ANNUAL REPORT

CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Ben H. Brown, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 1949
JUNE 30, 1950

August 31, 1950.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Hall of Records,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

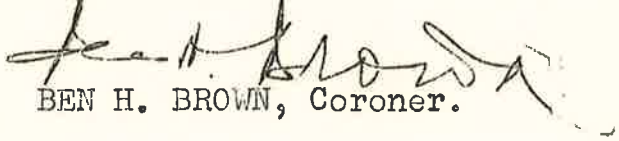
In compliance with the provision of Article III, Section 77 of the Administrative Code, the office of the Coroner of the County of Los Angeles presents herewith its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950.

This report contains a statistical record and financial report of the year's activities which shows a total increase of 231 cases, or 3 percent over the previous fiscal year. This includes an increase of 20 suicides, 4 homicides, 26 industrial and 66 miscellaneous accidents. Traffic fatalities numbered 724, which shows a decrease of 54 over the previous year which is an encouraging trend but is still far too great.

Through the use of additional scientific equipment accorded us by the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer, and their clear understanding of our problems, we have advanced in our methods of crime detection.

We are pleased to report no major disasters or epidemics during the fiscal year.

Very truly yours,



BEN H. BROWN, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1950

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner

VICTOR L. WALLAGE, Chief Deputy

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REPORT OF BEN H. BROWN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1949-50

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
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JULY	1949	615	
AUGUST	1949	557	
SEPTEMBER	1949	606	
OCTOBER	1949	673	
NOVEMBER	1949	611	
DECEMBER	1949	790	
JANUARY	1950	736	
FEBRUARY	1950	669	
MARCH	1950	669	
APRIL	1950	631	
MAY	1950	597	
JUNE	1950	616	
	TOTAL	7770	7770

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MALE	5208	
FEMALE	2562	
TOTAL	7770	7770

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4402	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3368	
TOTAL	7770	7770

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS
HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:

AIRPLANE	26	
ALCOHOLISM	3	
ASPHYXIATION	5	
BURNS	108	
CRUSHING	7	
DROWNING	50	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	14	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
FALLS	565	
FIREARMS	12	
HEAD INJURIES	134	
INDUSTRIAL	101	
INFECTION	16	
MISCELLANEOUS	22	
MOTOR VEHICLES	700	
POISONING	136	
STEAM RAILWAY	10	
STRANGULATION	14	
SUFFOCATION	25	
TOTAL	1955	1955
ABORTIONS	6	
HOMICIDES	136	

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

NATURAL CAUSES	4926	
PREMATURE BIRTHS	1	
STILLBORN	29	
SUICIDES	695	
UNKNOWN	22	
TOTAL	5815	5815
		7770

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1949	56	1	1	58
AUGUST	1949	54	1	2	57
SEPTEMBER	1949	55	2	2	59
OCTOBER	1949	76	3	1	80
NOVEMBER	1949	61	0	0	61
DECEMBER	1949	81	2	1	84
JANUARY	1950	40	2	0	42
FEBRUARY	1950	45	1	0	46
MARCH	1950	57	1	1	59
APRIL	1950	65	0	2	67
MAY	1950	54	0	0	54
JUNE	1950	56	1	0	57
	TOTAL	700	14	10	724

ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1949	20	
AUGUST	1949	28	
SEPTEMBER	1949	27	
OCTOBER	1949	34	
NOVEMBER	1949	24	
DECEMBER	1949	28	
JANUARY	1950	20	
FEBRUARY	1950	23	
MARCH	1950	22	
APRIL	1950	26	
MAY	1950	16	
JUNE	1950	23	
	TOTAL	291	291

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MALE	205	
FEMALE	86	
TOTAL	291	291

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	143	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	148	
TOTAL	291	291

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	1	
1 to 2 YEARS	9	
2 to 5 YEARS	21	
5 to 10 YEARS	15	
10 to 20 YEARS	7	
20 to 45 YEARS	27	
45 to 65 YEARS	70	
65 YEARS AND OVER	141	
TOTAL	291	291

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AT AN INTERSECTION	166	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	125	
TOTAL	291	291

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	45	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	246	
TOTAL	291	291

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NATURE

AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	257	
AUTO, AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	2	
AUTO, STREET CAR & PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	3	
MOTORCYCLE & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	26	
TOTAL	291	291

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

BACKING	10	
BACKED INTO AUTO	1	
BLINDED BY LIGHTS	1	
CROSSING FREEWAY, WHICH IS RESTRICTED	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	85	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	66	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1	
DROVE THROUGH CROSSWALK	1	
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	1	
FALL FROM TRUCK	1	
FELL OUT OF CAR AND RUN OVER BY ANOTHER CAR	1	
FOGGY WEATHER	2	
PLAYING IN ALLEY	2	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	12	
PLAYING IN STREET	9	
POOR LIGHTING AT INTERSECTION	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	74	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	1	
RUNNING IN STREET	4	
SLEEPING UNDER CAR	1	
WALKING IN STREET	9	
UNKNOWN	7	
TOTAL	291	291

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
PEDESTRIANS

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	55	
FEMALE DRIVERS	7	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	6	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	21	
TOTAL	89	89

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	50	
FEMALE DRIVERS	8	
TOTAL	58	58

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	129	
FEMALE DRIVERS	12	
TOTAL	141	141
DRIVERLESS CAR	2	
UNKNOWN DRIVER	1	
TOTAL	3	3
TOTAL		291

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HIT AND RUN CASES 19

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 34

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1949	36	
AUGUST	1949	26	
SEPTEMBER	1949	28	
OCTOBER	1949	42	
NOVEMBER	1949	37	
DECEMBER	1949	53	
JANUARY	1950	20	
FEBRUARY	1950	22	
MARCH	1950	35	
APRIL	1950	39	
MAY	1950	38	
JUNE	1950	33	
	TOTAL	409	409

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MALE	292	
FEMALE	117	
TOTAL	409	409

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	119	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	268	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	22	
TOTAL	409	409

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	3	
1 to 2 YEARS	1	
2 to 5 YEARS	5	
5 to 10 YEARS	6	
10 to 20 YEARS	58	
20 to 45 YEARS	188	
45 to 65 YEARS	95	
65 YEARS AND OVER	53	
TOTAL	409	409

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AT AN INTERSECTION	214	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	193	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	409	409

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	160	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	246	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	409	409

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

COLLISION:

AUTO & AUTO	115
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	2
AUTO, AUTO & BUS	3
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & BUS	1
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & STREET CAR	1
AUTO, AUTO & FIREPLUG	1
AUTO, AUTO & LAMP POST	2
AUTO, AUTO & POLE	1
AUTO, AUTO & TREE	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	2
AUTO & AUTOETTE	1
AUTO & BICYCLE	8
AUTO & BRIDGE	1
AUTO & BUS	1
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	11
AUTO & EMBANKMENT	2
AUTO & FIRE PLUG	1
AUTO & HOUSE	1
AUTO & HOUSE BEING MOVED	1
AUTO & LAMP POST	1
AUTO & MOTORBIKE	1
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	16
AUTO & MOTORSCOOTER	2
AUTO & OIL DERRICK	1
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	3
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	1
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK-TRAILER	1
AUTO & PICKUP TRUCK	5
AUTO & POLE	10
AUTO & SEMI-TRAILER	1
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	5
AUTO & STREET BARRIER	1
AUTO & TAXI	1
AUTO & TRAFFIC SIGNAL	2
AUTO & TRAILER	2
AUTO, TRAILER & AUTO	1
AUTO & TREE	17
AUTO & TRICYCLE	1
AUTO & TRUCK	61
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	8
AUTO, TRUCK & TRUCK	2
AUTO & UNDERPASS	1
BUS, AUTO & POLE	1
BUS & STEAM RAILWAY	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

COLLISION:

MOTORCYCLE & EMBANKMENT	1	
MOTORCYCLE & MOTORCYCLE	2	
MOTORCYCLE & PARKED TRUCK	1	
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	2	
MOTORCYCLE & STEAM RAILWAY	1	
MOTORCYCLE & TRAILER	1	
MOTORCYCLE & TREE	1	
MOTOR SCOOTER & PARKED TRUCK	1	
PICKUP TRUCK & BICYCLE	1	
TAXI & MOTORCYCLE	1	
TAXI & STEAM RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & AUTOETTE	1	
TRUCK & BICYCLE	1	
TRUCK & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & MOTORBIKE	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	6	
TRUCK & MOTORSCOOTER	2	
TRUCK & SEMI-TRUCK-TRAILER	1	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	4	
TRUCK & TREE	1	
TRUCK & TRUCK	1	
TRUCK-TRAILER & BICYCLE	1	
TOTAL	335	

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO OFF ROADWAY	1	
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	4	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	3	
AUTO OVERTURNED	41	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	17	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	4	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	4	
TOTAL	74	409

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION:

AVOIDING TRAFFIC BARRIER	2
BUS PASSED AUTO & CUT IN TOO SHARPLY	1
CARELESS BICYCLE RIDING	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3
DRIVER ASLEEP	2
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	41
DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS	1
DROVE INTO REAR OF STANDING STREET CAR	1
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	16
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	7
INTOXICATION	2
LIGHTS	1
LOST CONTROL	27
LOST CONTROL DUE TO BEE STING	1
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	15
NEGLIGENCE OF BOTH DRIVERS	1
PASSING ON CURVE	2
PLAYING IN STREET	1
RACING ON CITY STREET	1
RACING AT SPEEDWAY	1
RAN INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	1
RAN INTO REAR OF TRUCK	1
RAN STOP SIGNAL	9
RECKLESS DRIVING	105
RIDING BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	3
RIDING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	1
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	62
RODE INTO SIDE OF PASSING AUTO	1
SKIDDING	6
STALLED ON TRACK	2
SUDDEN STOP	1
TIRE BLOW-OUT	1
WEATHER CONDITION	1
WET PAVEMENT	1
WHEELS CAUGHT IN CAR TRACKS	1
UNDETERMINED	2
UNKNOWN	10
TOTAL	335

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM DRIVERLESS CAR	1	
AVOIDING COLLISION	3	
CHILD OPENED CAR DOOR	2	
DEFECTIVE DOOR	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DEFECT IN ROADWAY	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	5	
EVADING ARREST	2	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	1	
FIRE TRUCK HIT DIP	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	5	
LOST BALANCE	1	
LOST CONTROL	20	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	1	
MILK TRUCK MAKING TURN	1	
OVER EMBANKMENT	1	
RAN OFF HIGHWAY	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	7	
SKIDDING	3	
STRUCK DIP AT HIGH SPEED	2	
TESTING CAR ON SPEEDWAY	1	
TIRE BLEW OUT	1	
TRYING TO CLOSE DOOR	1	
VICTIM OPENED DOOR	1	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	1	
UNKNOWN	8	
TOTAL	74	409

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	96	
FEMALE DRIVERS	14	
DRIVERLESS CAR	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	3	
TOTAL	114	114
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	50	
FEMALE DRIVERS	5	
TRAIN CREWS	1	
TOTAL	56	56
JURY UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY:	13	13
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:		
MALE DRIVERS	199	
FEMALE DRIVERS	20	
DRIVERLESS CAR	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	6	
TOTAL	226	226
TOTAL		409

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HAD BEEN DRINKING:

DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 70

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1949	1	
AUGUST	1949	1	
SEPTEMBER	1949	2	
OCTOBER	1949	3	
NOVEMBER	1949	0	
DECEMBER	1949	2	
JANUARY	1950	2	
FEBRUARY	1950	1	
MARCH	1950	1	
APRIL	1950	0	
MAY	1950	0	
JUNE	1950	1	
	TOTAL	14	14

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MALE	8	
FEMALE	6	
TOTAL	14	14

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	11	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	3	
TOTAL	14	14

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	3	
45 to 65 YEARS	6	
65 YEARS AND OVER	4	
TOTAL	14	14

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	14	14

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CAUSES

CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	6	
CROSSING TRACK CARELESSLY	1	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
RECKLESS OPERATION OF STREET CAR	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	1	
STEPPED BACKWARD INTO PATH OF TRAIN	1	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF TRAIN	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	1	
TOTAL	14	14

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1949	1	
AUGUST	1949	2	
SEPTEMBER	1949	2	
OCTOBER	1949	1	
NOVEMBER	1949	0	
DECEMBER	1949	1	
JANUARY	1950	0	
FEBRUARY	1950	0	
MARCH	1950	1	
APRIL	1950	2	
MAY	1950	0	
JUNE	1950	0	
	TOTAL	10	10

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MALE	10	10

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	6	
TOTAL	10	10

AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	5	
45 to 65 YEARS	3	
65 YEARS AND OVER	2	
TOTAL	10	10

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	2	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	3	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	5	
TOTAL	10	10

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CAUSES

CONFUSED BY ANOTHER PASSING TRAIN	1	
EATING LUNCH UNDER CARS	1	
IMPROPER RIDING WHILE BEATING HIS WAY	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON CAB OF ENGINE	1	
TRAIN WRECK DUE TO DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
VICTIM WAS A MENTAL PATIENT	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	10	10

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES	497	203	700
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	8	6	14
STEAM RAILWAY	10	0	10
TOTAL	515	209	724

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1949	7	
AUGUST	1949	9	
SEPTEMBER	1949	9	
OCTOBER	1949	8	
NOVEMBER	1949	8	
DECEMBER	1949	5	
JANUARY	1950	7	
FEBRUARY	1950	8	
MARCH	1950	14	
APRIL	1950	7	
MAY	1950	7	
JUNE	1950	12	
	TOTAL	101	101

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MALE	99	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	101	101

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	38	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	44	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	14	
UNKNOWN	5	
TOTAL	101	101

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10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	44	
45 to 65 YEARS	42	
65 YEARS AND OVER	14	
TOTAL	101	101

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	2	
BODILY INJURY	9	
BROKEN LEG	1	
BURNS	10	
CRUSHING	16	
DROWNING	1	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
EXPLOSION	2	
FALLS	3	
FRACTURED HIP	1	
GASOLINE POISONING & BURNS	1	
HEAD INJURY	24	
HEAT STROKE	1	
INFECTION	17	
MACHINERY	1	
MISCELLANEOUS	1	
POISONING	2	
SUFFOCATION	1	
THROAT INJURY	1	
TOTAL	101	101

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

CAVE-IN OF SAND BANK AT GRAVEL PIT	1	
PINNED IN PALM TREE BY TRIMMED FRONDS	1	
TOTAL	2	2

BODILY INJURY:

CAVE-IN OF SEWER DITCH	1	
CRUSHED BY MUCK CAR	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FALL OFF CONVEYOR BELT	1	
KNOCKED FROM ROOF BY BOOM	1	
SHOT BY GUN WHICH SHOOTS NAILS INTO CONCRETE	1	
STRUCK BY CRANE	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED	1	
TOTAL	9	9

BROKEN LEG:

STRUCK BY STEEL BEAM	1	1

BURNS:

BACKED INTO GAS HEATER	1	
BOILER EXPLOSION	2	
BUFFER IGNITED GASOLINE	1	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	1	
DITCH DIGGING MACHINE STRUCK GAS LINE	1	
EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK	1	
EXPLOSION OF PIPE LINE	1	
EXPLOSION - SAWDUST MANUFACTURING PLANT	2	
TOTAL	10	10

CRUSHING:

CAUGHT BY REVOLVING CRANE CAB	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAILER & TRUCK WHILE MAKING HITCH	1	
CAVE-IN OF BRICK CHIMNEY	1	
CRANE OVERTURNED	1	
EXCAVATION CAVE-IN	1	
FALL FROM TRAIN	1	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

CRUSHING: (Cont'd.)		
FELL UNDER WHEELS OF TRUCK	1	
PILE OF LUMBER FELL ON VICTIM	1	
PINNED BENEATH TRACK OF TRACTOR TYPE CRANE	1	
RUN OVER BY LUMBER CARRIER	1	
SLIDING ROCK AND EARTH	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING PROP	1	
STRUCK BY STEEL CASING	1	
STRUCK BY TREE	1	
TRUCK BACKING - CONSTRUCTION JOB	1	
WHARF JITNEY OUT OF CONTROL	1	
TOTAL	16	16
DROWNING:		
FALL FROM FISHING BOAT	1	1
ELECTROCUTION:		
CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE WHILE TRIMMING TREES	1	
CONTACTED LIVE WIRE	1	
CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	2	
CRANE BOOM ARM CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
REPAIRING LIGHT SOCKET	1	
SHORT CIRCUIT WHILE WORKING WITH NEON TUBES	1	
TOTAL	7	7
EXPLOSION:		
WELDING GASOLINE STORAGE TANK	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	2	2
FALLS:		
FELL FROM BUILDING	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	3	3

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FRACTURED HIP:		
AVOIDING BEING STRUCK BY STORE TRUCK	1	1
GASOLINE POISONING AND BURNS:		
GASOLINE EXPLOSION ON TANKER	1	1
HEAD INJURY:		
CRUSHED BY CRANE AND STRUCTURAL EQUIPMENT	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING WHILE WASHING WINDOWS	1	
FALL FROM DREDGING MACHINE	1	
FALL FROM HAY TRUCK	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	2	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	6	
FALL FROM TIER OF LOCKERS	1	
FALL FROM TREE	1	
FELL BETWEEN CARS ON MOVING TRAIN	1	
FELL ON SOUND STAGE	1	
STRUCK BY BROKEN HAUSER	1	
STRUCK BY CEMENT FORM	1	
STRUCK BY FLY WHEEL OF ELECTRIC MOTOR	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING BUCKET	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING PLANK	1	
STRUCK BY RIM OF TIRE	1	
STRUCK BY WIRE MACHINE	1	
STRUCK HEAD WHILE LOADING TRUCK	1	
TOTAL	24	24
HEAT STROKE:		
EXHAUSTION WHILE AT WORK	1	1
INFECTION:		
INHALATION OF DUST & FUMES FROM LEAD AND ZINC	1	
PICKING COTTON	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	4	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST AND SILICA	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF SILICA	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALED DUST IN MINES	2	
SILICOSIS - HARD ROCK MINER	1	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

INFECTION: (Cont'd.)		
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN COAL MINES	1	
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN COPPER MINES	2	
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN MINE	1	
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN SMELTING PLANT	1	
SILICOSIS - SAND BLASTER	1	
TOTAL	17	17
MACHINERY:		
FELL INTO CLAY MIXING VAT	1	1
INJURED KNEE:		
FELL DOWN STAIRS	1	1
POISONING:		
INHALATION OF FUMES WHILE PLATING HEAD LIGHTS	1	
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FUMES WHILE CLEANING BANK VAULT	1	
TOTAL	2	2
SUFFOCATION:		
CAVE-IN OF SEWER DITCH	1	1
THROAT INJURY:		
SWALLOWED FISH BONE	1	1
TOTAL		101

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1949	97	
AUGUST	1949	79	
SEPTEMBER	1949	87	
OCTOBER	1949	74	
NOVEMBER	1949	86	
DECEMBER	1949	123	
JANUARY	1950	109	
FEBRUARY	1950	91	
MARCH	1950	87	
APRIL	1950	82	
MAY	1950	87	
JUNE	1950	94	
	TOTAL	1096	1096

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MALE	545	
FEMALE	551	
TOTAL	1096	1096

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	580	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	499	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	14	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	1096	1096

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	32	
1 to 2 YEARS	19	
2 to 5 YEARS	25	
5 to 10 YEARS	11	
10 to 20 YEARS	31	
20 to 45 YEARS	145	
45 to 65 YEARS	194	
65 YEARS AND OVER	639	
TOTAL	1096	1096

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	7	
BIT TONGUE	1	
BODILY INJURY	1	
BURNS	108	
CRUSHING	7	
CUTTING	3	
DROWNING	50	
EDEMA OF GLOTTIS	1	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
FALLS	564	
FIREARMS	12	
FRACTURED HIP	2	
FRACTURED RIB	1	
FRACTURED VERTEBRAE	1	
HEAD INJURIES	134	
INFECTION	16	
KNOCKED DOWN	1	
MISCELLANEOUS	3	
POISONING	136	
PULMONARY EDEMA	1	
STABBING	1	
STRANGULATION	14	
SUFFOCATION	25	
TOTAL	1096	1096

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:		
ASPIRATION OF MUCUS	1	
FUMES - SMOKE FROM HOUSE ON FIRE	2	
FUMES - SMOKING IN BED	1	
HOUSE AFIRE	2	
ILLUMINATING GAS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	7	7
BIT TONGUE:		
FALL TO FLOOR WHILE PLAYING	1	1
BODILY INJURY:		
CAVE-IN OF DIRT LEDGE	1	1
BURNS:		
AUTO AFIRE	1	
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	1	
CIGARETTE - CHAIR IGNITED	1	
CIGARETTE - CLOTHING IGNITED	2	
CIGARETTE - CLEANING STEAM SHOVEL CAB WITH GASOLINE	1	
CIGARETTE - DAVENPORT AFIRE	1	
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	2	
CIGARETTE - LIT IN GAS FILLED ROOM - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	10	
CLEANING FLUID IGNITED	1	
CONFLAGRATION - APARTMENT AFIRE	1	
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	22	
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	1	
FELL INTO POOL OF KEROSENE	1	
GAS - BUTANE GAS EXPLOSION	1	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1	
GASOLINE TORCH EXPLODED	1	
INCINERATOR - CLOTHING IGNITED	2	
LEAKY GAS CONNECTION EXPLODED	1	
MATCHES - CHILDREN PLAYING	3	
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE WHILE SMOKING	1	
MATCHES - IGNITED GAS TANK	1	
OIL WELL EXPLOSION	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (Cont'd.)

PLAYING WITH AUTO CIGARETTE LIGHTER	1	
PLAYING WITH FIRE	1	
SCALDS - CHILD TURNED ON WATER IN BATH TUB	1	
SCALDS - COFFEE BOILED OVER ON CHILD	1	
SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB	1	
SCALDS - FELL INTO TUB OF BOILING WATER	1	
SCALDS - INFANT PULLED COFFEE POT FROM TABLE	1	
SCALDS - OPENING STERILIZER DOOR	1	
SCALDS - PLAYING AROUND INCINERATOR	1	
SCALDS - SPILLED POT OF BOILING COFFEE	1	
SCALDS - WHILE TAKING BATH	3	
STOVE - BEDDING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	1	
STOVE - BEDDING IGNITED FROM ELECTRIC HEATER	2	
STOVE - BLANKETS IGNITED FROM HOT PLATE	1	
STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED	1	
STOVE - CLEANING FLUID IGNITED CLOTHING	1	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM CHARCOAL BURNER	1	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM COOK STOVE	2	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM ELECTRIC HEATER	2	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	17	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF GAS WATER HEATER	1	
STOVE - FELL ON FLOOR HEATER	1	
STOVE - GAS STOVE EXPLODED	3	
STOVE - NARCOTIC ADDICT	1	
STOVE - NIGHT GOWN AFIRE FROM GAS HEATER	1	
UNKNOWN - EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE CAN ON TRUCK	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	108	108

CRUSHING:

CAUGHT BETWEEN FLOOR AND ELEVATOR	1
RACING CAR OUT OF CONTROL	1
RAN OVER BY TRACTOR IN FIELD	1
LOG FELL ON CHEST WHILE PLAYING	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

CRUSHING: (Cont'd.)

SHIFTING CARGO IN BOX CAR	1	
UNLOADING TRACTOR	1	
WORKING ON CAR WHICH SLIPPED OFF JACK	1	
TOTAL	7	7

CUTTING:

ATTEMPTED SELF SURGERY	1	
FALL FROM PORCH ONTO TIN CAN	1	
FELL OVER GAS HEATER	1	
TOTAL	3	3

DROWNING:

BOAT CAPSIZED	1
BOAT CAPSIZED WHILE FISHING	1
CANOE OVERTURNED	1
CAUGHT IN HEAVY SURF	1
CAUGHT IN KELP WHILE DIVING	1
CAUGHT IN UNDERTOW	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
FALL FROM BOAT	2
FALL FROM GANG PLANK	1
FALL FROM HORSE	2
FALL INTO LAKE	1
FALL INTO SWIMMING POOL	1
FELL INTO BATH TUB	3
FELL INTO 10-GALLON CROCK OF WATER	1
FELL INTO OCEAN	1
FELL OR JUMPED IN OCEAN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
FELL INTO WATER DITCH	1
FISHING BOAT SANK	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	1
IMMERSED IN BATH TUB	1
INTOXICATION	2
POSSIBLE CRAMPS	1
SINKING OF BOAT	1
SPASTIC CASE IN BATH TUB	1
SUBMERSION IN BATH TUB - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
THROWN FROM SURF BOARD	1
WHILE SWIMMING	2
WHILE SWIMMING IN GRAVEL PIT	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING: (Cont'd.)		
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	4	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
UNKNOWN	11	
TOTAL	50	50
EDEMA OF GLOTTIS:		
SWALLOWED COIN	1	1
ELECTROCUTION:		
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC HEATER WHILE IN BATH TUB	1	
CONTACT WITH LAMP WHILE IN BATH TUB	1	
GRASPED CONDUIT LINE EMERGING FROM LAKE	1	
HAND DRILL SHORTED	1	
REPAIRING HOME FIXTURES	1	
SHOCK FROM RADIO WHILE IN BATH TUB	1	
WHILE AT PLAY	1	
TOTAL	7	7
FALLS:		
AGAINST FENCE - STUMBLED IN DARK	1	
AGAINST TRUNK - OLD AGE	1	
DOWN EMBANKMENT - LOST BALANCE	1	
DOWN STAIRS - CRUTCH SLIPPED	1	
DOWN STAIRS - ILLNESS	1	
DOWN STAIRS - INTOXICATION	1	
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	10	
DOWN STEPS - OLD AGE	9	
DOWN STEPS - SLIPPED	1	
DOWN STEPS - TRIPPED	2	
DOWN STEPS - TRIPPED OVER HOUSE CAT	1	
DOWN TRAILER STEPS - OLD AGE	1	
DOWN STEPS - UNKNOWN	1	
FRACTURE OF VERTEBRAE - FALL TO FLOOR	1	
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	3	
FROM BED - OLD AGE	31	
FROM BED - SENILITY	1	
FROM BRIDGE - UNKNOWN	1	
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	1	
FROM BUILDING - PLAYING ON 4th FLOOR	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

FROM BUILDING - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3
FROM BUILDING - UNKNOWN	1
FROM CHAIR - CARDIAC CONDITION	1
FROM CHAIR - REPAIRING LIGHT FIXTURE	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	6
FROM CHAIR - UNKNOWN	1
FROM CLIFF - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
FROM CLIFF - UNKNOWN	2
FROM FIRE ESCAPE - INTOXICATION	1
FROM LADDER - OLD AGE	1
FROM LADDER - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM LADDER - UNKNOWN	1
FROM PORCH - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	4
FROM PORCH - SUBJECT TO SEIZURES	1
FROM STOOL - OLD AGE	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
FROM WINDOW - ESCAPING FROM POLICE	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	2
ON PORCH - OLD AGE	1
ON STAIRS - BROKEN STEP	1
ON STEPS - OLD AGE	5
ON STEPS - WHILE INTOXICATED	1
PROBABLE FALL - OLD AGE	1
TO DRIVEWAY - OLD AGE	2
TO DRIVEWAY - SLIPPED ON STEPS	1
TO FLOOR - BLINDNESS	1
TO FLOOR - CEREBRAL INCIDENT	1
TO FLOOR - DIZZY SPELLS	1
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	5
TO FLOOR - LOST BALANCE	1
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	366
TO FLOOR - PARALYZED	1
TO FLOOR - PUSHED BY ANOTHER PATIENT	2
TO FLOOR - SEIZURE (EPILEPTIC)	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON BATH ROOM RUG	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON WET FLOOR	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER BOTTLE RACK	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED IN STORE	1
TO GROUND - INTOXICATION	1
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	27
TO GROUND - SLIPPED ON WET GRASS	1
TO GROUND - TRIPPED OVER DOG	1
TO GROUND - WRESTLING	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

TO SIDEWALK - INTOXICATION	1	
TO SIDEWALK - CEREBRAL INCIDENT	1	
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	17	
TO SIDEWALK - STEPPED INTO HOLE	1	
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED BY DOG	1	
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED ON STEP	1	
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED ON BROKEN WALK	1	
TO STREET - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
TO STREET - OLD AGE	11	
TO STREET - TRIPPED WHILE LEAVING STORE	1	
TO STREET - WHILE ALIGHTING FROM BUS	1	
TOTAL	564	564

FIREARMS:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN	2	
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF PISTOL	1	
CARELESS TARGET PRACTICE	1	
DISCHARGE OF GUN BY BROTHER	1	
DISCHARGE OF PISTOL WHILE CLEANING	1	
DISCHARGED WHILE TRYING TO UNLOAD	2	
RIFLE DISCHARGED BY PLAYMATE	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	
TOTAL	12	12

FRACTURED HIP:

DURING PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT	1	
TURNING IN BED - OLD AGE	1	
TOTAL	2	2

FRACTURED RIB:

SPASTIC CONDITION OF CHILD	1	1

FRACTURED VERTEBRAE:

DOVE INTO SHALLOW WATER	1	1

HEAD INJURIES:

BUMPED HEAD WHILE WASHING AUTO	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)

EXPLOSION OF BUTANE STOVE	1
FALL AGAINST FURNITURE	1
FALL DOWN CANYON	1
FALL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1
FALL DOWNSTAIRS	12
FALL DOWN EMBANKMENT	1
FALL DOWN STEPS	3
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	6
FALL FROM BED	6
FALL FROM BICYCLE	1
FALL FROM BROTHER'S ARMS	1
FALL FROM CHAIR	2
FALL FROM CLIFF	1
FALL FROM COUCH	1
FALL FROM CURB	1
FALL FROM GARAGE ROOF	1
FALL FROM HIGH CHAIR	1
FALL FROM HORSE	2
FALL FROM LADDER	2
FALL FROM PORCH	1
FALL FROM JAIL BUNK	1
FALL FROM SWING	2
FALL FROM TRUCK - IMPROPER RIDING	1
FALL FROM TRUCKLOAD OF HAY	1
FALL TO CEMENT FLOOR	1
FALL TO CONCRETE	1
FALL TO FLOOR	23
FALL TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	1
FALL TO GROUND	1
FALL TO PAVEMENT	1
FALL TO SIDEWALK	15
FALL TO STREET - INTOXICATION	1
FALL TO STREET	14
FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	2
FELL FROM FREIGHT TRAIN	1
FELL FROM SKATE COASTER	1
FELL ON CONCRETE STEP	1
FELL WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE OF DOPE	1
INTOXICATION	1
STRUCK BY FALLING TREE LIMB	1
KNOCKED DOWN IN SALOON BRAWL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1
RACING AUTO OVERTURNED	1
RACING ON DIRT TRACK	1
STRUCK HEAD ON BEAM IN BARN	1
STRUCK HEAD ON BED	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)

STRUCK BY LIMB CAUGHT IN WHEEL OF TRACTOR	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF STEEL	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF WOODEN WHEEL	1	
THROWN FROM MOTORCYCLE AT STADIUM	1	
TRIPPED OVER RUG	1	
WALKED OFF STREET CAR	1	
UNKNOWN - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	134	134

INFECTION:

EXPOSURE TO DIATOMACEOUS EARTH	1	
FELL FROM MOTOR SCOOTER	1	
INHALATION OF SILICA	1	
RABIES - BIT BY DOG	1	
SEPTICEMIA - SPONTANEOUS ABORTION	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	1	
SILICOSIS - UNKNOWN	1	
SURGICAL SPONGE LEFT IN CHEST	1	
SWALLOWED CHICKEN BONE	2	
TETANUS - CUT HAND ON LAWN MOWER	2	
TETANUS - FALL FROM MERRY-GO-ROUND	1	
TETANUS - FRACTURE PIN IN HIP FELL OUT	1	
TETANUS - STRUCK TOE WITH HOE	1	
TETANUS - STUBBED TOE	1	
TOTAL	16	16

KNOCKED DOWN:

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	1

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHOKED ON CHEWING GUM	1	
PULMONARY ATELECTASIS - SWALLOWED OPEN SAFETY PIN	1	
RESPIRATORY RAILURE - FOLLOWING ANESTHESIA FOR REMOVAL OF SCREW	1	
TOTAL	3	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING:

ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID - INGESTION OF ASPIRIN	2
ACUTE ALCOHOLISM & BARBITURATE INTOXICATION	1
AMYTAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3
AMYTAL & SECONAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
ANT PASTE - ACCIDENTAL INGESTION	1
BARBITAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	1
ARSENIC - SWALLOWED RAT POISON	1
BARBITURATE - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	9
BARBITURATE - OVERDOSE	4
BARBITURATE - INTOXICATION	1
BOTULISM - ATE HOME CANNED CACTUS	1
BROMIDE INTOXICATION - DAILY INGESTION OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF BROMO SELTZER	1
BROMIDE - OVERDOSE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BED ON FIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BUTANE HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - GARAGE AFIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS FROM UNLIT KITCHEN STOVE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	44
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	6
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION AUTO EXHAUST	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - KEROSENE HEATER IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BEDDING & MATTRESS AFIRE	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - RESTING IN GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - ROOM AFIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL	2
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - ACCIDENTAL INGESTION	1
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	1
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK CLEANING FLUID	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (Cont'd.)		
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - MISTOOK FOR ALCOHOL	1	
CHLOROFORM & METHYL SALICYLATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
CHROMIC & SULPHURIC ACIDS - DRANK BY MISTAKE	1	
CYANIDE - INGESTION OF GOPHER POISON	1	
DICHLORETHYL ETHER - INGESTION OF INSECTICIDE WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
HEXOL DISINFECTANT - DRANK FROM WATER GLASS USED FOR DISINFECTANT	1	
KEROSENE - BLIND VICTIM DRANK FLOOR OIL	1	
MERCURY - UNKNOWN	1	
METHYL SALICYLATE - DRANK IN ERROR	2	
MORPHINE - OVERDOSE OF "HMC" TABLETS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
NEMBUTAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	2	
PENTOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	9	
PENTOBARBITAL - UNKNOWN	1	
PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	4	
PHENOBARBITAL - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	2	
PHENOBARBITAL - UNKNOWN	1	
SECONAL - INTOXICATION	1	
SECONAL - OVERDOSE SLEEPING PILLS	1	
SECONAL - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	8	
STRYCHNINE - CHILD ATE PILLS	1	
STRYCHNINE - OVERDOSE OF MEDICINE	1	
TOTAL	136	136
PULMONARY EDEMA:		
OVERCOME IN STEAM BATH	1	1
STABBING:		
PLAYING WITH KNIFE	1	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

STRANGULATION:

ASPIRATION OF NURSING FORMULA	1	
BONE LODGED IN THROAT	1	
CAUGHT IN ROPE SWING	1	
CAUGHT NECK ON TRAY OF HIGH CHAIR	2	
CHOKED ON APPLE	1	
CHOKED ON PEBBLE	1	
FOOD LODGED IN THROAT	1	
ENTANGLED IN STRING TIED TO RATTLE	1	
HUNG SELF WHILE PLAYING	1	
NECK CAUGHT IN CRIB STRAP	1	
PLAYING WITH ROPE IN TREE	1	
SHIRT CAUGHT ON TREE LIMB	1	
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
TOTAL	14	14

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATED FOOD WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED FOOD	1	
ASPIRATION OF MILK & MUCUS	1	
ASPIRATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	1	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	1	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED VOMITUS	2	
ASPIRATION OF STOMACH CONTENTS	2	
FACE DOWN IN CRIB	1	
REGURGITATION OF STOMACH CONTENTS	2	
SLEEPING BETWEEN PARENTS	1	
SLEEPING IN BIN COVERED BY PAPER TRASH	1	
SMOTHERED IN BEDDING	11	
TOTAL	25	25
TOTAL		1096

SUICIDES

JULY	1949	55	
AUGUST	1949	57	
SEPTEMBER	1949	53	
OCTOBER	1949	51	
NOVEMBER	1949	56	
DECEMBER	1949	61	
JANUARY	1950	65	
FEBRUARY	1950	65	
MARCH	1950	64	
APRIL	1950	60	
MAY	1950	58	
JUNE	1950	50	
	TOTAL	695	695

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MALE	524	
FEMALE	171	
TOTAL	695	695

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	354	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	340	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	695	695

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AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	7	
20 to 45 YEARS	234	
45 to 65 YEARS	325	
65 YEARS AND OVER	129	
TOTAL	695	695

SUICIDES

NATURE

BURNING	3	
BUTANE GAS	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST)	89	
CUTTING	26	
DROWNING	12	
ELECTROCUTION	1	
EXPLOSION OF GAS FILLED ROOM	1	
ILLUMINATING GAS	16	
STABBING	2	
SHOOTING	249	
STRANGULATION	105	
SAT ON RAILROAD TRACKS	1	
TOTAL	506	506

JUMPING:

DOWN STAIR WELL	2	
FROM BRIDGE	3	
FROM BUILDING	30	
FROM OIL DERRICK	2	
FROM RAILROAD CAR	1	
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	3	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	4	
	45	45

POISONING:

ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID	1
ALLURATE	1
AMMONIA WATER	1
AMYTAL & CARBROMAL	1
ANT PASTE	10
ARSENIC	3
BARBITURATES	34
BARIUM	1
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	2
CHLOROFORM	1
CODIENE	1
CYANIDE	15
HYPOCHLORITE	1
KEROSENE	1
LYE	2
LYSOL	1
MEBARAL	1
NEMBUTAL	5
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	4
PARIS GREEN	1

SUICIDES

NATURE

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

PENTOBARBITAL	21	
PHENOBARBITAL	9	
PHOSPHORUS	2	
SECONAL	18	
SODIUM FLUORIDE	1	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1	
STRYCHNINE	3	
TUINAL	2	
TOTAL	144	144
TOTAL		695

SUICIDES

CAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING HOMICIDE	12	
AVOID DEPORTATION	1	
AVOID TRIAL FOR STATUTORY OFFENSE	1	
DESPONDENCY	46	
DESPONDENT OVER ABSENCE OF FAMILY	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF BROTHER	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF FATHER	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND	5	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF MOTHER	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF SON	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF WIFE	9	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF DOG	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	24	
EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES	1	
FAMILY ARGUMENT	1	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	3	
FEAR OF CANCER	1	
FEARED LOSS OF MENTAL EQUILIBRIUM	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	36	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES & ILL HEALTH	3	
FINANCIAL & DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	1	
ILL HEALTH	268	
ILL HEALTH & DEATH OF WIFE	2	
ILL HEALTH & FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	4	
ILL HEALTH & UNEMPLOYMENT	2	
ILL HEALTH OF SON	1	
ILLUMINATING GAS JET EXPLODED	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
LOSS OF JOB	2	
LOVE AFFAIR	14	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	65	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES & ILL HEALTH	1	
MENTAL CONDITION	8	
MENTAL ILLNESS	17	
OVERSENSITIVE ABOUT GIGANTIC SIZE	1	
QUARREL	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	2	
TO AVOID ARREST	1	
TO AVOID PROSECUTION	1	
TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION ON DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE	1	
UNABLE TO HOLD A JOB	1	
UNEMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES	17	
UNEMPLOYMENT & ILL HEALTH	2	
UNEMPLOYMENT & FAILING EYESIGHT	1	
UNDETERMINED SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE	1	
WORRIED OVER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1	
WORRY OVER POSSIBLE PREGNANCY	1	
UNKNOWN	127	
TOTAL	695	695

HOMICIDES

JULY	1949	18	
AUGUST	1949	15	
SEPTEMBER	1949	5	
OCTOBER	1949	14	
NOVEMBER	1949	14	
DECEMBER	1949	13	
JANUARY	1950	8	
FEBRUARY	1950	17	
MARCH	1950	10	
APRIL	1950	2	
MAY	1950	10	
JUNE	1950	10	
	TOTAL	136	136

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MALE	93	
FEMALE	43	
TOTAL	136	136

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	80	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	55	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	136	136

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LESS THAN ONE YEAR	3	
1 to 2 YEARS	1	
5 to 10 YEARS	1	
10 to 20 YEARS	6	
20 to 45 YEARS	87	
45 to 65 YEARS	30	
65 YEARS AND OVER	8	
TOTAL	136	136

HOMICIDES

NATURE

BEATEN	1	
FIGHTING	16	
SHOOTING	63	
STABBING	31	
STRANGULATION	5	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	20	
TOTAL	136	136

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JUSTIFIABLE	31	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	102	
UNDETERMINED	3	
TOTAL	136	136

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BY A KNOWN PERSON	80	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	23	
BY HUSBAND	17	
BY MOTHER	1	
BY OFFICER	8	
BY SON	1	
BY STEP-SON	1	
BY WIFE	5	
TOTAL	136	136

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE:

ALTERCATION	1	
ARMED ROBBERY	1	
ATTACKED OFFICERS WITH KNIFE	1	
ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE AFTER BURGLARY	1	
ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST	2	
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	5	
BYSTANDER SHOT DURING ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	1	
DEFENSE OF MOTHER	1	
DURING ROBBERY	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
RESISTING ARREST	3	
SELF DEFENSE	12	
TRESPASSING	1	
TOTAL	31	31

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

ALTERCATION	19	
ATTEMPTING TO MAKE ARREST	2	
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	2	
BEATEN BY CHILDREN	1	
BURGLARY	1	
DISPUTE OVER USE OF CAR	1	
DIVORCE PENDING	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	10	
DRUNKEN BRAWL	3	
DRUNKEN RAGE	1	
FIGHT IN CAFE	2	
FIGHTING	4	
GANG WAR	1	
ILL HEALTH	2	
ILLICIT LOVE AFFAIR	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
JEALOUSY	3	
LOVE AFFAIR	2	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	10	
MENTALLY ILL	1	
POOL HALL ALTERCATION	1	
QUARREL	5	
RESISTING ROBBERY	1	
REVENGE	2	
ROBBERY	10	
ROBBERY & KIDNAPPING	1	
SEX CRIME	1	
UNWANTED BABY	1	
UNKNOWN	12	
TOTAL	102	102

HOMICIDES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

UNDETERMINED:

ALTERCATION	2	
REFUSED TO LEAVE HOUSE	1	
TOTAL	3	3
TOTAL		136

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL: BY KNOWN PERSON	1	
CRIMINAL: BY UNKNOWN PERSON	0	
SELF INDUCED	3	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	6	6

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	1	
TOTAL	6	6

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MARRIED	5	
SINGLE	1	
TOTAL	6	6

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20 to 45 YEARS	6	6

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	2	
FEMALE	1	
TOTAL	3	3

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	3	3

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AGES

45 to 65 YEARS	3	3

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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	17	
FEMALE	5	
TOTAL	22	22

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	13	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	8	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	22	22

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AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	4	
1 to 5 YEARS	1	
10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	6	
45 to 65 YEARS	8	
65 YEARS AND OVER	2	
TOTAL	22	22

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MUTILATED FETUS	1	
DECOMPOSED FETUS	1	
DRY DISARTICULATED BONES	1	
INCINERATION & DECOMPOSITION	1	
POST MORTEM DEGENERATION	13	
UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	5	
TOTAL	22	22

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1949	1	
AUGUST	1949	2	
SEPTEMBER	1949	1	
OCTOBER	1949	3	
NOVEMBER	1949	0	
DECEMBER	1949	5	
JANUARY	1950	2	
FEBRUARY	1950	4	
MARCH	1950	2	
APRIL	1950	4	
MAY	1950	2	
JUNE	1950	0	
	TOTAL	26	26

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MALE	23	
FEMALE	3	
TOTAL	26	26

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	20	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	26	26

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PASSENGER	12	
PILOT	13	
CO-PILOT	1	
TOTAL	26	26

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ACCIDENTAL	26	
TOTAL		26

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	2	
20 to 45 YEARS	23	
45 to 65 YEARS	1	
TOTAL	26	26

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TYPE OF PLANE

ARMY	5	
COMMERCIAL	2	
PLEASURE	19	
TOTAL	26	26

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CAUSES

CONTROLS WENT WRONG	1	
FUEL EXHAUSTED	1	
STRUCK HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
UNKNOWN	23	
TOTAL	26	26

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A.CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1949	27	19	46
AUGUST	1949	24	21	45
SEPTEMBER	1949	13	20	33
OCTOBER	1949	35	23	58
NOVEMBER	1949	30	22	52
DECEMBER	1949	29	29	58
JANUARY	1950	11	11	22
FEBRUARY	1950	26	14	40
MARCH	1950	23	13	36
APRIL	1950	16	14	30
MAY	1950	19	18	37
JUNE	1950	14	13	27
	TOTAL	267	217	484

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1949	160	190	9	359
AUGUST	1949	129	173	7	309
SEPTEMBER	1949	141	180	8	329
OCTOBER	1949	135	184	4	323
NOVEMBER	1949	125	160	7	292
DECEMBER	1949	180	226	4	410
JANUARY	1950	152	194	10	356
FEBRUARY	1950	159	179	6	344
MARCH	1950	135	198	6	339
APRIL	1950	121	195	6	322
MAY	1950	127	182	4	313
JUNE	1950	127	171	3	301
	TOTAL	1691	2232	74	3997

INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES	3773
TOTAL	7770

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	114
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	177
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	64
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	32
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	387
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2834
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3221
BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	205
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3426
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	4344
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1949 TO JUNE 30, 1950	7770

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	11,724
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES	60,375
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	21,282
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	338
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	479
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	18
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	479
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1314
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	10,558
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3997
VERDICTS OF JURIES	479
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	3388
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2420
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	171
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN: THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	356

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS 2455

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

ACETANILID	5
ACETONE	2
ACETOPHENETIDIN	11
ACETYL - SALICYLIC ACID	1
ALCOHOLS ONLY	4573
ALCOHOLS WITH OTHER TESTS	431
ALKALOIDS	81
ARSENIC	47
BARBITURATES	1274
BARIUM	1
BERYLIUM	1
BISMUTH	5
BROMIDE	2
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	4
CARBROMAL	20
CHLORAL HYDRATE	2
CHLOROFORM	5
CODEINE	17
CREATININE	8
CYANIDE	52
DICHLORO DIPHENYL TRICHLOROETHANE	1
DEXEDRINE	5
DICHLOROETHYL ETHER	5
DOLCIN	1
ERGOT	20
FLUORIDE	5
HEAVY METALS	102
HEROIN	150
HOUSEHOLD BLUING	5
HYPOCHLORITE	5
KEROSENE	2
LEAD	1
LYE	3
LYSOL	2
MANGANESE	1
MERCURY	12
METHADON	50
METHANOL	2
METHYL SALICYLATE	7
MORPHINE	147
NARCOTICS	100
NICOTINE	7

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED (Cont'd.)

OPIUM ALKALOIDS	100
PARALDEHYDE	9
PARATHION	50
PHOSPHORUS	4
POISONS	460
QUININE	20
SALICYLIC ACID	5
SILICA	20
STRYCHNINE	81
SUGAR	3
ZINC	1
TOTAL TESTS PERFORMED	7928

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1305
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	2349
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	87
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	212
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	65
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS MADE AND PROCESSED	594

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1949-50

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES
SALARIES AND WAGES	$ 235,309.00	$ 231,207.49
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	33,573.00	33,785.66
CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,422.00	3,824.41
TOTAL	$ 274,304.00	$ 268,817.56

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1949-50

EMBALMING FEES	$ 71,290.00
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	4,530.22
WITNESS FEES	126.60
SHERIFF'S FEES	0.00
GENERAL FUND	0.00
TOTAL	$ 75,946.82

CHEMICAL ANALYSES -- 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 TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO-COLLISION & NON-COLLISION	92	191
	31.2%	68.8%
AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	53	124
	29.9%	70.1%
HOMICIDES	54	64
	45.8%	54.2%
SUICIDES	97	284
	25.5%	74.5%