

Coroners of Oakland County



O. C. FARMER
Coroner



EARL GORDON
Coroner

In the conduct of the office of Coroner, a strict business policy has been observed, with a view of keeping down costs. Investigations in many accident and death cases have been made, and as a consequence, the cost of holding inquests has been greatly reduced.

During the past two terms, this office has averaged eighteen calls per month, but inquests have been cut to less than half.

THE rapid and constant increase in population in Oakland County has greatly changed the business of this office. Twenty years ago Coroner Farmer had eleven cases for the year. This year 249 cases were investigated.

The office has developed from an unimportant job to a very important adjunct to the welfare of the community.

The automobile has brought about this changed condition.

There were forty-seven deaths resulting from automobile accidents last year, over which Mr. Farmer held inquests.

Investigations of accidents by the Coroner, placing the blame where it rightly belongs in case of death, is the all-necessary part of the Coroner's business.

Following is a summary of the 1927-28 activities of the Coroner's Office of O. C. Farmer, Pontiac:

	DEATHS
Auto accidents	47
Drownings	33
Suicides	15
Railroads (steam)	7
Railroads (Electric)	7
Alcoholics (Chronic)	4
Murdered	7
Shot by officers	1
Shot self, accidentally	1
Prisoners, accidentally	1
Motorcycle	1
Abortions	1
Electrocutions	2
Accidentally burned in homes	2
Tetanus	1
Abandoned babies	4
Accidentally poisoned by food	1
Aeroplanes	2
Accidentally shot while playing golf	1
Monoxide poisoning by letting auto run in closed garage	1
Suffocation in bed	1
Falling from buildings	2
Struck by tractors	2
Crushed in caveins	5
Struck by falling buildings	1
Falling from scaffold	1
Total	151
Inquests, 38; cases investigated by this office	249

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