

1. Cecelia Makiwane was born in 1880 at the Presbyterian Mission near Alice. Her father was a Presbyterian minister. She was educated at Lovedale, where in 1903 the first training course for black nurses was established. In 1907 she passed the examination of the Cape Colony Medical Council. She was the first registered black nurse in South Africa (some say in the continent). In May 1977 two thousand nurses went to Lovedale for the unveiling of a statue in her honour.

Cartoon: The statue. See Outlook May 1977

2. Mary Susan Malahlele was born in 1916 near Pietersburg. After matriculating she went for one year to Fort Hare, and then to the University of the Witwatersrand, where she graduated M.B., B.Ch., in 1947. She was the first black woman doctor in South Africa. She is now Dr. Xabane and she and her husband have three children. She practises in Bobsonville outside Johannesburg.

Cartoon: Mary Malahlele receiving a standing ovation at her graduation or a <sup>male</sup> black patient in bed in hospital registering horror at being approached by a female black doctor!

3. Desiree Finca was born in 1928 in Umtata. Her father was a teacher, but later became a business -man. Desiree went to school at St. John's College, Umtata, and then to Healdtown, finally qualifying as a teacher. But she was determined to study law, and in 1963 registered with UNISA. She qualified in 1968 and became the first black woman attorney in South Africa. She practises in Johannesburg.

Cartoon: Desiree speaking in court