# ANNUAL REPORT 

## CORONER

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Ben H. Brown, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 1951

JUNE 30, 1952

August 27, 1952.

Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.
Gentlemen:
Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.
This report contains a statistical report and summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epedemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,


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CORONER
County of Los Angeles, California
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June 30, 1952
BEN H. BROWN, Coroner
VICTOR L. WALLAGE, Chief Deputy
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## REPORT DIGEST

CORONER DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT 1951-52
Date of Report: August 27, 1952.

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8134 cases for the fiscal year 1951-52, which shows an increase of 360 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes
5145
Due to traffic
749
Due to suicides
667
Due to homicides
172
Due to industrial accidents
Due to miscellaneous accidents
134
1166
Of the 749 traffic fatalities, 319 were pedestrian, 129 of which were over 65 years of age. 149 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 405 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 340 of which were over 20 years of age.

9 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 16 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 172 homicides, 102 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 74 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 667 suicides, 233 were the result of despondency and 190 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 637 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 548 deaths.
3579 autopsies were performed of the 8134 cases handled by the Coroner during the year. 8123 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 2138 micrascopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

511 inquests were held during the year.
The Department's total expenditure during 1951-52 was $\$ 293,214.93$, comprised as follows: Salaries and Vages, \$252,751.47; Maintenance and Operation, $439,134.59$; and Capital Outiay $\$ 1,328.87$.
Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1951-52 were $\$ 77,842.28$.

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## REPORT OF BEN H. BROWN <br> LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

| JULY | 1951 | 582 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AUGUST | 1951 | 619 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1951 | 551 |
| OCTOBER | 1951 | 591 |
| NOVEMBER | 1951 | 663 |
| DECEMBER | 1951 | 836 |
| January | 1952 | 818 |
| FEBRUARY | 1952 | 683 |
| MARCH | 1952 | 800 |
| APRIL | 1952 | 706 |
| MAY | 1952 | 642 |
| JUNE | 1952 | 643 |
|  | total | 8134 |
|  | * * * * * * * |  |
| MALE |  | 5336 |
| FEMALE |  | 2798 |
|  | total | 8134 |
|  | * * * * * * * |  |
| IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES |  | 4481 |
| IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES o/S LOS ANGELES CITY |  | 3653 |
|  | total | 8134 |

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## CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

## HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:
AIRPLANE ..... 47
ALCOHOLISM ..... 10
ASPHYXIATION ..... 2
BURNS ..... 135
CRUSHING ..... 4
DROWNING ..... 82
ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 9
ELECTROCUTION ..... 6
FALLS ..... 548
FIREARMS ..... 13
HEAD INJURIES ..... 130
INDUSTRIAL ..... 134
INFECTION ..... 7
MISCELLANEOUS ..... 45
MOTOR VEHICLES ..... 724
POISONING ..... 137
STEAM RAILWAY ..... 16
STRANGULATION ..... 8
SUFFOCATIONTOTAL $\quad 20998$
2098ABORTIONS1.5
HOMICIDES ..... $17 \%$

## CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

| NATURAL CAUSES |  | 5145 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| PREMATURE BIRTHS | 0 |  |
| STILLBORN |  | 26 |
| SUICIDES |  | 667 |
| UNKNOWN |  | 11 |
|  | TOTAL | 6036 |



TRAFFIC F'ATALITIES
PEDESTRIANS


TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## PEDESTRIAN

AGES


## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## PEDESTRIAN

## CAUSES



TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## PEDESTRIAN

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

| MALE DRIVERS |  | 66 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| FEMALE DRIVERS | 8 |  |
| UNDETERMINED DRIVERS |  | 1 |
| UNKNOWN DRIVERS |  | 13 |
|  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | 88 |
| NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY: |  |  |
| MALE DRIVERS |  |  |
| FEMALE DRIVERS |  | 73 |
|  |  | 7 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | 80 |
|  |  | 80 |

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

| MALE DRIVERS FEMALE DRIVERS |  | $\begin{array}{r} 125 \\ 22 \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TOTAL | 147 | 147 |
| DRIVERIESS CAR UNKNOWN DRIVER |  | $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |
|  | TOTAL | 4 | 4 |
|  | TOTAL |  | 319 |
| HIT AND RUN CASES |  | 23 |  |

HAD BEEN DRINKING:
PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 30
SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALGOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION


## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

## AGES



TRAFFIC FGTALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLIISION
NATURE
COLLISION:
AMBULANCE \& TRUCK ..... 1
AUTO \& ABUTMENT ..... 3AUTO \& AMBULANCE
AUTO \& AUTO ..... 106
AUTO, AUTO \& AUTO ..... 9
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO \& AUTO ..... 3
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO \& TRUCK ..... 1AUTO \& PAPKED AUTOAUTO, AUTO \& TRUCKAUTO \& AUTOETTEAUTO \& BOX CAR
1
1AUTO \& BICYCLE
AUTO \& BRIDGE ..... 2
AUTO \& BUS ..... 1
AUTO \& BUILDING ..... 1
AUTO \& CURB ..... 2
AUTO \& ELECTRIC RAILWAY ..... 13
AUTO \& EMBANKMENT ..... 1AUTO \& FIRE PLUG
AUTO \& GUARD POST ..... 2
AUTO \& GUARD RAIL ..... 1
AUTO \& MOTORCYCLE ..... 5
AUTO \& MOTORSCOOTER ..... 4
AUTO \& PARKED AUTO ..... 4
AUTO \& PARKED TRUCK
19
AUTO \& POLE
2
AUTO \& POST
1
AUTO \& SAFETY ISLE
1
AUTO \& SIGN
20
20
AUTO \& STEAM RAILWAY
AUTO \& STEAM RAILWAY ..... 2
AUTO \& TRACTOR-TRAILER ..... 3
AUTO \& TREE ..... 9
AUTO \& TRUCK ..... 35
AUTO \& TRUCK-TRAILER ..... 18
AUTO, TRUCK-TRAILER \& MOTORCYCLE ..... 1
AUTO; TRUCK \& TRUCK-TRAILER1
AUTOETTE \& PARKED AUTO1
MOTORCYCLE \& CURBMOTORCYCLE \& BRICK WALLMOTORCYCLE \& PARKED TRUCKMOTORCYCEE \& TRAFFIC BUTTONMOTORCYCLE \& TREE
MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK \& TRUCK
MOTORCYCLE \& WALL

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

## COLLISION:

| TRUCK \& CURB |  | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TRUCK \& BICYCLE | 2 |  |
| TRUCK \& BUILDING |  |  |
| TRUCK \& ELECTRIC RAILWAY | 1 |  |
| TRUCK \& MOTORCYCLE | 1 |  |
| TRUCK \& PARKED CARS | 7 |  |
| TRUCK \& STEAM RAILWAY | 1 |  |
| TRUCK-TRAILER \& MOTORCYCLE | 7 |  |
| TRUCK \& TRUCK |  | 2 |
| TRUCK \& TRUCK-TRAILER |  | 1 |
|  |  | TOTAL |
|  |  | 323 |

## NON-COLLISION:

AUTO INTO CREFK
AUTO INTO DITCH
1
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT
AUTO OVER CLIFF
AUTO OVERTURNED
AUTO STRUCK DEPRESSION
AUTOETTE OVERTURNED
FALL FROM VEHICLE
1

INJURED WHILE VARMING UP FOT ROD
JEEP TRUCK OVERTURNED
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED
?

MOTORSCOOTER OVERTURNED
TRUCK OVERTURNED


## TRAFF" C . TALITIES

COLLISION AMD NON-COLLISION

## CAUSES

## COLLISION:

AVOIDING COILISION ..... 1BOTH VEHICLES SOUNDING SIRENS
COLLISION OF RACING CARS1
CUTTING IN AHEAD ..... 1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT ..... 2
DEFECTIVE SIGNAL ..... 3DRIVER ASLEEP
DRIVER CONFUSED BY WARNING LIGHTS ..... 1
DRIVER IGNORED WIG-VAG ..... 3
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD ..... 37
ENTERING CAR FROM WRONG SIDE ..... 1
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT ..... 21
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY ..... 4INCONPETENT HANDIING
INTOXICATION ..... 1
LOST CONTROL ..... 53
LOST CONTROL OF BICYCLE ..... 1LOST REAR WHEEL
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT '':ILU'AY CROSSING ..... 22
PASSING ON V'RONG SIDE ..... 1
RAN BOUIEVARD STOP ..... 13
RAN SIGNAI ..... 13
REAR END COLLISION ..... 15
RECKLESS DRIVING ..... 32
RIDING BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS ..... 1
RIGHT OF VAY VIOLATED ..... 69
SKIDDING ..... 10
SPEEDING AT INTERSECTION ..... 1
TIRE BLOW-OUT ..... 3
TRUCK STALLED ON TRACKUNKNOWN

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:
ACCIDENTALLY OPENED DOOR


TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:
MALE DRIVERS 97
FEMALE DRIVERS 14
UNKNOWN DRIVERS
TOTAL $\frac{3}{114} 114$
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:
MALE DRIVERS
44
FEMALE DRIVERS 9
train crews
TOTAL $\begin{gathered}3 \\ 56\end{gathered}$
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:
MALE DRIVERS 200

FEMALE DRIVERS 32
DRIVERLESS CAR 1
UNKNOWN DRIVERS

|  | 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 235 | 235 |
| TOTAL |  | 405 |

HIT AND RUN CASES • 3
HAD BEEN DRINKING:
DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 80
SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## ELECTRIC RAILWAY



TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## ELECTRIC RAILWAY

## AGES



CAUSES
CHILD CROSSING TRACKS CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY
CROSSING TRACKS NOT AT INTERSECTION
CROSSING TRACKS AGAINST SIGNAL CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE


## TRAFEIC FATALITIES

## STEAM RAILWAY



IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES 8
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY


$$
\begin{gathered}
* * * * * * \\
\text { AGES }
\end{gathered}
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| 10 | TO | 20 | YEARS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | TO | 45 | YEARS |
| 45 | TO | 65 | YEARS |
| 65 | YEARS AND OVER |  |  |



TRAFFIC FATALITIES
STEAM RAILWAY
NATURE


CROSSING TRACKS CaRELESSLY
CROSSING TRACKS IMPROPERLY
FALL FROM TRAIN WHILE SWITCHING
FELL UNDER TRAIN WHILE SWITCHING
FELL UNDER WHEELS WHILE SWITCHING
LYING AGAINST RAILROAD TRACK
LYING ON TRACKS
RAN ACROSS TRACKS
REMOVING SECTION CAR FROM TRACKS
SITTING ON RIGHT OF WAY
SLEEPING ON TRACKS
UNDETERMINED (ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE)
UNKNOWN
WALKING ON RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

|  | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 2 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 2 |  |
|  | 1 |  |
|  | 16 | 16 |

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

|  | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MOTOR VEHICLES | 517 | 207 | 724 |  |
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY | 7 | 2 | 9 |  |
| STEAM RAILWAY | 14 | 2 | 16 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 538 | 211 | 749 |

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES


## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## NATURE

BODILY INJURY ..... 28
BURNS ..... 12
CRUSHING ..... 4
DROWNING ..... 4
ELECTROCUTION ..... 12
ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND BURNS ..... 1
FALLS ..... 2
HEAD INJURY ..... 46
INFECTION ..... 14
POISONING ..... 7
SUFFOCATION

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES

## BODILY INJURY:

CAVE IN OF DITCH ..... 1
CRUSHED BY FALLING TRANSFORMER ..... 1
CRUSHED BY ROLLS OF PAPER ..... 1
CRUSHED BY TRUCK THAT SLIPPED INTO SUMP HOLE
EXPLOSION OF HEATING KILN ..... 1
FALL FROM BRIDGE ..... 1
FALL FROM BUILDING ..... 1
FALL FROM CLIFF ..... 1
FALL FROM JITNEY ..... 1
FALL FROM LADDER ..... 1
FALL FROM OIL DERRICK ..... 1
FALL FROM PILING ..... 1
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD ..... 3
FALL FROM TRACTOR ..... 1
FALL FROM TREE ..... 1
FALL INTO PIT AT BOWLING ALLEY ..... 1
FALL UNDER WHEELS OF GRADER ..... 1
HYDRAULIC PRESS EXPLODED ..... 2
MOBILE CONCRETE BUGGY OVERTURNED ..... 1
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK ..... 1
STRUCK BY FALLING SECTION OF PIPE ..... 1STRUCK BY HEAVY METAL
TRACTOR OVERTURNED
UNLOADING PIPE VHEN STACK FELL ON VICTIM1
TOTAL 28
BURNS:
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM CUTTING TORCH CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE FROM GAS RANGE CRANE STRUCK HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE
FULL TANK EXPLOSION DURING WELDING1CRANE STRUCK HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE1

EXPLOSION OF HYDROGEN TANKFULL TANK EXPLOSIO1

GASOLINE EXPLOSION1
TILE FROM FLOOR
GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED WHLi.: CUTTING UPOLD AUTOMOBILE$\begin{array}{cr}1 \\ \text { RE } & 2 \\ \text { TOTAL } & 1 \\ & 12\end{array}$

PARTING OF BOILER HOUSE STEAM LINE\begin{tabular}{cr}
1 <br>
TOTAL \& 2 <br>
\& 1 <br>
\hline 12


1 <br>
TOTAL \& 2 <br>
\& 1 <br>
\hline 12
\end{tabular}

SLIPPED AND FELL WHILE CARRYING HOT TAR

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

## CRUSHING:

| BUS BACKING UP IN GARAGE | 1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CAUGHT BETV'EEN TRAILER WHILE BACKING | 1 |  |
| CAVE-IN OF DIRT AND CONCRETE | 1 |  |
| WEDGED BETVEEN SHIP PROPELLER \& SCAFFOLD | 1 |  |
|  |  | 1 |
|  | TOTAL | 4 |

DROWNING:

| STORM AT SEA WHILE FISHING |  | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TRACTOR OVERTURIED INTO FLOOD STREAM | 1 |  |
| UNKNOWN |  | 2 |
|  | TOTAL | 4 |

## ELECTROCUTION:

| BROKEN WIRE ON ELECTRIC DRILL | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC CABLE | 1 |
| CONTACT WITH ENERGIZED CURRENT | 1 |
| CONTACT WITH VITE INSULATOR | 1 |
| CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE | 4 |
| CONTACT WITH POWER LINE | 1 |
| CONTACTED LIVE WIRE | 1 |
| CRANE IN CONTACT VITH HIGH TENSION WIRE | 1 |
| SHOCK FROM ELECTRIC PANEL | 1 |
| TOTAL | 12 |

ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND BURNS:
SHORT CIRCUIT OF ELECTRICAL OIL SWITCH
TOTAL
$\frac{1}{I}$
FALLS:
FALL FROM LADDER
TOTAL $\frac{2}{2}$

HEAD INJURY:
ARTIFICIAL TREE FELL ON VICTIM

CAUGHT BETWEEN BED \& FRAME OF DUMP TRUCK CRUSHED BY GRADER
DUMP TRUCK BED FELL ON VICTIM

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURY: (Cont'd.)
EXPLOSION OF DRUM OF PAINT THINNER 1
EXPLOSION OF HEATING KILN 4
FALL AGAINST MACHINE OR BOX
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE
FALL FROM DOCK
FALL FROM DOCK AGAINST FLOATING PILE
FALL FROM HAY STACK
FALL FROM LADDER
FALL FROM PARKED TRUCK
FALL FROM PILE OF SHINGLES
FALL FROM POLE
FALL FROM ROOF
FALI FICOM SCAFFOLD
1

PALL ROM SHIP 0 DOCK
FALL FROM SHIP TO DOCK
FALL FROM TREE
FALL FROM WASH RACK
FALL THROUGH ROOF
FALIING BALES OF PULP
MACHINE SLIPPED WHILE BEING MOVED
STRUCK BY FALLING IRON
STRUCK BY FALLING OIL DRUM
STRUCK BY FLYING PIECE OF METAL I
STRUCK BY PIPE 2
STRUCK BY TOOL CALLED "LEE TONGS" 1
STRUCK HEAD ON METAL RAIL WHILE ENTERING MAIL CAR
STRUCK ON HEAD BY CLAY PIPE


INFECTION:
SEPTICEMIA - BURNED HAND WHIEE AT WORK I
SILICOSIS - DUST INHALATION IN COAL MINES 1
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST 8
SILICOSIS - INHALED DUST IN MINES
TETANUS - CUT HAND WHILE WORKING ON PRESS
3

TOTAL 14

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46
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## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## POISONING:

CARBON MONOXIDE CERAMIC OVEN BURNING $\begin{aligned} & \text { IN CLOSED ROOM }\end{aligned}$
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF CARBON
MONOXIDE IN TANK
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FUNES 1
LEAD - WORKED IN PAINT SHOP I
NETHYL BROMIDE - GAS ESCAPING FROM TANK 1
tetanis - CONTACTED TETANUS INFECTION AT
VOORK AS CHEMIST


SUFFOLATIOI:


## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

| JULY | 1951 | 76 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AUGUST | 1951 | 82 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1951 | 80 |  |
| OCTOBER | 1951 | 79 |  |
| NOVEMBER | 1951 | 81 |  |
| DECEMBER | 1951 | 100 |  |
| January | 1952 | 152 |  |
| FEBRUARY | 1952 | 100 |  |
| MARCH | 1952 | 127 |  |
| APRIL | 1952 | 89 |  |
| MAY | 1952 | 97 |  |
| JUNE | 1952 | 103 |  |
|  | total | 1166 | 1166 |
|  | * * * * * * * |  |  |
| MALE |  | 582 |  |
| FEMALE |  | 584 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 1166 | 1166 |
|  | * * * * * * * |  |  |
| IN THE CIT | Y OF LOS ANGELES | 597 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IN THE COU } \\ & 0 / \mathrm{S} \text { LOS } \end{aligned}$ | NTY OF LOS ANGELES ANGELES CITY | 545 |  |
| OUTSIDE OF | LOS ANGELES COUNTY | 13 |  |
| LOCATION | NKNOWN | 11 |  |
|  | TOTAL | 1166 | 1166 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## AGES



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES
ASPHYXIATION:

| ILLUMINATING GAS | LEAK IN FURNACE | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ILLUMINATING GAS | - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT |  |
|  | OF SUICIDE | 1 |
|  |  | TOTAL |

BURNS:
ASLEEP IN BURNING AUTO
AUTO AFIRE
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE
BUCKET OF TAR CAUGHT FIRE
BY HOT WATER BOTTLE
CHEMICAL EXPLOSION
CIGARETTE - CAREIESS SMOKING
CIGARETTE - CHAIR AFIRE
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM INCINERATOR 3
CONFLAGRATION - FIRE IN HOTEL
CONFLAGRATION - GARAGE AFIRE 1
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE 27
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE $\quad ?$
CONFLAGRATION - PLANE CRASHED INTO HOUSE
CONFLAGRATION - SHIP ON FIRE
CONFLAGRATION - WAREHOUSE AFIRE
DEFECTIVE HEATING PAD
ELECTRIC HEATING PAD IGNITED BEDDING 1
ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION CABLES I
EXPLOSION OF FUEL OIL
FATHER THREV CLEANING SOLVENT INTO INCINERATOR
FELL INTO FIREPLACE
FIRE WORKS STAND ON FIRE
1
GAS EXPLOSION
1
GAS TANK EXPLOSION
GASOLINE BURNS FRON AUTO BACK FIRE
1
1
GASOLINE CAN EXPLODED
MATCHES - GRASS SKIRT AFIRE
MATCHES - IIT MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES 11
NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION
PAINT REMOVER IGNITED
SCALDS - Child turned on water in bath tub
SCALDS - CHILDREN TURNED ON HOT WATER

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (Cont'd.)

| SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| SCALDS - FELL INTO TUB OF BOILING VATER | 1 |
| SCALDS - SPILLED BOILING OFF HOT WATER IN TUB | 1 |
| STOVE - BURNED FEET ON ELECTRIC HEATER | 1 |
| STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED | 2 |
| STOVE - CLOTHING CAUGHT ON FIRE | 4 |
| STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED AS COFFEE BOILED OVER | 1 |
| STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM ELECTRIC HEATER | 2 |
| STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER | 5 |
| STOVE - FELL AGAINST GAS RANGE | 2 |
| STOVE - FELL ON HEATER | 3 |
| STOVE - EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE | 2 |
| STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED | 1 |
| STOVE - PLAYING NEAR STOVE | 1 |
| STOVE - PUTTING OUT FIRE IN HOME | 1 |
| USED A MIXTURE OF COAL OIL AND CAMPhOR | 1 |
|  | 135 |

## CRUSHING:

SHIFTING OF PIPE ON RAILROAD CAR

TOTAL

## CUTTING:

STEPPED ON BROKEN GLASS

DROWNING:

| AUTO WASHED FRON HIGHVAY BY FLOOD VATERS | 5 |
| :--- | ---: |
| BOAT CAPSIZED | 1 |
| BOAT CAPSIZED WHILE FISHING | 2 |
| CANOE OVERTURNED | 1 |
| CHILD FELI INTO SWINMING POOL | 6 |
| CHILD IN BATH TUB | 1 |
| CHILD LEFT ALONE IN BATH TUB | 1 |
| CHILD PLAYING IN LAKE | 1 |
| EPILEPTIC SEIZURE | 2 |
| EVADING ARREST -ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED |  |
| EXHAUSTION IN POOL | 1 |
| FALL FROM BOAT |  |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## DROWNING: (Cont'd.)

FALL FROM RAFT
6
FALL FROM ROCKS
FALL IN FLOODED STREET
FELL IN FISH POND
FELL INTO BATH TUB
FELL INTO CESSPOOL
FELL INTO KITCHEN SINK
FELL INTO LAGOON
FELL INTO OCEAN
FELL INTO PARK LAKE
FELL INTO RESERVOIR
FELL INTO SEWER EXCAVATION
FELL INTO STORM DRAIN
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL
FOLLOWING BIRTH ON TOILET SEAT
FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK
FOUND IN OCEAN
ILL HEALTH
INTOXICATION
LEAKY ROW BOAT
PLAYING IN SWIMMING POOL
PLAYING IN WATER
STROKE IN BATH TUB
SWEPT OFF CORAL REEF
SWEPT OFF FEET BY CURRENT
SWIMMING OFF PIER
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNKNOWN
WHILE SWIMMING IN POOL
while swimaing in slough

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 7 \\ & 2 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 82 |
|  | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 |

## FALLS:

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AGAINST CABINET - OLD AGE1
AGAINST CHAIR - OLD AGE
AGAINST FURNITURE - INTOXICATION . 1
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- MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## FALLS: (Cont'd.)

| DOWN STAIRS | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE |  |
| DOWN STEPS - OLD age |  |
| FROM BED - GETTING OVER SIDE RAIL |  |
| FROM BED - ILL HEALTH | 1 |
| FROM BED - MENTAL PATIENT |  |
| FROM BED - OLD AGE | 29 |
| FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION |  |
| FROM BUILDING - UNKNOWN |  |
| FROM CHAIR - ILL HEALTH |  |
| FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE |  |
| FROM MOTORCYCLE - LOST CONTROL AT RACE TRACK |  |
| FROM PARKED AUTO - OLD AGE |  |
| FROM PORCH - OLD ACE |  |
| From retaining Whil - OLD AGE |  |
| FROM ROOF - OLD ACL |  |
| FROM STEPS - OLD AGE |  |
| FROM STEPS - UNKNOWN |  |
| FROM STOOL - LOST BALANCE |  |
| FROM STOOL - OLD AGE |  |
| FROM STRETCHER - ILL HEfiL |  |
| FROM TABLE - OLD fice |  |
| FROM THEEL CHAIR - OLD AGE |  |
| INTO DITCH - OLD AGE |  |
| ON CURB - OLD ÁGE |  |
| ON STAIRS - OLD AGE |  |
| ON STEPS - OLD AGE |  |
| ON STEPS - TRIPPED OVER SKates |  |
| ON STREET CAR - OLD AGE |  |
| TO DRIVEVAY - OLD AGE |  |
| TO FLOOR - CONVULSIVE SEIZURE |  |
| TO FLOOR - FRACTURED LEG V.FiILE DANCING |  |
| TO FLOOR - ILLNESS |  |
| TO FLOOR - MENTAL PATIENT |  |
| TO FLOOR - OLD AGE |  |
| TO FLOOR - PUSHED BY ANOTHER PATIENT |  |
| TO FLOOR - SEIZURE (EPILEPTIC) |  |
| TO FLOOR - SENILITY |  |
| TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON GREASE |  |
| TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON RUG |  |
| TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON STEP |  |
| TO FLOOR - TRIPPED ON DOG LEASH |  |
| TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER RUG | 1 |
| TO FLOOR - UNKNOV:N |  |

## MISCELIANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)
FALLS: (Cont'd.


## FIREARMS:

CARELESS HANDLING
DISCHARGE OF RIFLE
PLAYING V'ITH GUN
RIFLE DISCHARGED WHILE HUNTING
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE
TOTAL 13

## 13

## HEAD INJURIES:

BABY FELL AND STRUCK HEAD 1
BECAME ILL - FELL IN THEATRE I
CHILD FELL FROM BED 2
CHILD FELL FROM CHAIR
DROPPED BY ANOTHER CHILD
DROPPED BY MOTHER WHILE BATHING
FALL AGAINST BENCH
FALL AGAINST BATH TUB
FALL AGAINST STOVE 2
FALL DOWNSTAIRS 17
FALL DOWN STEPS 2
FALL DURING ALTERCATION
FALL DURING CONVULSION
FALI DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE
Fall during fainting spell

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)
FALL FROM BED 9
FALL FROM BOAT AND STRUCK BY PROPELLER 1
FALL FROM BICYCLE
FALL FROM BUILDING
FALL FROM CHAIR
FALL FROM LADDER
FALL FROM PORCH
FALL FROM TREE
FALL FROM V'ALL
FALL FROM WHEEL CHAIR
FALL FROM WINDOW
FALI IN BATH TUB
FALL INTO PILE OF LUMBER
FALI ON STAIRS
FALL TO CEMENT FLOOR 2
FALL TO DRIVEWAY I
FALL TO FLOOR
FALL TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION - 2
FALL TO GROUND
FALL TO PAVENENT
FALL TO RAILROAD TRACKS
FALL TO SIDEWALK
FALL TO STREET
FALL WHILE INTOXICATED
FALL WHILE WORKING VITH SKILL SAW
GARAGE DOOR FELL ON VICTIM
KICKED BY HORSE
PROBABLE EPILEPTIC SEIZURE
STRUCK BY BOX CAR DOOR
STRUCK BY FALIING BED SPRING
STRUCK BY FALLING VISE
STRUCK BY PROPELLER
STRUCK HEAD ON HANGING FLOWER POT
TREE BRANCH FELI ON VICTIM VHILE SWINGING
TRIPPED OVER HURDLE
THROV'N FROM HORSE
UNKNOVN

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\text { TOTAL } \quad 731
$$

131
INFECTION:
BOWEL PERFORATION BY SWALLOVED TOOTH PICK 1
SEPTICEMIA - STEPPED ON RUSTY NAIL I
SILICOSIS - UNKNOWN I
TETANUS - SPLINTER IN FOOT 1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

> CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## INFECTION: (Cont'd.)

| TETANUS - FISH HOOK STUCK IN THUMB | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL | 1 |
| TETANUS - UNKNOV:N |  |
|  | TOTAL |
|  | -1 |

MISCELLANEOUS:


## MISCEL. $\ddagger$ ANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

## MISCELLANEOUS: (Cont'd.)

| ELECTROCUTION - STEPPED ON LIVE VIRE | I |
| :---: | :---: |
| FRACTURED ARM - LIFTED HEAVY KETTLE | 1 |
| FRACTURED FEMUR - UNKNOWN | 2 |
| Fractured hip - OLD AGE | 1 |
| Fractured rib - Fall in bath tub | 1 |
| FRACTURED RIBS - FELL OVER PORCH RAIL | 1 |
| FRACTURES - MOVING IN BED | 2 |
| JUMPED FROM V'INDOW - MENTAL CONDITION | 1 |
| OLD CEREBRAL INJURY - UNKNOYN | I |
| PERFORATED INTESTINE - SWALLOVED TOOTH PICK | 1 |
| SPINAL CORD INJURY - WAR INJURY | 1 |
| SPINAL INJURY - INJURED WHILE SWIMMING | 1 |
| TOTAL | 48 |

POISONTNG:

| TE - UNDETERNINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| ARSENIC - CHILD SWALLOTED ANT PASTE | 2 |
| ARSENIC - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 1 |
| ASPIRIN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUTCIDE |  |
| BARBITURATE - UNDETERIINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE | 9 |
| BARBITURATE - CHILD SWALLOWED SLEEPING PILLS | 1 |
| BARBITURATE - MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED FOR CHILD | 1 |
| BARBITURATE - MENTAL CONDITION | 1 |
| BARBITURATE - NARCOTIC ADDICT | 1 |
| BARBITURATE - OVERDOSE | 1 |
| BARBITURATE - UNKNOV'N | 1 |
| BOTULISM - ATE CANNED WEED |  |
| BOTULISM - ATE HOME CANNED MUSHROOMS |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - APARTMENT AFIRE |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - BED ON FIRE |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - BEDDING AFIRE FROM CIGARETTE |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - BUTANE HEATER BURNING IN |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - FIRE IN HOTEL | 3 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE | 8 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALED AUTO EXHAUST FUMES | 1 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION AUTO EXHAUST IN |  |
| CLOSED GARAGE | 1 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR |  |
|  |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE - VARMING UP CAR IN GARAGE |  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE \& BURNS - HOUSE AFIRE |  |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONRINUED)

## POISONING: (Cont'd.)

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR I CYANIDE - OVERCOME WHILE MIXING DEVELOPING 1
DICHLORETHER - CHILD DRANK MOTH SPRAY I
FLUORIDE - FLUID ESCAPED FROM BARREL 1
ISO PROPANOL - DRANK RUBBING ALCOHOL
LYE - CHILD DRANK BY MISTAKE 1
METHANOL - OVERDOSE
PENTOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED 6
PENOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED 1
PHENOBARBITAL - VORRY OVER LAW SUIT 1
SALICYIATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE 1
SALICYLATE AND BROMIDE - EXCESSIVE USE OF
BROMIDE UNDETERNINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE l
SECONAL - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED 1 STRYCHNINE - INGESTION OF POISON PILLS SULFATHIAZOLE - ALLERGIC TO SULFA DRUGS TUINAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE

TOTAL
138
138
STRANGULATION:
ASPIRATION OF PEANUT I
BATHING SUIT CAUGHT ON DOOR KNOB 1
ENTANGLED IN VENETIAN BLIND CORD 1
NECK CAUGHT IN CORD OF TOY
PLAYING VITH TELEPHONE VITRE
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED
WHILE AT PLAY
TOTAL
8
8

## SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATED GASTRIC CONTENTSASPIRATION OF BLOOD AFTER EYE INJURY4
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS ..... 6
aspiration of regurgitated milk ..... 1
ASPIRATION OF STOMACH CONTENTS AFTER FALL ..... 1
aspiration of vomitus while intoxicatedBED ON FIRE
BRONCHI OBSTRUCTED BY MUCUS
BURIED IN SAND PILE11

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

SUFFOCATION: (Cont'd.)


## SUICIDES



## SUICIDES

## NATURE

| AIRPLANE CRASH | 1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| BURNNG | 1 |
| CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST) | 5 |
| CUTTING | 93 |
| DROWNNG | 26 |
| ILLUMNATING GAS | 16 |
| INJECTION OF INSULIN | 9 |
| RAN IN FRONT OF TRUCK | 1 |
| SHOOTING | 1 |
| STABBING | 213 |
| STRANGLATION | 5 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | TOTAL |

JUMPING:
FROM BRIDGE 3
FROM BUILDING 33
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR 1
IN FRONT OF TRAIN
THREW SELF UNDER TRUCK
TOTAL 41
41
POISONING:
AMYTAL 1
ANT PASTE 14
ARSENIC 10
BARBITURATES 65
BARBITURATE, ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID \& CODEINE 1
BARBITURATE AND SALICYLATE 1
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY I
CHLORODANE 1
CYANIDE 7
DEVINAL 1
DIGITALIS I
FLUORIDE 3
LYE
MEMBARAL 2
MERCURY
METHANOL
NEMBUTAL 2
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40) 6
2
OXALIC ACID

## SUICIDES

## NATURE

## POISONING: (Cont'd.)

PENTOBARBITAL 17
PENTOBARBITAL AND CHLORAL HYDRATE $\quad \frac{1}{9}$
PHENOBARBITAL
PHENOL
PROPIONYL CHLORIDE SECONAL
TETRAETHYL PYROPHOSPHATE 1
TUINAL
UNKNOWN CHEMICAL

| TOTAL | 169 | 169 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TOTAL |  | 667 |

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## SUICIDES

## CAUSES



## HOMICIDES



## HOMICIDES

NATURE



## HOMICIDES

CAUSES

## JUSTIFIABLE:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF RIFLE
ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY
ATTEMPTING TO EVADE RRREST
DURING HOLDUP
DURING ROBBERY
EVADING ARREST
FORCIBLE ENTRY
ILLEGAL ENTRY
MISTAKEN FOR PROILER
RESISTING ARREST
SELF DEFENSE


## UNJUSTIFIABLE:

$\begin{array}{lr}\text { ARGUMENT OVER MONEY } & 1 \\ \text { BURGIARY } & 1 \\ \text { COMBATVE MENTAL PATIENT } & 1 \\ \text { DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES } & 3 \\ \text { DURING ALTERCATION } & 62 \\ \text { DURING HOLDUP } & 2 \\ \text { DURING ROBBERY } & 5\end{array}$
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES
FOUND IN AN INCINERATOR 1
INFATUATION 1
JEALOUSY
LOVE AFFAIR
LOVE TRIANGLE
LOVERS QUARREL
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES 8
MENTAL CONDITION 6
MOTHER'S DESPONDENCY I
RAPE 1
RESISTING ARREST I
REVENGE
STABBED BY PROYTLER
UNKNOWN
UNV'ANTED BABY

2


3
1
1
1
$\qquad$


1
1
1
26
1
131

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

UNDETERMINED:
DURING ALTERCATION
$\frac{1}{1} 1$

EXCUSABLE:
DURING ALTERCATION


## ABORTIONS



## ALCOHOLISM



## UNKNOWN CAUSES - CONTINUED

UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS CHEMICAL AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC, CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

UNDETERMINED DUE TO DECOMPOSITION
UNDETERMINED DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION AND POST MORTEM BURNS

1

1

1

1

1

1
11

## AIRPLANE FATALITIES



AIRPLANE FATALITIES

## (CONTINUED)

AGES


## INQUESTS

|  |  | CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM | L.A. CITY \& COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM | TOTALS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JULY | 1951 | 29 | 15 | 44 |
| AUGUST | 1951 | 26 | 11 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 1951 | 25 | 9 | 34 |
| OCTOBER | 1951 | 23 | 13 | 36 |
| NOVEMBER | 1951 | 21 | 17 | 38 |
| DECEMBER | 1951 | 34 | 26 | 60 |
| January | 1952 | 21 | 21 | 42 |
| FEBRUARY | 1952 | 27 | 14 | 41 |
| MARCH | 1952 | 26 | 25 | 51 |
| APRIL | 1952 | 20 | 16 | 36 |
| MAY | 1952 | 25 | 15 | 40 |
| JUNE | 1952 | 27 | 25 | 52 |
|  | TOTAL | 304 | 207 | 511 |


| AUTOPSIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CORONER'S MORTUARY | L.A.CITY \& CO. O/S MORTUARY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GENERAL } \\ & \text { HOSPITAL } \end{aligned}$ | TOTALS |
| JULY | 1951 | 115 | 160 |  | 284 |
| AUGUST | 1951 | 123 | 154 | 8 | 285 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1951 | 118 | 132 | 9 | 259 |
| OCTOBER | 1951 | 120 | 154 | 13 | 287 |
| NOVEMBER | 1951 | 113 | 165 | 11 | 289 |
| DECEMBER | 1951 | 143 | 200 | 12 | 355 |
| JANUARY | 1952 | 121 | 173 | 10 | 304 |
| FEBRUARY | 1952 | 126 | 150 | 16 | 292 |
| MARCH | 1952 | 147 | 193 | 10 | 350 |
| APRIL | 1952 | 114 | 140 | 11 | 265 |
| MAY | 1952 | 109 | 174 | 12 | 295 |
| JUNE | 1952 | 128 | 174 | 12 | 314 |
|  | TOTAL | 1477 | 1969 | 133 | 3579 |
| INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES |  |  |  |  | 4555 |
|  |  |  |  | TOTAL 8134 |  |

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE
155
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE 177 BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE

24 TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR
WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED $\begin{array}{lll}\text { BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED } & 2824 \\ \text { TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S } & \\ \end{array}$ BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY 3466
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1951 TO JUNE 30, 1952MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES

## CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAI YEAR 1950-1951
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

## REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS

## TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

|  | Specimens | Tests |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acetophenetidine | 1 | 1 |
| Arsenic | 29 | 53 |
| Alcohol (ethyl) only | 2263 | 5259 |
| Alcohol (ethyl) with other tests | 171 | 378 |
| Alcohol Iso Propyl | 1 | 5 |
| Alcohol Methyl | 5 | 12 |
| Alkaloids | 1 | 100 |
| Barbiturates | 171 | 1183 |
| Beryllium | 1 | 10 |
| Bromides | 1 | 1 |
| Carbon tetrachloride | 4 | 36 |
| Chloralhydrate | 1 | 1 |
| Ohloride (drowning) | 12 | 24 |
| Codeine | 1 | 100 |
| Corrosives | 1 | 5 |
| Creatinine | 9 | 9 |
| Cyanide | 14 | 20 |
| Dichlorethyl ether | 1 | 2 |
| Dilantin . | 4 | 9 |
| Fluorine | 6 | 10 |
| Heroin | 7 | 610 |
| Lead | 4 | 4 |
| Lysol | 1 | 25 |
| Magnesium (drowning) | 3 | 5 |
| Mercury | 9 | 10 |
| Metals, spectrograph | 6 | 60 |
| Methadon | 1 | 10 |
| Methapyrilene | 1 | 10 |
| Methylbromide | 1 | 1 |
| Nicotine | 3 | 7 |
| Oxalic acid | 1 | 10 |
| Paraldehyde |  | 1 |
| Poisons | 2 | 125 |
| Salicylates | 12 | 12 |
| Salicylamide | 1 | 1 |
| Silica | 11 | 11 |
| Strychnine | 1 | 3 |
|  | 2762 | 8123 |

## SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY ..... 1033
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS ..... 2138
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ..... 70
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE ..... 225
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE ..... 56
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED ..... 508

## EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1951-52


REVENUES COLLECTED
FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

EMBALMING FEES
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS
VITNESS FEES
SHERIFF'S FEES
GENERAL FUND
\$71,275.00
6,331.33
233.60
2.35
. 00
$\$ 77,842.28$

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

| POSITIVE | NEGATIVE |
| :--- | :--- |
| TESTS | TESTS |

AUTO-COLLISION and NON-COLEISION

114 190
$37.5 \%$
62. $5 \%$

AUTO-PEDESTRIAN
52
140


HOMICIDES
76
$46.1 \%$
53.9\%


SUICIDES

135
341
$28.4 \%$
$71.6 \%$

