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REPORT OF

FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JULY 1, 1937 - JUNE 30, 1938

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a statistical report of the operation of the Coroner's Office for the fiscal year 1937-38.

The case load for this fiscal period was 5783, or 287 less than during the fiscal year 1936-37, which was largely due to the fact that this community generally enjoyed a much lower death rate than usual during the past year, causing a reduction in the number of deaths from disease while unattended by physicians, and to a marked decrease in the number of motor vehicle fatalities. It is noteworthy that there were 99 or 9.2% fewer automobile deaths during the past year than in the preceding year, and this is the first year since 1924-25 in which any decrease in this type of fatality has been experienced.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Nance

CORONER, Los Angeles County

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1937-38

JULY	1937	437	
AUGUST	"	421	
SEPTEMBER	"	456	
OCTOBER	"	451	
NOVEMBER	"	486	
DECEMBER	"	573	
JANUARY	1938	557	
FEBRUARY	"	494	
MARCH	"	514	
APRIL	"	457	
MAY	"	498	
JUNE	"	439	
	TOTAL		5783

MALE	3952	
FEMALE	1831	
TOTAL		5783

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	3737	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	2046	
TOTAL		5783

MEMO: After the completion of this report it was found that 1 death that had occurred during this fiscal year had been omitted. It is, therefore, necessary to add 1 to the total number of deaths and 1 to the number of deaths by motor vehicle.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:			
AEROPLANE		24	
ASPHYXIATION		6	
BURNS		73	
CRUSHING		2	
DROWNING		69	
ELECTROCUTION		3	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY		24	
FALLS		318	
FIREARMS		11	
HEAD INJURY		84	
INDUSTRIAL		100	
INFECTION		30	
MISCELLANEOUS		28	
MOTOR VEHICLE		976	
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 47)		94	
STEAM RAILWAY		24	
STRANGULATION		7	
SUFFOCATION		16	
	TOTAL		1889
HOMICIDES		126	
SUICIDES		676	
ABORTIONS		20	
NATURAL CAUSES		3019	
PREMATURE BIRTHS		17	
STILLBORN		11	
UNKNOWN CAUSES		25	
	GRAND TOTAL		5783

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLE	ELECTRIC RY.	STEAM RY.	TOTAL
JULY	1937	83	0	4	87
AUGUST	"	81	0	4	85
SEPTEMBER	"	74	1	2	77
OCTOBER	"	90	0	3	93
NOVEMBER	"	88	3	3	94
DECEMBER	"	114	3	1	118
JANUARY	1938	71	4	1	76
FEBRUARY	"	82	3	0	85
MARCH	"	76	4	1	81
APRIL	"	75	1	2	78
MAY	"	70	2	1	73
JUNE	"	72	3	2	76
	TOTAL	976	24	24	1024

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED.

"ELECTRIC AND STEAM RY." INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

JULY	1937	44	
AUGUST	"	43	
SEPTEMBER	"	29	
OCTOBER	"	47	
NOVEMBER	"	49	
DECEMBER	"	66	
JANUARY	1938	36	
FEBRUARY	"	39	
MARCH	"	39	
APRIL	"	39	
MAY	"	34	
JUNE	"	30	
	TOTAL		495

MALE	353	
FEMALE	142	
TOTAL		495

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	310	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	184	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY: DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. COUNTY	1	
TOTAL		495

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

LESS THAN 1 YR.	1	
1 to 2 yrs.	6	
2 to 5 yrs.	11	
5 to 10 yrs.	17	
10 to 20 yrs.	11	
20 to 45 yrs.	73	
45 to 65 yrs.	197	
65 and over	179	
TOTAL		495

NATURE

AUTO AND PEDESTRIAN	475	
TRUCK AND PEDESTRIAN	13	
MOTORCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	3	
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS AND PEDESTRIAN	2	
AMBULANCE AND PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL		495

AT INTERSECTIONS	239	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	256	
TOTAL		495

A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	99	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	394	
NOON	2	
TOTAL		495

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	129
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	122
PLAYING IN STREET	10
RUNNING IN STREET	17
STANDING IN STREET	1
WALKING IN STREET	13
BACKING	8
SKIDDING	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	59
INTOXICATION	14
RECKLESS DRIVING	108
CAUGHT BETWEEN AUTO AND GARAGE DOOR	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRUCK AND TRAILER	1
CRANKED AUTO WHILE IN GEAR	1
PASSENGER STRUCK HEAD AGAINST ROBE-RAIL	1
FELL FROM WAGON: STRUCK BY AUTO	1
AUTO OVERTURNED: STRUCK PEDESTRIAN	1
PUSHING STALLED AUTO: FELL UNDERNEATH	1
SKATING IN DRIVEWAY	1
STRUCK BY DRIVERLESS CAR	3
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	2
TOTAL	495

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	136	
FEMALE DRIVERS	12	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	36	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	289	
FEMALE DRIVERS	13	
DRIVERLESS	9	
TOTAL		495

HIT AND RUN CASES	54
H.B.D. CASES: PEDESTRIAN 36, DRIVER 11	47

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1937	39	
AUGUST	"	38	
SEPTEMBER	"	45	
OCTOBER	"	43	
NOVEMBER	"	39	
DECEMBER	"	48	
JANUARY	1938	35	
FEBRUARY	"	43	
MARCH	"	37	
APRIL	"	36	
MAY	"	36	
JUNE	"	42	
	TOTAL		481

MALE	349	
FEMALE	132	
TOTAL		481

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	214	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	245	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. COUNTY	22	
TOTAL		481

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	2	
1 to 2 yrs.	1	
2 to 5 yrs.	7	
5 to 10 yrs.	5	
10 to 20 yrs.	78	
20 to 45 yrs.	243	
45 to 65 yrs.	103	
65 and over	42	
TOTAL		481

NATURE

COLLISION:	
AUTO AND AUTO	137
AUTO AND TRUCK	62
AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE	18
AUTO AND BICYCLE	19
AUTO AND BUS	3
AUTO AND WHEELCHAIR	2
AUTO AND TRUCK TRAILER	2
AUTO AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	32
AUTO AND STEAM RAILWAY	28
AUTO AND TREE	20
AUTO AND POLE	27
AUTO AND ABUTMENT	2
AUTO AND HOUSE	1
TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	4
TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY	4

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (Continued)

TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE	4	
TRUCK AND BICYCLE	6	
TRUCK AND POLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND ELECTRIC RY.	2	
MOTORCYCLE AND STEAM RY.	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND SAFETY ZONE	1	
TOTAL		377
NON-COLLISION:		
VEHICLES OVERTURNED	85	
AUTO INTO RIVER	3	
AUTO DRIVEN OFF CLIFF	2	
FALLS FROM VEHICLE	14	
GRAND TOTAL		481

AT INTERSECTION	272	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	209	
TOTAL		481

A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	111	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	363	
NOON	3	
MIDNIGHT	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL		481

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

CAUSES

COLLISION:		
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	92	
INTOXICATION	2	
RECKLESS DRIVING	54	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE	8	
SKIDDING	2	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3	
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	114	
DRIVER ASLEEP	3	
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RY. CROSSING	64	
WEATHER CONDITION	2	
LOST CONTROL	31	
TIRE BLOW OUT	1	
PREMATURE BIRTH DUE TO COLLISION	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE - NO WITNESSES	1	
TOTAL		378
NON-COLLISION:		
AUTO OVERTURNED - LOST CONTROL	60	
RECKLESS DRIVING	18	
INTOXICATION	3	
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
TIRE BLOW OUT	2	
DROVE OFF CLIFF	2	
DROVE INTO RIVER	3	
FALLS FROM VEHICLE:		
IMPROPER RIDING	4	
THROUGH OPEN DOOR	5	
TURNING CORNER	1	
FALL OR JUMP	3	
GRAND TOTAL		481

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	159	
FEMALE DRIVERS	24	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	4	
TRAIN CREWS	3	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	109	
FEMALE DRIVERS	7	
TRAIN CREWS	65	
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD:		
MALE DRIVERS	99	
FEMALE DRIVERS	11	
TOTAL		481
HIT AND RUN CASES	1	
H. B. D. CASES	23	

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1937	0	
AUGUST	"	0	
S EPTEMBER	"	1	
OCTOBER	"	0	
NOVEMBER	"	3	
DECEMBER	"	3	
JANUARY	1938	4	
FEBRUARY	"	3	
MARCH	"	4	
APRIL	"	1	
MAY	"	2	
JUNE	"	3	
	TOTAL		24

MALE	17	
FEMALE	7	
TOTAL		24

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19	
IN CO. OF L.A OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	5	
TOTAL		24

AGES

20 to 45 yrs.	3	
45 to 65 yrs.	7	
65 and over	14	
TOTAL		24

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	3	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	21	
TOTAL		24

CAUSES

ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM MOVING STREET CAR	3	
CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	12	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY MOTORMAN	5	
INTOXICATION BY PEDESTRIAN	1	
L YING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
CRUSHED BETWEEN STREET CAR AND TRUCK	1	
FALL FROM STREET CAR	1	
TOTAL		24

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS	5	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS	19	
TOTAL		24

STREET CARS INVOLVED	20	
INTERURBAN TRAINS	4	
TOTAL		24

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1937	4	
AUGUST	"	4	
SEPTEMBER	"	2	
OCTOBER	"	3	
NOVEMBER	"	3	
DECEMBER	"	1	
JANUARY	1938	1	
FEBRUARY	"	0	
MARCH	"	1	
APRIL	"	2	
MAY	"	1	
JUNE	"	2	
	TOTAL		24

MALE	20	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL		24

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	23	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	10	
IN OREGON: DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. CO.	1	
TOTAL		24

AGES

5	to	10	yrs.	1	
10	to	20	yrs.	1	
20	to	45	yrs.	12	
45	to	65	yrs.	7	
65	and	over		3	
			TOTAL		24

STEAM RAILWAY

STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	6	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	17	
STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	1	
TOTAL		24

WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	9	
ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING FREIGHT TRAIN	5	
WHILE STEALING RIDE	3	
ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM MOVING PASSENGER TRAIN	3	
PASSENGER FELL FROM MOVING PASSENGER TRAIN (OREGON)	1	
ASLEEP ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	2	
UNKNOWN: FOUND LYING ON TRACK	1	
TOTAL		24

EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS	24

PASSENGER TRAINS INVOLVED	9	
FREIGHT TRAINS INVOLVED	15	
TOTAL		24

SUMMARY

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE	704	272	976
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	16	8	24
STEAM RAILWAY	20	4	24
TOTAL	740	284	1024

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1937	9	
AUGUST	"	10	
SEPTEMBER	"	10	
OCTOBER	"	7	
NOVEMBER	"	3	
DECEMBER	"	16	
JANUARY	1938	6	
FEBRUARY	"	6	
MARCH	"	10	
APRIL	"	4	
MAY	"	11	
JUNE	"	8	
	TOTAL		100

MALE	100

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	52	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	42	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A.CO.	6	
TOTAL		100

AGES

10	to	20	yrs.	3	
20	to	45	yrs.	59	
45	to	65	yrs.	30	
65	and	over		8	
			TOTAL		100

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

ANIMAL INJURY	2	
ASPHYXIATION	1	
BURNS	8	
CRUSHING	17	
DECAPITATION	1	
ELECTROCUTION	8	
FALLS	31	
FRACTURED BACK	2	
HEAD INJURY	21	
INFECTION	5	
PULMONARY EDEMA	1	
PULMONARY CONGESTION	1	
SUFFOCATION	2	
TOTAL		100

CAUSES

ANIMAL INJURY:	
KICKED BY MULE	1
BITTEN BY DOG - RABIES DEVELOPED	1
ASPHYXIATION:	
WHILE GAUGING GASOLINE TANK	1
BURNS:	
UPSET BUCKET OF HOT ASPHALT	1
DUE TO GAS EXPLOSION	3
EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE	1
EXPLOSION OF PAINT REMOVER	1
WHILE WORKING IN FOUNDRY	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CRUSHING:	
STRUCK BY FALLING CASING ON OIL WELL	1
FELL INTO CONCRETE MIXER	1
FELL INTO CONVEYOR	1
FELL INTO SALAD MIXER	1
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	3
FALL DOWN HATCH ABOARD SHIP	1
STRUCK BY BALE OF RUBBER	1
CAUGHT UNDER OVERTURNED TRACTOR	1
CAUGHT IN MACHINERY	2
AUTO ROLLED OFF GREASE RACK	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN AUTO AND BENCH	1
CRUSHED IN STALL BY HORSE	1
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK	1
WHILE SWITCHING STREET CARS	1
DECAPITATION:	
BY WIND MACHINE ON MOVIE SET	1
ELECTROCUTION:	
WHILE REPAIRING WASHING MACHINE	1
CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	5
WHILE PAINTING TRANSFORMERS	1
CRANE CONTACTED BY LIVE WIRE	1
FALLS:	
FROM BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION	13
FROM LADDER: WHILE PAINTING	5
FROM SCAFFOLD	3
FROM SMOKESTACK: WHILE PAINTING	1
FROM ENGINE ROOM TO DECK OF BOAT	1
FROM OIL DERRICK	2

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

FALLS (Continued):	
DOWN STAIRS: TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	2
FROM ROOF OF BUILDING	2
WORKING ON IRRIGATION PROJECT	1
FROM OIL TANK: OVERCOME BY FUMES	1
FRACTURED BACK:	
LIFTING HEAVY ROCK	1
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	1
HEAD INJURY:	
DUE TO FALLS	16
STRUCK BY FALLING IRON PIPE	2
STRUCK BY BOOM ON DITCH DIGGER	1
STRUCK BY FALLING BLOCK ON OIL DERRICK	1
STRUCK BY FALLING PLANK	1
INFECTION:	
INJURED THUMB: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED FOOT: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED HAND: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	2
INJURED KNEE: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
PULMONARY EDEMA:	
SET UP BY INHALATION OF FUMES	1
PULMONARY CONJECTION:	
SET UP BY FUMES FROM BURNING RUBBISH	1
SUFFOCATION:	
CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN	2
TOTAL	100

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1937	49	
AUGUST	"	36	
SEPTEMBER	"	70	
OCTOBER	"	54	
NOVEMBER	"	67	
DECEMBER	"	79	
JANUARY	1938	56	
FEBRUARY	"	66	
MARCH	"	89	
APRIL	"	63	
MAY	"	63	
JUNE	"	49	
	TOTAL		741

MALE	400	
FEMALE	341	
TOTAL		741

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	442	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	292	
OUTSIDE OF L.A.CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. CO.	7	
TOTAL		741

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	20	
1 to 2 yrs.	15	
2 to 5 yrs.	16	
5 to 10 yrs.	13	
10 to 20 yrs.	54	
20 to 45 yrs.	161	
45 to 65 yrs.	140	
65 and over	322	
TOTAL		741

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	6
BURNS	73
CRUSHING	2
DROWNING	69
ELECTROCUTION	3
FALLS	318
FIREARMS	11
HEAD INJURIES	84
INFECTIONS	30
MISCELLANEOUS	28
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 47)	94
STRANGULATION	7
SUFFOCATION	16
TOTAL	741

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:	
FUMES FROM CESSPOOL	2
REGURGITATION OF FOOD	1
INHALED FUMES FROM PACK ON NOSE AFTER OPERATION	1
INHALING SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	2
BURNS:	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS STOVE	17
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM CIGARETTE	8
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM CANDLE	1
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM MATCH	1
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BONFIRE AND INCINERATOR	2
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	6
TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING	12

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

FELL INTO HOT WATER	2
UPSET POT OF HOT TEA	1
UPSET POT OF HOT GREASE	1
BABY TURNED ON HOT WATER IN BATH TUB	1
BURNED BY UNKNOWN ACIT	1
BURNED BY ELECTRIC PAD	3
PLAYING WITH MATCHES	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE	8
EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE	2
BY OVERTURNED LAMP	1
BY HIGH TENSION WIRE	2
BY HOT LIQUOR	3
CRUSHING:	
DURING FLOOD	1
JACK COLLAPSED	1
DROWNING:	
DURING FLOOD	23
INABILITY TO SWIM	9
EXHAUSTED WHILE SWIMMING	5
CAUGHT IN RIPTIDE	3
FELL FROM BOAT	3
FELL FROM DOCK	1
FELL FROM RAFT	3
BOAT CAPSIZED	2
FELL INTO GRAVEL PIT	1
FELL INTO FISH POND	2
IN BATHTUB: EPILEPTIC FIT	2
IN TANK, DUE TO FAINTING	1
FELL FROM SURFBOARD	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	13

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MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

ELECTROCUTION:	
CONTACTED LIVEWIRE AT HOME	2
CONTACTED LIVEWIRE WHILE IN BATHTUB	1
FALLS:	
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	157
DUE TO ILLNESS	32
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	13
WHILE SKATING	1
BABY FELL FROM CRIB	2
DUE TO WET FLOOR	1
INTOXICATION	3
TO STREET: OLD AGE	28
DUE TO ILLNESS	1
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	5
WHILE PLAYING	1
SKATING	1
INTOXICATION	3
PUSHING STALLED AUTO	1
PUSHING CART	1
COLLIDED WITH BICYCLIST	1
DUE TO WET PAVEMENT	1
DOWN STAIRS: OLD AGE	21
INTOXICATION	3
DUE TO ILLNESS	1
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	1
DUE TO BLINDNESS	1
IN YARD AT HOME: OLD AGE	11
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	2
TRIMMING ROSES	1
WHILE PLAYING	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

FALLS, Continued

FROM WAGON: DUE TO SUNSTROKE	1
FROM WINDOW: OLD AGE	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3
FROM PORCH: OLD AGE	1
DUE TO ILLNESS	2
INTOXICATION	1
WHILE REPAIRING PORCH AT HOME	1
FROM ROCKS: UNKNOWN CAUSE	1
FROM BRIDGE: WHETHER ACC. OR SU.UNDETERMINED	2
FROM FIRE ESCAPE: WHILE CLIMBING	1
INTOXICATION	1
FROM LADDER: WHILE WORKING AT HOME	3
FROM PLATFORM: DUE TO ILLNESS	1
WHILE PRACTICING TRAPEZE ACT	2
FROM CLIFF: WHETHER ACC. OR SU. UNDETERMINED	1
FROM ROOF, WHILE REPAIRING SAME	1
INTO BATHTUB: DUE TO ILLNESS	1

FIREARMS:

PLAYING WITH GUN	5
WHILE CLEANING GUN	1
CARELESS HANDLING	1
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN	1
WHETHER ACC. OR SU. UNDETERMINED	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

HEAD INJURIES:	
DUE TO FALLS	60
FALL FROM HORSE	5
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	1
SELF-INFLICTED WHILE DEMENTED	1
CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN	2
UNKNOWN CAUSE	6
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	6
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3
INFECTIONS:	
INJURED FOOT - TETANUS DEVELOPED	7
INJURED LEG - TETANUS DEVELOPED	2
INJURED HAND - TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
IMPROPERLY TREATED UMBILICAL CORD-TETANUS	1
INJURED FOOT - GANGRENE SET UP	3
INJURED FOOT - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
INJURED ARM - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
INJURED LEG - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
COLON PUNCTURED BY CHICKEN BONE-PERITONITIS	1
BODY INJURY - PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1
SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED AFTER EXTRACTION TEETH	1
INJURED LEG - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED HAND - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURY TO FACE - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED HAND - GAS BACILLUS	1
INJURED ARM - LYMPHANGITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED ARM - SEPTIC PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED	1
CUT HAND - INFECTION AND HEMORRHAGE	1
RABIES DEVELOPED AFTER DOG BITE	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

MISCELLANEOUS:

FRACTURED NECK-DIVING INTO SHALLOW WATER	3
FRACTURED NECK - FALL AT HOME	2
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY SURFBOARD	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM SLED	1
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN CAUSE	1
BODILY INJURY - WHETHER ACC. OR HOM.UNDETERMINED	4
BODILY INJURY - KICKED DURING PLAY	1
PNEUMONIA - DRANK LINIMENT	1
PNEUMONIA - DRANK KEROSENE	1
PHYSICAL STRAIN - PLAYING BASKETBALL	1
SHOCK FOLLOWING OPERATION	3
SHOCK FOLLOWING EXTRACTION OF TEETH	1
SHOCK FOLLOWING SPONTANEOUS ABORTION	1
SHOCK DUE TO NEAR AUTO ACCIDENT	1
SHOCK DURING ANESTHESIA	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL AT HOME	2
PUNCTURED ESOPHIGUS - SWALLOWED BONE	1
FRACTURED VERTEBRAE DURING WRESTLING MATCH	1
STARVATION - SELF IMPOSED - DEMENTED	1

POISONING:

ALCOHOLISM	47
AMATOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
ARSENIC - CHILD DRANK SOLUTION	1
BARBITOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
BI CHLORIDE OF MERCURY- " " "	1
BOTULISM - FROM EATING CANNED FOOD	2
BROMIDES-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
CARBON MONOXIDE-AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE	6
CARBON MONOXIDE-GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	9

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

POISONING, Continued

CARBON MONOXIDE - FROM BURNING BUILDING	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - FROM BURNING TRAILER	1
CARBON MONOXIDE-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UND.	3
CARBON TETRA CHLORIDE - IN MISTAKE FOR GIN	1
CHILD DRANK KEROSENE	1
CHILD FOUND AND DRANK WINE	1
ATE TOAD STOOLS	1
SULPHANILIDE - OVERDOSE	1
MURIATIC ACID IN MISTAKE FOR OLIVE OIL	1
NIMBUTOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
SEDORMID- " " " "	1
STRYCHNINE " " " "	2
OVERDOSE OF SEDATIVES	3
UNKNOWN POISON	2
OVERDOSE OF LUMINOL	2
LYSOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	3

STRANGULATION:

FELL FROM TREE - CAUGHT IN ROPE	1
BABY CAUGHT BETWEEN BED AND WALL	1
CHICKEN BONE LODGED IN THROAT	1
PIECE OF MEAT LODGED IN THROAT	1
ORANGE PEEL LODGED IN THROAT	1
BY RESTRAINT JACKET DURING EPILEPTIC FIT	1
WHETHER SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1

SUFFOCATION:

FOREIGN OBJECT IN THROAT	2
BY SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	1
CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN	4
BY OIL FUMES	1
LOCKED IN ICEBOX WHILE PLAYING	1
FACE COVERED WITH BEDDING	7
TOTAL	741

SUICIDES

JULY	1937	70	
AUGUST	"	46	
SEPTEMBER	"	59	
OCTOBER	"	49	
NOVEMBER	"	60	
DECEMBER	"	46	
JANUARY	1938	71	
FEBRUARY	"	59	
MARCH	"	57	
APRIL	"	49	
MAY	"	52	
JUNE	"	58	
	TOTAL		676

MALE	493	
FEMALE	183	
TOTAL		676

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	403	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	273	
TOTAL		676

AGES

10	to	20	yrs.	16	
20	to	45	yrs.	316	
45	TO	65	YRS.	279	
65	and	over		65	
			TOTAL		676

SUICIDES

CAUSES

ILL HEALTH	243
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	73
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	68
TIRED OF LIFE	38
DESPONDENCY	22
LOSS OF POSITION	2
LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	15
LOVE AFFAIR	13
INTOXICATION	22
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	3
AFTER MURDER OF WIFE	5
AFTER SHOOTING FRIEND	1
FEAR OF INSANITY	3
FEAR OF PROSECUTION	16
FEAR OF BLINDNESS	4
MENTALLY DERANGED	6
TEMPORARILY DERANGED	9
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF RELATIVE	13
SUICIDE PACT	2
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE	4
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND	2
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF FRIEND	2
UNKNOWN CAUSES	110
TOTAL	676

HOMICIDES

NATURE

JULY	1937	6	
AUGUST	"	13	
SEPTEMBER	"	4	
OCTOBER	"	14	
NOVEMBER	"	16	
DECEMBER	"	12	
JANUARY	1938	8	
FEBRUARY	"	12	
MARCH	"	8	
APRIL	"	7	
MAY	"	14	
JUNE	"	12	
	TOTAL		126

MALE	95	
FEMALE	31	
TOTAL		126

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	83	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	41	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING L.A.CO.	2.	
TOTAL		126

AGES

FOETUS	2	
1 to 2 yrs.	1	
5 to 10 yrs.	2	
10 to 20 yrs.	8	
20 to 45 yrs.	78	
45 to 65 yrs.	33	
65 and over	2	
TOTAL		126

HOMICIDES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	1	
FIGHTING	7	
SHOOTING	76	
STABBING	12	
STRANGULATION	3	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	25	
SUFFOCATION	2	
TOTAL		126

ACCIDENTAL	3	
JUSTIFIABLE	21	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	102	
TOTAL		126

BY KNOWN PERSON	63	
BY UNKNOWN PERSON	32	
BY HUSBAND	16	
BY WIFE	2	
BY MOTHER	1	
BY BROTHER	1	
BY OFFICER	10	
BY SON	1	
TOTAL		126

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

ACCIDENTAL:	
WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN	2
SHOOTING AT TARGET	1
JUSTIFIABLE:	
RESISTING ARREST	5
DURING ROBBERY OR HOLDUP	8
SELF-DEFENSE	8
UNJUSTIFIABLE:	
PROBABLY GANG WAR	2
DURING FIGHT	30
DURING HOLDUP OR ROBBERY	15
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	16
DRUNKEN BRAWL	3
JEALOUSY	12
LABOR DISPUTE	1
PROBABLY UNWANTED BABY	2
INTOXICATION	1
OFFICERS SHOT SERVING EVICTION PAPERS	2
BYSTANDER SHOT DURING GANG WAR	1
DURING ATTEMPTED RAPE	1
GRIEVANCE OVER LOSS OF PROPERTY	2
MENTALLY DERANGED	3
UNKNOWN CAUSES	11
TOTAL	126

AEROPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1937	0	
AUGUST	"	5	
SEPTEMBER	"	2	
OCTOBER	"	1	
NOVEMBER	"	1	
DECEMBER	"	0	
JANUARY	"	2	
FEBRUARY	"	4	
MARCH	"	0	
APRIL	"	0	
MAY	"	9	
JUNE	"	0	
	TOTAL		24

MALE	17	
FEMALE	7	
TOTAL		24

CITY OF LOS ANGELES	6	
CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	18	
TOTAL		24

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	1	
2 to 5 yrs.	1	
10 to 20 yrs.	1	
20 to 45 yrs.	21	
TOTAL		24

AEROPLANE FATALITIES

CAUSES

COLLISION IN AIR	2	
SIDE SLIP	3	
TAILSPIN	3	
CRASHING WHEN LANDING	2	
POWER DIVE	1	
CRASHED IN FOG	2	
PARACHUTE FAILED TO FUNCTION	2	
CRASHED INTO MOUNTAIN	9	
TOTAL		24

TYPE OF PLANE

PLEASURE	4
TRANSPORT	2
PARACHUTE	2

ABORTIONS

SELF-INDUCED	9	
SPONTANEOUS	4	
SEPTIC	2	
CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED UNDETERMINED	5	
TOTAL		20

MARRIED	17	
WIDOWED	1	
DIVORCED	1	
SINGLE	1	
TOTAL		20

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	14	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	3	
UNKNOWN LOCALITY	3	
TOTAL		20

AGES

20 to 45 yrs.	20

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	37	
FEMALE	10	
TOTAL		47

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	36	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	11	
TOTAL		47

AGES

20 to 45 yrs.	24	
45 to 65 yrs.	21	
65 and over	2	
TOTAL		47

UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	14	
FEMALE	11	
TOTAL		25

IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	23	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	2	
TOTAL		25

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	2	
10 to 20 yrs.	1	
20 to 45 yrs.	12	
45 to 65 yrs.	9	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL		25

AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAM.	10	
HISTORY OF ALCOHOLISM	4	
HISTORY OF EPILEPSY	1	
HISTORY OF BEING SEDATIVE ADDICT	1	
DECOMPOSED	7	
SKELETON	1	
AFTER AUTOPSY	1	
TOTAL		25

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A. CITY AND CO. OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM	TOTAL
JULY	1937	51	31	82
AUGUST	"	51	47	98
SEPTEMBER	"	54	22	76
OCTOBER	"	58	41	99
NOVEMBER	"	67	25	92
DECEMBER	"	85	44	129
JANUARY	1938	51	19	70
FEBRUARY	"	47	35	82
MARCH	"	63	35	98
APRIL	"	55	24	79
MAY	"	49	31	80
JUNE	"	42	30	72
	TOTAL	673	384	1057

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A. CITY & CO. OUTSIDE MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTAL
JULY	1937	231	189	6	426
AUGUST	"	233	168	4	405
SEPTEMBER	"	246	190	6	442
OCTOBER	"	253	180	4	437
NOVEMBER	"	268	199	7	474
DECEMBER	"	312	229	11	552
JANUARY	1938	314	219	3	536
FEBRUARY	"	261	210	4	475
MARCH	"	259	238	3	500
APRIL	"	234	199	5	438
MAY	"	244	222	8	474
JUNE	"	227	187	6	421
	TOTAL	3082	2430	67	5580

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	635
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	21
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	19
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	37
NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	403
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS FOR SUGAR	9
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO CHEMICAL LABORATORY	303
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES	5993

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS (NO AUTOPSY) L. A. CITY 150; L. A. COUNTY 53	203

NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORT. (FEES)	2188
NUMBER OF CHILDREN EMBALMED (UNDER 14 YRS.-NO FEES)	205
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE	254
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE	41
NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER PENAL CODE SEC. 4300h	149
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORT.	2837
NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	245
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORT.	3082
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY UNDERTAKERS IN L.A.CITY AND COUNTY OUTSIDE OF CORONER'S MORTUARY	2701
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER	5783

MISCELLANEOUS DATA, Cont'd.

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	14,205
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES	37,426
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	13,179
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1,057
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	1,057
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	534
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS DELIVERED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY	315
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY TYPEWRITTEN	13,595
NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF CORONER" AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	4,523
NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF JURIES"	1,057
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	5,793
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	6,943
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	158