

PLEDGE MYSELF . . . "

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

With this, The Florence Nightingale Pledge, Dorothea Jo Price began her student nurse training in September, 1950 at the Memorial Mission Hospital School of Nursing in Asheville. She will graduate next year, being the first person to finish the three-year nurse's training under the Ecusta Nurse's Scholarship program.

"Dot" has forgotten most of the uncertainties and scepticisms that she had when she first began her work. Having the temperament for nursing, she has gained knowledge and confidence during the past two years. She is naturally friendly, and has a pleasing personality. Evidence of her popularity was shown when she was elected vice-president of the student body for this year. She is enthusiastic and conscientious when she is with patients assigned to her care, and has an honest desire to help them.

Her classroom work is tedious and exacting. Long hours are required in the studying of the sciences and services, but she hasn't objected to any of it. She has worked very hard, and has made exceptionally high grades in all of her studies. She says that the pleasant part of the training comes when she is able to put into practice all the things she has learned in the classroom.

Although she has time for recreation and to enjoy the company of other nurses, she is serious on the job, because she realizes that her work is an important service to humanity. Dot, like some 25,000 other graduating nurses in 1953, will help fill the critical need for trained nurses.

Dot is already making plans for the future.



Dot checks on her progress with Mrs. Creasman, Education Supervisor for the school of nursing.

After graduation she must pass a state examination before being licensed as a Registered Nurse. She wants to return to Transylvania County to practice for two or three years, after which she wants to take a post-graduate course and specialize in obstetrics.

Dot tells us that the money she receives from the Ecusta Scholarship fund is paying about 90 percent of all her expenses. She said that she would not have been able to take this training without the scholarship.

There are five other local girls, receiving scholarships from the company, who will follow Dot in graduating from nurses training school. They are Sarah Louise Mull, Helen Kathleen McCrary, Miriam Willinham, Bonnie Lee Galloway and Pauline Brown.

Like Dot, all of these girls are making exceptionally high marks as student nurses in various hospitals. The company is proud of the fine records they are making, and the fact that we were able to help with the expenses incurred during their training. We are deeply grateful to the Scholarship Committee for selecting such outstanding Transylvania girls to receive these scholarships.