Walter Farber

Walter Farber had an uneventful though by no means unproductive year. His work on the Lamaštu corpus is still continuing. In connection with this, he was invited to give a talk at a symposium on "Concepts of Disease in Ancient Babylonia," jointly sponsored by the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, and the Institute of Jewish Studies, University College London. A second paper on related material was delivered to the Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society in Miami.

Back in Chicago, he tried his hand at such diverse topics as Urartian Grammar, Mesopotamian Law Codes, or the Babylonian New Year Festival, for a series of articles to appear in a new encyclopedia of Near Eastern archaeology. A more sizable treatise on Babylonian medicine for the same project is still in the making. Besides his teaching and administrative duties he found time for several book reviews, as well as a short article on some Old Assyrian magic spells.