have the requisite time to devote to the work. It should be kept in mind that future officers are drawn from Board members.

Also to be nominated by this committee are the president, first vice-president, second vice-president, and treasurer. To qualify for the first three offices, the candidate must have served at least one year on the Board.

In recommending a candidate to the Nominating Committee, please provide a biographical sketch of the individual and secure from her assurance of willingness to serve if nominated. Send this information to Hazel J. Peterson, Deaconess Hospital, Minneapolis 4, Minn. The Nominating Committee will submit all names suggested to the national Board for approval at their meeting in May.

Hazel J. Petersen, Chairman
Mrs. Gertrude Myers
Mrs. Ruth Dowling
Betty Lank

Mrs. Fife Retires After Twenty-one Years at University Hospitals

Mrs. Gertrude Fife tendered her resignation as director of the school of anesthesiaology, University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio, early in March, 1945, to take effect as soon as her successor could be appointed. Mrs. Fife entered the school of anesthesia at Lakeside Hospital in 1924 and was graduated in 1925. She was appointed as a member of the staff immediately following her graduation and, in 1933, when Miss Hodgins' health forced her to retire as director, Mrs. Fife was appointed acting director of the school and named director in 1934. During 1933, while acting director, she reorganized the school, increasing the length of the course from four to eight months.

Mrs. Fife was the second president of the National Association of Nurse Anesthetists (now the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists). As president, she published the first Bulletin, which was a report of the first annual meeting. She continued as editor of the Bulletin and chairman of the Publishing Committee until 1944. She has been Treasurer of the Association since 1936.

Upon her retirement, the Board of Trustees of University Hospitals gave a tea in Mrs. Fife’s honor. At the tea, at which 200 guests were present, the board of trustees presented her with a beautiful silver bowl.

As a token of their esteem, the alumnæ of the school gave her a watch, the staff of the school a life subscription to the Reader’s Digest, and the doctors of University Hospitals a diamond pin and two pieces of luggage.

Mrs. Fife’s retirement from the school of anesthesiaology does not mean that she is retiring from Association activities. With the loyalty and enthusiasm which has characterized her service to the AANA, she will continue as treasurer and mail should be sent to her at 2065 Adelbert Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio. At the present time she is a member of several important committees.

Miriam Shupp has been appointed as Mrs. Fife’s successor. Miss Shupp was graduated from the school of anesthesia, Lakeside Hospital, and was a member of the staff in 1933-34, when Mrs. Fife was acting director. Miss Shupp was appointed chief anesthetist at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, in 1934, a position she held until November, 1945. She assumed the directorship of the school of anesthesiaology, University Hospitals, on January 1, 1946, at which time Mrs. Fife’s resignation became effective.