

## WILMA MANUAL COMPLETES NURSING COURSE AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL



Wilma Manual, left is assisted in the preparation of a tray of medicines by another student nurse.

Receiving her diploma from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing (Eugene) on Sept. 7, thereby achieving status as a graduate nurse, was Wilma (Skeen) Manual. Wilma received the coveted certificate along with 15 class mates in ceremonies held at the Sacred Heart hospital auditorium.

Wilma spent a good part of her early years in the reservation area. She later moved with her family to the central Oregon vicinity where she received her high school training, graduating from Maupin High School. She enrolled at Sacred Heart under the Klamath Education Program in Sept., 1955.

Describing the course, which is three full years in length with very little vacation time allowed, she states: "It's a general science sort of thing at first--anatomy, physiology, basic chemistry. Most of the studying is in the first year.

"The first six months is a probationary period. If your clinical work and grades are satisfactory and if you find out you're suited, at the end of six months you're capped and receive your cape."

Wilma adds that during this six-month probationary period the students are charged \$25.00 per month for room and board. Thereafter, however, no such charge is made as it is felt the students have become sufficiently useful to pay for their keep.

As Wilma explains it the training schedule is set up on a 40

hour per week basis. The training itself is imparted through two media: classroom lectures and hospital work. The lectures are given by hospital staff doctors and nurses except for the courses in psychology and sociology, where the classes are conducted by professors from nearby University of Oregon. The hospital work is assigned to the students on a limited basis at first but is steadily increased until "there are times when you don't have any classes at all". The students start out with the simpler chores of bedmaking, giving bathes, etc., later assuming more responsible duties.

In upper division training the students get two months each of pediatrics (pertaining to children's health) and obstetrics (pertaining to pregnancy and childbirth). Much of the upper division program entails the students' leaving Sacred Heart for educational sessions at other hospitals. In pediatrics the students spend a week in children's hospitals working with handicapped children. They also spend a period of time at nursery schools working with normal children. Three months is spent at the State Hospital in Salem working with psychiatric patients and seven weeks is put in working in TB hospitals.

When the students arrive at their senior year they receive a one-half stripe on their caps (which becomes a full stripe on graduation) signifying that they are seniors and can do more advanced work such as caring for

## Twenty-Nine Students Commence School Year Under Klamath Education Program

NAME	School	Course
Baker, Shirley	Medford Beauty School	Beauty
Baker, Nathaniel	O. T. I.	Appliance Tech.
Coburn, James	U. of O.	Bus. Adm.
Coburn, Joseph	U. of O.	Education
Cook, Lou Ellen *	S. O. C. E.	Liberal Arts
DuFault, David	OSC	Physical Ed.
DuFault, Diane *	OSC	Psychology
Ferris, Shirley *	Portland Secretarial School	Secretarial
Gentry, Donald *	O. T. I.	Diesel Mech.
Hoover, Leroy	O. T. I.	Auto Mech.
Jackson, Alvin *	Pacific Business College	Business
Jackson, Leroy	O. T. I.	Screen Printing
Johnson, Maxine *	U. of O.	Liberal Arts
Keane, Eugene	U. of O.	Bus. Admin.
Kirk, Barbara *	U. of O.	Nursing
Kirk, Frieda	U. of O.	Foreign Languages
Lawvor, Orville B., Jr.	Lewis and Clark	Physical Ed.
Morgan, Donald	O. T. I.	Body and Fender
Morgan, Edwin	O. T. I.	Auto Mech.
Nelson, Helen	O. T. I.	Med. Tech.
Ochoa, Manuel, Jr *	Eugene Voc. School	Aircraft Mech.
Ohles, Wallace	University of Portland	Education
Ortis, Andrew, Jr.	S. O. C. E.	Secretarial Sci.
Ortis, Leland	O. T. I.	Automotive
Porter, Richard	O. S. C.	Pharmacy
Sanchez, Darlene *	Robertson School of Bus.	Secretarial
Shuey, Albert	O. T. I.	Retail Bus.
Wilson, Marlin	O. T. I.	Farm Tech.
Witt, Laurence	O. T. I.	Gunsmithing

\* New student under Klamath Education Program.

critical patients, taking charge of floors, performing night duties. The last three months of the senior year are spent in areas of the students own choosing in the hospital. In this final phase Wilma elected to take one month each in the emergency room, pediatrics, and orthopedics (pertaining to the correction of deformities, especially in children). She hastens to assure us, however, that these fields are not necessarily the ones she likes best--"I can't think of any area of the hospital I didn't like to work"--but that she felt she would derive the most benefit from them.

Once graduated, the State Board of Nursing examinations must be taken. This involves two days of testing at the State Board offices in Portland. Successful completion of the exams means qualification as a registered nurse. Wilma took the examinations shortly after graduation and attests that they were rigorous, although "not too technical--but stuff you have to know". She has not yet heard of the outcome but is hopeful that she will soon be a full-ledged RN. Notification of the results will come within six months. In the meantime the graduates can go ahead and get temporary licenses enabling them to perform an RN's duties and

receive equivalent pay.

As for post graduation plans, Wilma is not definitely decided. Alternatives include going on for two years of college work, thereby becoming a candidate for a bachelor's degree in nursing. Another option, assuming successful completion of the examinations, is going on the job immediately as a registered nurse.

Summarizing her training program and the nursing profession as a whole Wilma states: "In order to enter nursing you have to really like nursing or you'll never stick it out. It's real hard as far as studies go but it's worth it."

## Klamath Language Class Enrollment Still Open

Martha Nelson and Flava Yates announce that their class in the Klamath Indian Language is open to any interested person.

Classes are held at the Klamath Education office in Chiloquin once every other week. For further information and enrollment contact the Education office or Marie Norris in Chiloquin.

These language classes have been in session for the past several months. It was noted by the instructors that beginners to the class would be welcome at any time.