

State to Hold Four Maternity Institutes During Present Month

Four regional maternity hygiene institutes for nurses scheduled to take place at Centralia, Springfield, Champaign and Rockford during April, have been arranged by the state department of public health, it was announced here today. This is the first step in a new and vigorous program with the end in view of cutting down the high maternal death rate in Illinois.

The institutes are open to all registered nurses. They are sponsored locally by the tuberculosis, public health and visiting nurses associations. The instructors at each place will be provided by the New York Maternity Center association, an organization which has caused among its clientele a decline of 66 per cent in the maternal death rate and 32 per cent in the infant death rate.

The first of the institutes will be held at Centralia April 16, 17. Then follows those at Springfield, April 20 and 21; Champaign, April 23 and 24; Rockford, April 27 and 28.

"In the past Illinois has been losing from 700 to 1000 mothers annually as a result of childbirth complications," the announcement stated. "About one half of these are definitely preventable in character. Generally the fatal complications result from prenatal conditions and neglect than from terinal circumstances although the latter are important.

"The institutes are expected to prepare a corps of public health nurses

to hold numerous teaching conferences with the local nurses throughout Illinois."

American Legislators Suffering from Yen to Increase Total of Laws

American legislators felt "there ought to be a law" some 50,000 times this year and translated that feeling into more than 14,000 new statutes.

The number adds to the variously estimated 2,000,000 to 10,000,000 laws

which have been enacted since the United States came into being.

The national congress accounted for 1,524 of this year's crop of laws, while legislators of 43 states to date have passed more than 12,000 out of 48,403 bills introduced. The number may be swelled as some legislative sessions still are in progress.

New York solons poured the greatest number of bills into their law-making process—4,265 in all—and approved nearly 1,200.

California has 2,850 bills under consideration, 106 so far approved. Min-

nesota, considering 2,600, is expected to adopt around 400. Illinois expects a higher ratio, or 500 new laws out of 1,300 bills introduced. Wisconsin anticipates the same number out of 1,500 proposed. Pennsylvania has 2,152 proposed, 63 so far adopted. Indiana adopted 180 and Iowa 11.

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