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also expanded the milk inspection program to keep a firm hand on milk sanitation in the city.

Mrs. Lee is married to W. Scott Lee, a Standard Oil of California official. They have two adopted children, David Scott and Priscilla, who attend school in Canada. Mrs. Lee is a Presbyterian, as is Peterson.

Peterson, now 56, is a licensed pharmacist who operated a pharmacy for many years prior to coming to the council in 1940. He was born in Minnesota but lived in Portland most of his life. He is married and has one daughter, now Mrs. Donald Lonie Jr. He served on the Mexican border and later served in France in World War I. During World War II he organized the city's air raid and fire warden service.

Coroner Tells Office History

A brief but fact-filled history of the Multnomah county coroner's office, since its establishment 98 years ago, was given Friday by Dr. Floyd F. South, present coroner.

Dr. South spoke at the weekly Lions club luncheon.

He said the first accidental death recorded in the permanent files was that of a man run over by a train on Christmas day, 1894, and that the first auto fatality listed is that of a man injured in an auto-buggy collision June 18, 1905, on Base Line road.

Cases 2400 Annually

It was 1915 when Dr. F. H. Dammasch was elected, he became the first coroner to operate a morgue separate from a funeral parlor.

Dr. South, candidate for reelection, stated that records

show only 66 coroner cases in 1894, compared to the over 2400 annually at present.

He explained the present premises, modernized since his election four years ago, and claimed they now are as up to date and as efficiently operated as any modern hospital surgery.

Dr. South said records show some 37,500 deaths have been investigated by the office since 1854 to August, 1952, of which about 1500 were prior to 1894 when permanent records were established.

Motor vehicles have caused 2840 deaths compared to 1178 drownings. Horse vehicles killed 43, railroads, 354; streetcars, 198; airplanes, 40; industrial, 1456; homicides, 727; alcoholism, 579; abortion, 116; and 3801 were suicides with 19,506 natural deaths.