

Your Honor, ladies of the jury -- you have, seated before you, the defendant, Dorothy Ann Downes. You have seen fit thus far, to confer retirement upon my client. She, in turn, has chosen me to act as her counsel since my qualifications include the fact that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ during my formative years, grades 1 through 4, she was my school nurse.

A native Syracusan, she arrived here, auspiciously enough, on December 17th, truly a Christmas gift for her proud parents. A product of the Syracuse school system, she attended Frazer School and Central High School. Ambition drove Dorothy away then and on to Buffalo State Teachers College and higher education. But the magnetism of our metropolis returned her here and she entered Syracuse University. Then nurses training at the Hospital of the Good Shepard. No cap ever sat more proudly nor more lightly on any nurses head -- albeit a pointed cap.

It was difficult for Dorothy to get the University out of her blood simply by graduating, however, and so she remained as Assistant Supervisor in the Student Infirmary for one year. A summer spent in private duty nursing then followed -- while somewhere within her grew the feeling that one person at a time was too confining for one with such ebullience and energy as hers. Summer came to an end and Sept., 1930 found Dorothy and the Syracuse School District trying each other out on a substitute basis. And so they continued until June of 1932. Opportunity knocked then and Dorothy moved on the Schoharie, New York and to a full time position as school nurse -- and full time it was, for she covered one Central School and TEN District Schools. Opportunity again knowked (and Thank God said a tired Dorothy) and she returned to the City School District in Sept., 1934. She has worked in many schools here including Irving, Madison, Potter, Frazer (her old alma mater), Gere (MY old alma mater), Nottingham, Sumner, Vocational, Danforth, Roosevelt, Jefferson, Brighton, Clary, McKinley, Levy, Van Duyn and Powlesland.