Los Angeles Co., Calif. Coroner.
Report [annual] 1927/28

REPORT OF

FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JULY 1, 1927 - JUNE 30, 1928

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Hon. Board of Supervisors,
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Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report covering the operations of the Coroner's office for the fiscal year 1927-28. The details are set forth in analytical form to provide accurate statistics for the convenience of public welfare agencies interested in the decrease of deaths by violence and to provide a basis for comparing the experience of this county with that of other cummunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Daniel
Coroner, County of Los Angeles.

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER,
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927-- 28.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY CORONER	3765
July	292
August	277
September	283
October	321
November	263
December	406
January	300
February	334
March	414
April	324
May	282
June	269
TOTAL	3765

CLASSIFICATION

Motor Vehicle	599
Electric Railway	34
Steam Railway	13
Horse Drawn Vehicle	3
Industrial	154
Aeroplane	26
Asphyxiation	28
Burns	96
Drowning	33
Falls	71
Poisoning	44
Firearms	14
Miscellaneous	138
Homicides	101
Abortions	20
Unknown Causes	19
Suicides	399
Alcoholism	63
Natural Causes	1910
TOTAL	3765
Male	2566
Female	1199
TOTAL	3765
Number of cases handled in City of Los Angeles	2335
Number of cases handled in County outside of City of Los Angeles	1430
TOTAL	3765
Number of Investigations made	1216
Number of Autopsies performed	2549
TOTAL	3765

CLASSIFICATION - CONTINUED

Autopsies performed in City of Los Angeles	1600
Autopsies performed in County outside of City of Los Angeles	949
TOTAL AUTOPSIES PERFORMED	2549
Number of Toxicological Examinations	100
Number of Tests made	2947
Number of Inquests held in City of Los Angeles	466
Number of Inquests held in County outside of City of Los Angeles	402
TOTAL	868
Number of cases referred to District Attorney	205
Number of Microscopic Examinations	507
Number of Bacteriological Examinations	56
Number of Blood Tests for Carbon Monoxide	30
Total number of cases handled in Pathological Laboratory (from Nov. 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928)	249
Miles travelled to conduct investigations	3474
Miles travelled to conduct inquests	18102
TOTAL	21576
Miles travelled by Surgeons to perform Autopsies and to appear as witnesses in Court	21673
Miles travelled by Coroner's Ambulances for transportation of bodies	8344

Number of Jurors summoned to serve	7902
Number of Jurors served	6399
Number of witnesses subpoenaed	5391
Number of witnesses appeared and testified	5320
Number of Transcripts prepared (Jury Cases)	868
Number of No Jury Reports	1681
TOTAL number of Transcripts & Reports filed with County Clerk	2549
Number of Transcripts prepared and sold	420
Number of Transcripts delivered to District Attorney	205
Number of pages of testimony typewritten	24947
Number of calls answered	1879
Number of bodies transported by Undertakers	352
Number of bodies transported by Private Ambulances	104
TOTAL	2335

Civil matters (Service of Process) handled by Coroner where Sheriff was disqualified by law to Act.

Undertaking on Claim and Delivery	4
Garnishments	2
Attachments	3
Order forbidding Transfer of Property	1
TOTAL	10
Number of Indigent persons buried by Coroner	149
Number of Indigent Persons buried by Charitable Institutions	26
Number of Estates of Deceased Persons (estates amounting to less than $75.00) administered by Coroner under Section 4144, Political Code.	7
Number of cases referred to Public Administrator	66

AUTOPSIES

	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL
July	133	72	205
August	109	79	188
September	118	89	207
October	150	73	223
November	115	61	176
December	184	99	283
January	132	71	203
February	148	92	240
March	145	90	235
April	121	81	202
May	129	73	202
June	116	69	185
GRAND TOTAL	1600	949	2549

Autopsies performed by	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL
Dr. A.F. Wagner	1365	4	1369
Dr. Frank R. Webb	235	781	1016
Dr. G.D. Maner	0	164	164
TOTAL	1600	949	2549

Autopsies performed in City of Los Angeles	1600
Autopsies performed in County outside of City of Los Angeles	949
GRAND TOTAL	2549

INQUESTS

	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL
July	32	34	66
August	32	28	60
September	47	36	83
October	42	48	90
November	39	22	61
December	51	49	100
January	44	30	74
February	45	37	82
March	54	22	76
April	34	36	70
May	25	29	54
June	21	31	52
GRAND TOTAL	466	402	868

Inquests held in City of Los Angeles	466
Inquests held in County outside of City of Los Angeles	402
GRAND TOTAL	868

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MOTOR VEHICLE	ELECT RY	STEAM RY	OTHER VEHICLE
July	30	2	3	0
August	53	2	2	0
September	44	2	2	0
October	67	2	0	0
November	50	1	1	0
December	75	3	0	0
January	47	6	1	0
February	61	3	2	0
March	51	3	1	2
April	47	4	1	0
May	42	3	0	0
June	32	3	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	599	34	13	3

Motor Vehicle	599
Electric Railway	34
Steam Railway	13
Other Vehicles	3
GRAND TOTAL	649

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE

NATURE

Auto and Pedestrian	227
Bus and Pedestrian	5
Bus and Passenger	1
Truck and Pedestrian	42
Taxicab and Pedestrian	2
Truck or Auto and Pedestrian	1
Motorcycle and Pedestrian	1
Auto and Auto	97
Bus and Auto	3
Truck and Auto	37
Truck and Bus	1
Truck and Truck	1
Truck and Trailer	1
Motorcycle and Motor Vehicle	17
Auto and Railroad Motor Car	1
Motor Vehicle and Bicycle	7
Motor Vehicle and Scooter	3
Auto and Roller Skater	2
Motor Vehicle and Stationary Object	25
Electric Railway and Auto	39
Electric Railway and Truck	1
Electric Railway and Motorcycle	1
Electric Railway and Bicycle	1
Steam Railway and Auto	21
Steam Railway and Truck	10
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	547
Auto overturned	35
Truck overturned	4
Fall from Motor Vehicle	13
GRAND TOTAL	599

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLES

NATURE

Male	428
Female	171
TOTAL	599
In City of Los Angeles	331
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	254
Outside of County, death occurring in County	14
TOTAL	599
Electric Railway and Pedestrian	30
Electric Railway and Passenger	4
TOTAL	34
Male	23
Female	11
TOTAL	34
In City of Los Angeles	15
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	19
TOTAL	34
Steam Railway and Pedestrian	9
Steam Railway and Passenger	4
TOTAL	13
Male	8
Female	5
TOTAL	13
In City of Los Angeles	2
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	11
TOTAL	13

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Horse Drawn Vehicle and Occupant	3
TOTAL	3
Male	2
Female	1
TOTAL	3
In City of Los Angeles	0
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	3
TOTAL	3
Motor Vehicles	599
Electric Railway	34
Steam Railway	13
Horse Drawn Vehicle	3
GRAND TOTAL	649
Total Traffic Fatalities in City of Los Angeles	348
Total Traffic Fatalities in County outside of City of Los Angeles	287
Total Traffic Fatalities outside County, death occurring in City or County	14
GRAND TOTAL	649

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE

CAUSES

1		
2	Crossing street not at intersection	58
3	Crossing street carelessly	76
4	Walking in street	26
5	Running in street	24
6	Playing in street	6
7	Pedestrian confused by traffic	12
8	Falls in front of vehicle	3
9	Falls from vehicle	14
10	Physical defects	3
11	Intoxication	15
12	Incompetent handling	89
13	Reckless driving	33
14	Exceeding speed limit	40
15	Failure to signal	4
16	Driving on wrong side of street	19
17	Cutting in ahead	9
18	Cutting corner	1
19	Passing on wrong side	3
20	Headlights out	3
21	Passing standing street car	1
22	Tail light out	1
23	Glaring headlights	2
24	Right of way violated	29
25	Defective equipment	7
26	Tire blow out	3
27	Backing	15
28	Skidding	6
29	Car left roadway	13
30	Drove through safety zone	4
31	Motorist's negligence at R. R. crossing	58
32	Driver asleep	2
	FORWARD Total	579

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE

CAUSES CONTINUED

Carried Forward	579
Defect in Roadway	4
Climatic Conditions	8
At work on road way	5
View obstructed by shrubbery	2
Unknown (Found lying in street)	1
GRAND TOTAL	599

NOTE: Driver failed to stop and render aid in forty three instances.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

CAUSES

Crossing right of way carelessly	12
Trespassing on right of way	7
Struck by overhang of street car	1
Attempting to board moving street car	6
Attempting to alight from moving street car	4
Sleeping on right of way while intoxicated	1
Thrown to floor by lurch of street car	1
Fall under street car after being struck by auto	1
Fall under street car, cause unknown	1
TOTAL	34

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
STEAM RAILWAY
CAUSES

Crossing right of way carelessly	3
Walking on right of way	1
Physical defects	1
Attempting to board moving train	3
Attempting to alight from moving train	4
Lying on right of way	1
TOTAL	13

HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE
CAUSES

Thrown from wagon by sudden lurch, horse stung by bee	1
Fall from wagon, defect in roadway	1
Fall under wagon, improper riding of vehicle	1
TOTAL	3

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

LOCATION

At intersection	326
Other than intersection	298
On curve	25
GRAND TOTAL	649

TIME

A.M. (Midnight to Noon)	223
P.M. (Noon to Midnight)	426
GRAND TOTAL	649

	Male	Female
Motor Vehicle	428	174
Electric Railway	23	11
Steam Railway	8	2
Horse Drawn Vehicle (Wagon)	2	1
TOTAL	461	188

Male	461
Female	188
GRAND TOTAL	649

AGE

Under 1 year	2
1 to 2 years	9
2 to 5 years	25
5 to 10 years	32
10 to 20 years	63
20 to 45 years	206
45 to 65 years	170
65 and over	142
GRAND TOTAL	649

LOCATION OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES OCCURING OUTSIDE OF COUNTY DEATH OCCURING IN CITY OR COUNTY.

1	Santa Susana Pass, Ventura County	1
2	Pine and Central Sts, Chino, Riverside County	1
3	State Highway near Kings City, Kings County	1
4	State Highway near Mojave, Kern County	1
5	State Highway near Moorpark, Ventura County	1
6	State Highway near Anaheim, Orange County	1
7	State Highway in San Diego County	1
8	Red Rock Canyon near Mojave, Kern County	1
9	State Highway in San Bernardino County	1
10	Highway near Caliente, Nevada	1
11	Base Line Road and Mills Ave, San Bernardino County	1
12		
13	Arrow Highway and Santa Fe Ry, San Bernardino County	1
14	State Highway near Victorville, San Bernardino County	1
15	Whittier Blvd near La Habra, Orange County	1
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	TOTAL	14
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32

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

July	18
August	11
September	19
October	18
November	8
December	19
January	13
February	13
March	13
April	10
May	8
June	4
GRAND TOTAL	154

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

NATURE

Electrocution	19
Burns	15
Falls	51
Crushing	22
Poisoning	2
Suffocation	7
Scalding	2
Strangulation	1
Miscellaneous	9
GRAND TOTAL	154

LOCATION

In City of Los Angeles	102
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	52
TOTAL	154

SEX

Male	154
Female	0
TOTAL	154

AGE

10 to 20 years	3
20 to 45 yeers	96
45 to 65 years	46
65 and over	9
TOTAL	154

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

CAUSES

ELECTROCUTION	
While cleaning insulators	3
While cleaning screens	2
While cleaning equipment	8
Failure to open switch in making light test	1
Disobedience of foreman's instructions	2
Came in contact with live wire while on pole	2
Came in contact with live wire while on tower	1
TOTAL	19
BURNING	
Clothing ignited while burning rubbish	1
EXPLOSION	
Of paint container due to faulty pop valves	1
Of gas fumes in refinery due to connection of ignition wire to magneto	4
Of gasoline while operating gas engine	1
Of gasoline in auto pit by lighted match	1
Of gasoline while repairing auto (lighted match)	1
Of gas while at work on roadway	1
Of Gas (cause unknown)	1
Of gas due to uncapped pet cock	1
Of boiler due to excessive pressure	1
Of boiler due to accumulated gas in pocket	1
Of sawdust in incinerator	1
TOTAL	15
FALLS	
From window; Washer failed to use safety belt	1
From plank over condenser	1
From oil derrick while reading guage	1
From oil derrick cause unknown	1
From bridge while laying rail	1
TOTAL FORWARD	5

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

CAUSES -

FORWARD	5
FALLS - continued	
From freight car while switching	1
From freight car cause unknown	1
From flag pole while making repairs	1
From boiler while making repairs	2
From ladder while drilling	1
From roof while working on sky light	1
From roof while shingling	1
From tank of hot liquids	2
From platform while repairing pump	1
From scaffold due to tipping	2
From scaffold due to losing balance	6
From scaffold which broke	1
From overhead girder	2
From portable ladder	2
From pole due to breaking of safety belt	1
From building due to breaking of safety belt	1
From building under construction	3
From truck caused by stepping backward	1
From overhead car in foundry	1
From steel beam when hoist broke	1
From Bos'n chair, due to faulty rope	1
From horse while filming moving picture	1
Down elevator shaft	6
Downstairs while moving ice chest	1
Down stairway of building under construction	1
Down lightwell caused by stepping backward	1
On gauge stick of oil derrick	1
On ice; (Accident occurred in Maxville, Oregon)	1
To wet floor of laundry	1
TOTAL	51

CAUSES- continued

CRUSHING

Struck by timber which fell from oil derrick	2
Struck by timber which fell from oil rig	1
Struck by timber which fell from building	2
Struck by falling sand pump	1
Struck by roof of tunnel; brakeman on freight car	1
Struck by fire box door blown off by explosion	1
Struck by falling pile of pipe	1
Struck by falling load of timber	1
Struck by oil drilling rig which fell	1
Crushed by falling vault door which fell possibly due to settling of building	1
Crushed between dump cars	1
Crushed between street cars when brakes failed to hold	1
Crushed fingers; tetanus developed	1
Crushed by building which collapsed (adjoining trench)	1
Crushed by cave in of sewer trench due to improper shoring	5
Crushed by trailer attached to tractor	1
TOTAL	22

MACHINERY

Caught in cat head of oil derrick	1
Caught in loop of cable on oil derrick	1
Struck by traveling basket of concrete mixer	1
Struck by oil rig crank	1
Struck by freight elevator	1
Struck by falling girder	1
Struck by steam shovel caused by slipping cog on brake	1
Struck by boom caused by broken cable	1
Struck by mixer; mechanism failed to function properly	1
Struck by tumbling barrel cover when chain broke	1
Struck by descending hopper of concrete mixer	1
TOTAL Forward	11

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

CAUSES - CONTINUED

MACHINERY

TOTAL FORWARD	11
Struck by timber in stomach while sawing	3
Struck by broken cable on oil rig	1
Struck by elevator in oil derrick	1
Crushed by tractor which overturned	2
Crushed between crank and bracing of engine	1
Crushed between crane and steel column	1
Crushed between floor and elevator	1
Struck by falling pipe due to improperly fastened clamp	1
Struck by block from hoisting tower not properly fastened	1
Struck by falling steel beam due to breaking of chain	2
Struck by chain or plate when tackle broke	1
TOTAL	26

POISONING

Overcome by cyanide fumes while fumigating	1
Lead poisoning; Painter	1
TOTAL	2

SUFFOCATION

Cave in of sewer trench due to improper bracing and shoring	5
Collapse of clay bank	1
Covered with sand after fall into sand bumper	1
TOTAL	7

SCALDING

Fell into vat of hot liquids	2
TOTAL	2

STRANGULATION

Broken cable twisted around neck	1
TOTAL	1

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

CAUSES

Hernia aggrevated by overlifting	1
Brass sliver in finger; septicemia developed	1
Complications following burns on legs	1
Sliver imbedded in finger, septicemia developed	2
Scratch on hand, septicemia developed	1
Bruised side, septicemia developed	1
Bruised finger on cotter pin, septicemia developed	1
Wrenched back while lifting	1
TOTAL	9

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION	
Carbon monoxide, auto motor running in closed garage	5
Carbon Monoxide, gas heater burning in unventilated room	16
Carbon Monoxide, attempted to heat auto by using exhaust pipe	1
Carbon Monoxide, due to faulty connections	4
Carbon Monoxide, unknown	2
TOTAL	28
AEROPLANE	
Falls, cause unknown	15
Falls, tailspin when wing collapsed	5
Falls, due to side slip	1
Collided with cliff	1
Struck by revolving propeller	1
Caught fire by coming in contact with live wire	1
Fell with parachute which failed to open	2
TOTAL	26
BURNS	
Explosion, of gasoline while cleaning clothes	2
Explosion of kerosene	1
Explosion of gas stove	5
Explosion of gas heater	1
Explosion of gas heater due to faulty connections	2
Explosion of gas, struck match in gas filled room	1
Explosion of gas on fishing launch	1
Explosion of gas water heater	2
Explosion of gas main	2
Explosion of gas unknown	1
Explosion of chemical while experimenting-	1
Explosion of still	1
Explosion of oil heater	1
Explosion of escaping gas ignited by spark from electric fan	5
TOTAL Forward	26

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

TOTAL FORWARD	26
BURNS CONTINUED	
Explosion of giant powder while playing	2
Explosion of giant powder unknown	1
TOTAL	29
SCALDS	
Baby overturned pot of hot coffee	2
Baby overturned pot of hot tea	1
Pan of hot water knocked over by mother	2
Pan of hot water knocked over by child	2
Fell into bathtub filled with hot water	2
Fell into bathtub filled with hot water while playing	1
TOTAL	10
BURNS CONTINUED	
Clothing ignited while playing with celluloid comb	1
Clothing ignited from gas heater	21
Clothing ignited from water heater	1
Clothing ignited from cook stove	1
Clothing ignited while playing with matches	8
Clothing ignited while burning brush	1
Clothing ignited while burning paper in stove	1
Clothing ignited while cleaning clothes with gasoline	2
Clothes ignited while cleaning gloves with gasoline	1
Clothing ignited from fire works	1
Clothing ignited from bonfire	2
Clothing ignited from gas vat	1
Clothing ignited from lighted lantern	1
Clothing ignited from incinerator	1
Clothing ignited from incinerator (demented person)	1
Clothing ignited from electric heater	1
Clothing ignited from burning auto	1
TOTAL FORWARD	85

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

TOTAL FORWARD	85
BURNS CONTINUED	
Clothing ignited from Christmas tree candles	1
Clothing ignited while mixing paint on hot stove	1
Clothing ignited, unknown cause	5
Trapped in burning building	2
Bed clothing caught fire from cigarette	2
TOTAL	96
FALLS	
Over cliff (Hikers)	6
Out of swing to ground	1
Down skylight; attempted illegal entry into building	1
Down stairs	5
Down stairs while intoxicated	2
Down elevator shaft while inspecting building	1
Into fire place when stricken with epilepsy	1
To floor at home	13
To floor while playing	1
To floor while playing basketball	1
To floor from bed	1
To floor striking head on corner of table	1
To floor striking head on broken demijohn	1
To floor, tripped over rug	1
To floor while intoxicated	2
To floor when stricken with epilepsy	2
To street	1
To street due to misstep	1
To street, slipped on oily pavement	1
To street, became confused by traffic	1
To street when stricken with epilepsy	3
To street from curb	1
To street from wagon	1
TOTAL FORWARD	49

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

FALLS CONTINUED	
TOTAL FORWARD	49
To street from truck when stricken with epilepsy	1
To street while intoxicated	3
To sidewalk while at play	2
To sidewalk, knocked down by person who was running	1
To ground while at play (at school)	1
To ground during football game	1
To ground from trapeze	1
To ground during friendly scuffle	1
From fire escape while at play	1
From pole while at play	1
From porch	2
From ladder	1
From tree	1
From roller coaster	1
From window while intoxicated	1
From wrecked wall (St Francis Dam)	1
From horse due to inexperience in riding	1
From water tank while at play	1
TOTAL	71
POISONING	
Arsenic, mistaken for medicine	2
Arsenic, unknown	2
Arsenic, child ate rat poison	3
Arsenic, child ate ant paste	2
Arsenic, in bootleg liquor	1
Arsenic, overdose of medicine containing drug	1
Bromide, overdose	2
Bichloride of Mercury (Child)	1
Boric Acid, administered internally by mistake	1
Boycite, taken accidentally	1
TOTAL FORWARD	16

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES	
POISONING	
TOTAL FORWARD	16
Ammonia, taken while intoxicated	1
Chloroform, addict	2
Chloroform, while treating toothache	1
Canned heat	4
Carbolic acid, taken by mistake	1
Chloride, overdose	1
Cyanide, unknown	1
Child ate fireworks	1
Lye, taken by child	1
Mercuric chloride, taken by mistake	1
Mushroom; ate poisonous fungi	4
Ate poisonous food	1
Nitro benzol, in bootleg liquor	1
Veronal, overdose	4
Veronal, addict	2
Unknown	2
TOTAL	44
DROWNING	
While swimming	19
Fell into bay while intoxicated	1
Fell into river when raft overturned	2
Fell into river off raft while at play	1
Fell into Hollenbeck Lake	1
Fell into pool of water	1
When motor boat capsized	1
When canoe capsized due to overloading	2
While attempting to save drowning person	1
Following dive into shallow water	1
In bathtub when stricken with epilepsy	1
Undetermined	2
TOTAL	33
Drowning and other injuries (St Francis Dam Victims)	84
TOTAL	84

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

FIREARMS	
Careless handling	12
Undetermined	2
TOTAL	14
STRANGULATION	
Piece of meat lodged in throat	1
Swallowed toy balloon	1
Impacted bean in trachea	1
Regurgitated food	3
Head caught between mattress and wall	1
Head caught between bars of head board of bed	1
Insufflation of regurgitated food	1
TOTAL	9
SUFFOCATION	
Face covered with bed clothing	9
TOTAL	9
ELECTROCUTION	
Caught hold of live wire	1
Caught hold of live wire blown down by wind	1
Assembling defective electric equipment	1
TOTAL	3
ANIMAL INJURIES	
Rabies caused by dog bite	2
Hydrophobia caused by dog bite	2
Thrown by horse	1
Gored by bull	1
TOTAL	6
INFECTION	
Bruised finger, tetanus developed	2
Stepped on nail tetanus developed	2
Bruised hand on auto door, septicemia developed	1
Crushed fingers on bicycle gears, tetanus developed	1
Spider bite, meningitis developed	1
TOTAL	7

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

MISCELLANEOUS	
Jumped from building to escape arrest	2
Impaled on sliver on pleasure slide	1
Hand mangled in meat cutter	1
Struck by fireplace which fell while at play	1
Struck by falling service pole	1
Struck with golf club while playing golf	1
Struck with baseball bat while playing ball	1
Struck by support, stood up in roller coaster	1
Struck by brick which fell from pile while at play	1
Struck by piece of timber while sawing	1
Struck by vent pipe, improperly supported	1
Struck by cement post which collapsed	1
Diving into shallow water (Irrigation ditch)	1
Tire blow out while making repairs	1
Shock while under anaesthetic	3
Unknown	2
TOTAL	20
Male	311
Female	139
TOTAL	450
In City of Los Angeles	229
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	221
TOTAL	450

AGES

Less than 1 year	15
1 to 2 years	17
2 to 5 years	32
5 to 10 years	43
10 to 20 years	54
20 to 45 years	177
45 to 65 years	64
65 and over	48
TOTAL	450

SUICIDES

July	37
August	33
September	22
October	38
November	27
December	41
January	35
February	31
March	33
April	47
May	21
June	34
GRAND TOTAL	399

NATURE

Asphyxiation by illuminating gas	43
Shooting	137
Strangulation	47
Cutting	35
Jumping from building	13
Burning	6
Drowning	10
Explosion of gas	1
POISONING	
Bichloride of mercury	20
Cyanide	17
Iodine	1
Veronal	9
Arsenic	8
Ant Paste	4
Strychnine	8
Lysol	13
Lye	3
TOTAL FORWARD	375

NATURE CONTINUED	
TOTAL FORWARD	375
Chloroform	9
Carbolic Acid	4
Phosphorous	1
Nicotine (Black Leaf 40)	2
Iprol	1
Phenol and Laudanum	1
Corrosive sublimate	1
Wood alcohol	1
Muriatic acid	1
Sulphuric acid	1
Hydrochloric acid	1
Unknown	1
GRAND TOTAL	399
Male	280
Female	119
GRAND TOTAL	399
In City of Los Angeles	295
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	104
GRAND TOTAL	399
AGE	
10 to 20 years	7
20 to 45 years	174
45 to 65 years	178
65 and over	40
GRAND TOTAL	399

SUICIDES

CAUSES

	Ill health	124
1	Ill health and financial difficulties	8
2	Ill health and love affair	3
3	Ill health and intoxication	1
4	Ill health and lack of employment	1
5	Tired of life	14
6	Domestic difficulties	28
7	Domestic difficulties and intoxication	1
8	Financial difficulties	11
9	Financial losses	6
10	Business reverses	3
11	Despondency	16
12	Despondent over separation from wife	4
13	Despondent over separation from child	1
14	Despondent over love affair	1
15	Delirious from prolonged illness	3
16	Delirious from pain during illness	1
17	Love affair	10
18	Jealousy	1
19	Jealousy and intoxication	1
20	Over indulgence in liquor	6
21	Over indulgence in liquor and other bad habits	1
22	After committing murder	5
23	After committing murder during hold up	1
24	After murder of wife	2
25	After committing mayhem	1
26	After murder of sweetheart	3
27	After attempted murder of son	1
28	After attempted murder of daughter	1
29	After attempted murder of husband	1
30	After attempted murder of wife	2
31	After attempted murder of employer	1
32	TOTAL FORWARD	263

SUICIDES

CAUSES--CONTINUED

TOTAL FORWARD	263
Inability to secure employment	9
Lack of employment	2
Lack of employment and poverty	2
Loss of position	1
Reprimanded by teacher	1
Chided by friend over studies	1
Distracted over starting forest fire	1
Failure to effect reconciliation with wife	2
Melancholy	13
Temporarily insane	2
Mentally deranged	44
Worry over gossip	1
Grief over death of wife	1
Grief over death of husband	2
Grief over death of sister	2
Grief over death of child	1
Fear of deportation	1
Fear of insanity	2
Fear of arrest	9
Despondent over arrest	4
Despondent over divorce proceedings	1
Failure to succeed as scenario writer	1
Unknown	33
GRAND TOTAL	399

HOMICIDES

July	9
August	9
September	13
October	13
November	8
December	6
January	10
February	8
March	7
April	5
May	6
June	7
GRAND TOTAL	101

NATURE

Shooting	70
Stabbing	16
Strangulation	5
Fighting	5
Miscellaneous	5
GRAND TOTAL	101
Unjustifiable	86
Justifiable	15
GRAND TOTAL	101
By known person	37
By unknown person	33
By husband	4
By wife	2
By mother	3
By father	1
By officer	5
By insane person	1
By person who committed suicide	15
GRAND TOTAL	101

HOMICIDES

In City of Los Angeles	67
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	34
GRAND TOTAL	101

Male	78
Female	23
GRAND TOTAL	101

AGE

Less than 1 year	4
1 to 10 years	11
10 to 20 years	10
20 to 45 years	54
45 to 65 years	17
65 and over	5
GRAND TOTAL	101

CAUSES

SHOOTING

Attempted escape after being caught stealing fruit in orchard	1
Self defense	5
By wife who was abused	1
By underworld enemies	11
By presumed boot - leg enemies	1
By wife temporarily insane after being accused of infidelity	1
By mother temporarily insane after being accused by father of infidelity	2
Careless handling of firearms	4
Jealousy	8
Jealousy and intoxication	4
Unrequited love affair	1
By lover during love tryst	1
By person who resented being teased	1
Resisting arrest	3
TOTAL FORWARD	34

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

SHOOTING	
TOTAL FORWARD	34
Resisting officer	2
By guard during attempted hold up of bank	1
By watchman while committing burglary	1
By hold up	5
During hold up	3
During dispute over gambled money	1
During quarrel over dice game	2
During quarrel over auto parts while intoxicated	1
During quarrel over division of burglarized loot	1
By mother of boy who was in an argument	1
Domestic difficulties	7
Revenge	1
Unknown	9
TOTAL	70
STABBING	
Attacked by unknown persons	2
During lovers quarrel	1
During argument over liquor	1
Domestic difficulties	3
During fight	2
Jealousy and intoxication	1
During quarrel over use of telephone	1
unknown	5
TOTAL	16
Strangulation	
By demented father	1
Baby - unknown	4
TOTAL	5

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

FIGHTING	
Following argument over liquor	1
Details unexplained and defendant refused to testify	1
Fell to floor during scuffle with husband	1
Following quarrel over woman	1
Domestic difficulties	1
TOTAL	5
MISCELLANEOUS	
Body mutilated following kidnapping to obtain ransom	1
Struck on head with object by hold up	1
Struck on head with auto spring by moron	1
Struck on head with floor polisher by an insane person	1
Struck on head with baseball bat, defense against forcible entry of home	1
TOTAL	5

ABORTIONS

Abortions	20
TOTAL	20

CAUSES

Self induced	5
Whether induced or spontaneous unable to determine	2
Spontaneous	4
Caused by fall to floor at home	1
Instrumentally induced by unknown person	5
Criminal, by practising physician	3
TOTAL	20

In City of Los Angeles	14
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	6
TOTAL	20

AGE

10 to 20 years	7
20 to 45 years	13
TOTAL	20

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927 - 1928

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	73,747.84
Interpreting	87.00
Postage	90.00
Transportation	20.30
Repairs and Equipment	401.46
Telegrams and Telephone	258.46
Auto Service	1,500.43
Meals and Lodging	6.50
Auto Mileage	1,193.88
Transportation Deceased Persons	1,590.00
Toxicological Examinations	1,915.88
Miscellaneous Services	23.91
Handwriting supplies	6.85
Papers, Forms, Covers	636.84
Record Books	910.83
Other Office Supplies	461.75
Medical and Surgical Supplies	834.30
Embalming Supplies	3,796.19
Laboratory Supplies	431.17
Viewing Room Supplies	95.37
Burial Boxes and Slabs	120.00
Burial of Unknown	630.00
Maintenance extraordinary	49.50
Flowers	300.00
Witness Expense	41.80
St. Francis Dam Flood, Witness Expense	244.10
St. Francis Dam Flood, Misc. Supplies & Services	173.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	89,567.38

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927-1928

RECEIPTS:	
Care of Body Fees	20,940.00
Sale of Transcripts	2,772.50
Service of Process Fees	24.45
Certification Fees	704.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,441.45
TOTAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	89,567.38
TOTAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS	24,441.45
TOTAL OPERATION EXPENSE AFTER DEDUCTION OF EARNED FEES	65,125.93