

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:

Auto accidents						DEATE
Drownings	Auto accidents					
Suicides			•			
Railroads (steam)						
Railroads (Electric 7 Alcoholics (Chronic) 4 Murdered 7 Shot by officers 1 Shot self, accidentally 1 Prisoners, accidentally 1 Motorcycle 1 Abortions 1 Electrocutions 1 Electrocutions 1 Accidentally burned in homes 1 Abandoned babies 1 Accidentally poisoned by food 1 Aeroplanes 1 Accidentally shot while playing golf 1 Monoxide poisoning by letting auto run in closed garage 1 Suffication in bed 1 Falling from buildings 1 Struck by tractors 1 Struck by falling buildings 1 Falling from scaffold 1 Total 1 Total 1 Total 1 Inquests, 38; cases investigated by this office . 249		•				
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Prisoners, accidentally		.11				
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Electrocutions		*				
Accidentally burned in homes						-
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Suffication in bed	Monoxide poisoning	by le	etting	auto	run	in
Falling from buildings	closed garage			9		1
Struck by tractors	Suffication in bed					1
Crushed in caveins	Falling from buildi	ngs				2
Crushed in caveins	Struck by tractors					2
Falling from scaffold	Crushed in caveins					5
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