

INTERESTING TOURS

Special tours to please nearly every taste have been on the menu offered by the Illinois Central System this spring, according to reports in the Illinois Central Magazine for May "Another day, another golf course" is the way Joe Graffis of the Chicago Golfer characterizes the spring training golf tour that carried approximately 100 Northern golfers to the best courses of southeastern Mississippi, the Gulf Coast, New Orleans and Memphis. Two all-expense tours carried many other visitors over approximately the same route, but taking in also Vicksburg and the Mississippi Delta country. Another tour was provided from Chicago to Savannah, Ga., by rail, thence by water to New York and back to Chicago by rail, with a stop at Niagara Falls.

"EGYPT" WORST PLAGUE SPOT

Springfield, May 13th—Tuberculosis in Illinois last year took its heaviest mortality in Union county where the rate was 296 per 100,000 population, according to Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. With rates of 239 and 154 respectively, Pulaski and Alexander counties, lying contiguous to Union in the extreme southern portion of the state, ranked second and third highest in mortality from the dreaded white plague.

Woodford county, located in the northern section of the state, experienced the least loss with a rate of only 10 deaths per 100,000, while the adjacent county of Marshall stood next lowest with a rate of 20. Carroll county, also to the north, was third lowest with a rate of 20 1/2.

Among the 44 cities of 10,000 or more people, the most severe mortality from tuberculosis was reported from Lincoln where the rate was 276. Next in order came Jacksonville and Cairo with rates of 208 and 200. Ottawa, with a loss of only 26 per 100,000 population, had the lowest municipal rate while Rockford with 32 and Streator with 33 stood second and third.

The 35 counties in the central section of the state with something more than a million people had the lowest regional mortality from tuberculosis. Here the rate was 68 per 100,000 population. In the 33 most northern counties, where the population exceeds four and one-half million, the mortality rate from tuberculosis was on most southern counties, where the population of scarcely more than one million.

While local rates are doubtless affected by the location of industrial plants of various character," said Rawlings in commenting upon the statistics, "the regional figures reflect rather accurately the results of public health service. The lowest rate is found in the central section of the state where considerable anti-tuberculosis work has been done among people of good economic status and without serious congestion. In the northern section where more than four and one-half million people are concentrated, including the two largest cities of the state, intensive activities have given a lower mortality from tuberculosis than prevails in the southern section where the favor of relatively sparse settlement is offset by lack of aggressive preventive service and a generally lower economic well being."

Moultrie County had 14 deaths from tuberculosis in 1925.

EMPLOYEES BUYING STOCK

More than 450 employees of the Illinois Central System have begun the purchase of more than 1,200 shares of the company's stock in the last year, according to the Illinois Central Magazine for May. The former limit of one share for such purchases was raised to ten shares in April 1925. Payment is made upon the installment plan through payroll deductions. Not less than \$5 nor more than \$15 may be paid each month upon each share ordered. All branches of the service are represented in the year's purchases.

NEWSPAPER LIFE IS A GRAND, HARD GAME

Trying to get out a newsy paper with nothing happening to tell about is hard luck and nothing else, says the Oakland Ledger. No storms, no wrecks, no weddings, no nothing that makes news. One lady who was going to be operated upon promised to linger along until just before we went to press so we could have a "scoop" on her demise if luck went against her. She hasn't gone to the hospital yet. We heard of a big robbery and hold-up with all its trimmings and it proved to be a water haul. Small child hit by an auto was not even scratched. Woman had been thrashed by her husband; he hadn't been home for a week. Cyclone stood with its tongue hanging out for thirty minutes Sunday and nothing to tell about that. We had prepared a long article on the drouth and along came a refreshing rain and spoiled it all. We can't tell it if it doesn't happen.

RAILWAY TRAVEL CHEAPER

Convenience, rather than price, is what sells automobile travel. Generally speaking, unless a private automobile is well loaded when making a trip in competition with a passenger train, it is a losing proposition from a financial standpoint.—Illinois Central Magazine for May.

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