

HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wandtke of Chicago are parents of a son born December 26, at the Grant hospital. Mrs. Wandtke is proprietress of Victoria's Beauty salon in Wilmette.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Salisbury of 227 Essex road, Kenilworth, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hillis and their family, of 512 Central avenue, Wilmette, are spending the Christmas and New Year holiday with relatives in Birmingham, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter G. Fox, 626 Warwick road, Kenilworth, have as their houseguests through the holidays, Mr. Fox's mother, Mrs. W. S. Fox of Shelbina, Mo., and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fox and Charlene of St. Louis, Mo.

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'Old Man Riveter' Is
Lauded in Recent Verse
by Margaret Fishback

Long before Mayor LaGuardia decided to remove noise from New York, Margaret Fishback wrote a little verse which she dedicated to *Old Man Riveter*, and which appears in her new collection, *I Take It Back*, published recently by E. P. Dutton and company.

To quote:
"Start in the morning at half-past eight
Hurry! The neighbors can hardly wait,
Pick at your holes with a raucous drill.
Pluck at the pitiful asphalt till
All Fifth Avenue starts to give
And falls apart like a rusty sieve."

Miss Fishback also pays her respects to life in the suburbs in the new volume, remarking in her poem, *Suburbaphobia*, that

"I do not regain
My normal *joie de vivre* until
I leave each fragrant daffodil
And buttercup behind, hell-bent
On getting back to God's cement."
Many of the verses in the new collection have appeared in the New Yorker, Harper's Bazaar, Vanity Fair and The Stage. This is Miss Fishback's third book.

Tour of the Cosmos

Words Without End, by H. Spencer Jones, Astronomer Royal of Great Britain, "is a Cook's Tour of the cosmos, but there is no ballyhoo about the glory of the heavens. . . . The book is clear, concise, and authentic. It is for the reader of little knowledge but many questions."—*Saturday Review of Literature*. With many photographs.

AUXILIARY SPEAKER

Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries of Winnetka, one of the representatives from this district in the state legislature, will speak at a meeting of the auxiliary of Wilmette Post No. 46, American Legion, Monday night, January 13, at the Wilmette Masonic temple, 1010 Central avenue. Charter members of the auxiliary are to be honor guests at the meeting.

Mrs. Helen C. Utley, mother of Mrs. H. W. Kingery of 519 Forest avenue, expects to leave shortly after the holidays to spend the rest of the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla. About the same time Mr. and Mrs. Kingery are leaving for Miami.

Miss Janet Shepard of Granville, Ohio, is the house guest this week of Miss Katharine Idler, 932 Ashland avenue. Miss Shepard had spent last week-end with a Denison classmate, Miss Jane Bryson of Winnetka.

Harry Weese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Weese, 141 Kenilworth avenue, Kenilworth, returned last Tuesday to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston after a week's vacation.

Mrs. Miles Fowler and her daughters, Betty and Mildred, are leaving January 6, to spend the remainder of the winter at LaJolla, Cal., after visiting Mrs. Roy C. Osgood of 423 Essex road, Kenilworth.

Harry Antrim, who returned recently from Mexico, entertained at an informal cocktail party on Saturday of last week at his home, 78 Robsart road, Kenilworth.

Aided Russian Refugees

Many amusing stories of his experiences in aiding refugees after the World War are told by Stephen Lawford in his autobiographical volume *Youth Uncharted*.

As assistant to Dr. Nansen under the League of Nations, he conducted Russian refugees from Egypt to Constantinople for transfer thence to Bulgaria. He says: "On the steamer I had a reception tour every morning and listened to complaints and answered innumerable questions about the future in Bulgaria. One day, as I was doing the rounds, I heard a small Russian child being shushed by its parents as, pointing to me, it exclaimed, poor mite, in a piping treble: 'Is that the League of Nations? I thought it would be bigger.' This, I felt, was fame as it should be, accompanied by a corrective."

Mr. Lawford's modest story of his far-flung adventures bears witness to his courage, idealism, and wit.

"This recital has all the power of Vera Brittain's 'Testament of Youth' plus a totally masculine irony."—Sterling North in the *Chicago Daily News*.

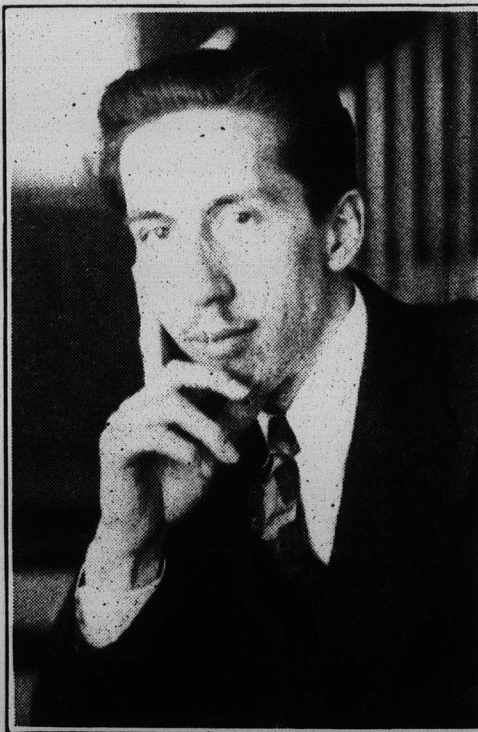
Detective Story

Has a fox hunt ever before been the scene of action in a murder-mystery novel? It is in *The String Glove Mystery*, a detective-story by new writer, Harriette R. Campbell. The death occurs during a hunt and the clue that leads to the solution is found during a re-enactment of the hunt. Mr. Knopf will publish the book in January.

To Be Published in Europe

Willa Cather's new novel, *Lucy Gayheart*, will be published in Czechoslovakia next year by Maj of Prague and in Norway by Aschehoug.

YULE SONGSTER



Richard Wrightson, baritone, of Wilmette, sang in Eleanor Everest Freer's one-act opera, "A Christmas Tale," on December 19 and was a guest of the composer at a luncheon given after the performance. The opera was put on in the Chicago Woman's club auditorium, 11th street and Wabash avenue, Chicago.

On Sunday morning, December 22, Mr. Wrightson sang for a special communion service at the First Congregational church in Oak Park, and in the evening for a Christmas pageant in the same church, with soloists, quartets, and three separate choirs.

'Gods Who Die' Is Story
of George Westbrook's
60 Years in South Seas

Author Julian Dana first met George Egerton Leigh Westbrook—Samoa's greatest adventurer, trader, diplomat and proponent of native liberty—in a hotel lounge in Auckland. Mr. Dana had planned to sail for San Francisco the following day, but his chance encounter with Westbrook held him for weeks beyond the sailing date, so fascinated was he by the latter's tales of 60 years spent in the South Sea islands. The story he heard during those weeks is set down in *Gods Who Die*, published last month by MacMillan.

In his teens George Westbrook ran away from home and signed on as cabin boy on a German ship anchored in the Thames. Before the sailing he was discovered and his parents decided that if he was bent upon going to sea he must go as regular midshipman. Apprenticed to the White Star line, he left London a few weeks later, Auckland bound. There he deserted the ship and joined a schooner going to the South Seas.

From that moment George Westbrook's life was a series of adventures—dangerous, amusing, exciting, fantastic. He told Mr. Dana tales of blackbirders and their captains, of murderers, cannibals, outcasts, traders and brigands. He described the natives, untouched by civilization in those days before radio and steam and tourists came to claim the "bright islands."

George Westbrook is now 76, a vigorous, honest, fiery little man, living in Apia and still fighting for the lost cause of native liberty.

Miss Alice Walton Is
Betrothed to Chicagoan

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Walton, 921 Sheridan road, Wilmette, announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Catherine, to George L. Fairbairn, son of Mrs. Peter Fairbairn of Chicago, at an informal gathering of young people at the Walton home on New Year's eve. Miss Walton is a graduate of Northwestern university where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Mr. Fairbairn also attended Northwestern.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Allen, 258 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth, returned last Friday morning from a several days' visit with the families of their daughters and two sons—Mrs. E. D. Slater, and Leon B. and Francis G. Allen, who all reside in New York suburbs.

Miss Helen Clements, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Clements, 381 Sterling road, Kenilworth, who is a sophomore at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, had as her house guest last week-end a school friend, John Nisbet of Loveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Harry L. Whittier, 704 Roger avenue, Kenilworth, has as her guest during the holidays her mother, Mrs. van Ryn van Alkemade of East Lansing, Mich.

Elwood Mons, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Mons, 157 Woodstock avenue, Kenilworth, is returning on January 5, to Princeton to resume his junior year studies.