NUNEER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE ..... 47
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS MADE AND PROCESSED ..... 440
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY ..... 1946
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECPSSARY FOR ABOVE CASES INCLUDING ALCOHOL ..... 6742
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR ALCOHOL DETERMINATION ..... 1670

EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1947-48

|  | FPPROPRIATION | EXPENDITURES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SALARIES AND WAGES | \$203,213.53 | \$203,213.53 |
| MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION | 35,388.00 | 34,397.29 |
| CAPITAL OUTLIY | 12,782.00 | 12,419.15 |
|  | \$251, 383.53 | *250,029.97 |

RTVENUES COLUECTED
FISCAL YEAR 1947-48

EMBALMING FEES
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS
WITNESS FEES
SHERIFF'S FHES
GENERAL FUND

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 60,740.00 \\
4,405.64 \\
99.65 \\
0.00 \\
100.00 \\
\hline \$ 65,345.29
\end{array}
$$

TOTAL

