

*Dorothea Jo Price, a new member of the Medical Center's staff of nurses, gets "weighed-in" by Dr. Gasque. Her weighing-in was part of the physical examination given to every new employee. Dot has the distinction of being the first to graduate with a degree in nursing under Ecusta's Nurse's Scholarship program. Long before she finished her training at Memorial Mission Hospital School of Nursing in Asheville, she had hoped to be able to return to her home town and be a nurse at the Medical Center — working for the company who afforded her the opportunity to study nursing. On the 16th of this month, her wish came true.*



## ECUSTA SCHOLARSHIP NURSES

The graduation in June of Miss Dorothea Jo Price from a school of nursing held a twofold significance. For Dot, it marked the achievement of a desire—the desire to become a nurse. Secondly, for the Ecusta Nurse's Scholarship Selection Committee, it meant that the Nurse's Scholarship Awards had begun paying dividends. The first of the eight Transylvania girls thus far selected by the Committee to receive the awards had graduated—her graduation having been made possible by the Scholarship.

Dorothea Jo received her training at the Latta School of Nursing of Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville. She began her training in September 1950 and, except for a few weeks of vacation, was in school twelve months a year for three years. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lela Price of Brevard and a 1950 graduate of Brevard High School.

Six other Transylvania girls who were awarded Nurse's Scholarships are still in training. They are: Miss Helen Kathleen McCrary, Miss Miriam Willingham, Miss Betty Jean Seay, Miss Pauline Brown, Miss Sallie Marie Graveley and Miss Ollie Jean Emory. Miss Sarah Mull, also awarded a Scholarship, withdrew from the Latta School of Nursing and is no longer in training.

Under the Ecusta Nurse's Scholarship Program, the committee which selects the scholarship recipients is composed of Miss Martha Choate, Dr. R. L. Stricker, Rev. J. J. Holmes and Dr. B. A.

Stevens.

The scholarship program was established by Ecusta with the hope that it would provide an incentive and needed help for girls of high character and ability who have a desire to prepare themselves for the nursing profession.

The program was undertaken by Ecusta in the belief that the community as a whole, including the Ecusta Paper Corporation and its employees, will benefit as a result. One benefit is seen in the likelihood that more well-qualified and well-trained nurses will become available in the community as the program goes on.

The \$300 per year scholarships are granted without any condition requiring or expecting that recipients necessarily will return to this area to practice nursing.

Any girl who lives in Transylvania County, or has a substantial connection with the county, is eligible for an award upon successful completion of her high school education. To be considered, she must write an application letter giving her name, age, residence, scholastic record, working experience, and other interests and activities. The letter should also tell her nursing plans and aspirations.

All such letters of application, which may be accompanied by letters of recommendation, should be sent to Ecusta Paper Corporation before March 1st of the year a scholarship award is sought. Ecusta will turn all such applications over to the citizen's selection committee.