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Stephen Forbes Wiser, son of James S. and Norma Harvey Wiser, was born in the Bristol Hospital, Bristol, Conn., on Wednesday, June 11th, at 9:34 A.M. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. at birth. He is their second child. Dorothy Sargent Wiser, the boy's grandmother, arrived from Ottawa the following day to help look after Penelope, who on June 30th will be a year old. The Jim Wisers have been living at 12 John St., Southington Heights, while Jim has been working in New Britain in the steel department of The Stanley Works. On July 1st he expects to be transferred to the company's steel production office in Bridgeport.

Emily Sargent Pettit, daughter of Millicent Lewis Pettit, was married on Saturday, June 14th, to Gordon Flanders Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitney of Canajoharie, N.Y. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Dr. Frederick R. Griffin (who had also married the bride's parents) in the Chapel of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Jeanne Barrett was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Deborah Pettit (the bride's sister), Mrs. Ruth Whitney Waltzief (the groom's sister), Elizabeth Langman and Frieda Schierenbock. Marilyn King was flower girl. Joseph Sanders was the best man and the ushers were Horace, Jr., and Norman Pettit (brothers of the bride), Henry Waltzief (the groom's brother-in-law), Robert Jacob and Paul Herchger. A reception was held at the Horace Pettits' home on Conshohocken State Road, Gladwyne, Pa. The Gordon Whitneys expect to be living at 521 South Ohio St., Aurora, Ill., after a honeymoon in the Adirondacks and until November, when they are due to move to Springfield, Mass.

Howard L. Sargent, Jr., who answers to the name of Peter, was graduated on June 4th from Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass. In a recent track meet with Taft School he won the half-mile race. Peter expects in September to enter Stanford University.

Louise Sargent, daughter of Howard L. Sargent, has completed her freshman year at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Hilda Sargent Ham, daughter of George Lewis Sargent, and her husband, Roswell G. Ham, president of Mount Holyoke College, are planning a vacation motor trip beginning the latter part of June, driving from South Hadley, Mass., to the Pacific Coast, ferrying across some of the Great Lakes and taking a northerly route across the United States.

William A.R. Deming, son of Laura Rice Deming, was graduated in early June from the Gunnery School, Washington, Conn. He was a regular member of the school hockey team and a substitute on the football team. Billy expects to enter Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., in the fall.

Thomas Owen Sargent, son of Thomas Denny Sargent, has been accepted as a freshman at Yale for the term to begin in September. Since his discharge from the Navy he has been taking an extension course at Hartford in the University of Connecticut.

Bradford S. Tilney, son of Rhoda Sargent Tilney, who has been doing part-time teaching in the Department of Architecture of the Yale School of Fine Arts, expects to continue his teaching during the summer session.

Daniel L. Tate, II, son of Alice Sargent Tate, graduated in early June from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Science degree. Because of injuries which caused him to be hospitalized during much of his course, he was not given a commission in the Army. His mother came on from St. Augustine, Fla., for his graduation.

Thomas H. Wiser, son of Dorothy Sargent Wiser, wrote to ye editor from The Saguenay Inn, Arvida, Quebec, Canada, on June 10th: (Ye editors wish others would follow Tom's example in sending news of themselves.) "I joined the Aluminum Company Jan. 2 this year and was put on a training course, which will eventually enable me to sell aluminum, that is, prefabricated aluminum products such as, sheet, extrusions, wire, rod, bar, castings, forging, cable, foil, etc. These products are sold to companies like Canadair and Canada Car & Foundry who fabricate them into airplane and bus sections. I remained in Montreal at the head office during January. Orientation, office procedure, and sales operations were taken up in detail. The history of the aluminum industry was also studied in the company library. From Montreal I drove up to Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, where we have two plants. The no. 1 plant is the oldest smelter in North America, and is in full production on cable (A.C.S.R), clothes line, knitting needles, rivets and nails. The no. 2 plant, built during the war, is practically closed down due to the excessive cost of power. It's superbly constructed and contains all the modern necessities of a prefabricating plant. The two weeks in Shawinigan passed quickly, what with lectures, discussions and short written tests. For those who like to travel, the Cascade Inn is beautifully located on a hill overlooking the town, and all

surrounding countryside and St. Maurice River. I motored from Shawinigan to Toronto about the middle of February. *** Two weeks were spent travelling with various salesmen to meet customers. It was extremely interesting work visiting plants outside the Aluminum Company. Aluminum Goods, where I spent two weeks, is one of our plants in Toronto and produces pots and pans of every description; the 'Wear-ever' line and pressure cookers being the more widely known. This plant also makes foil, bottle caps and die castings; the latter comprising 'jiffy-juicers' and meter boxes. I left Algoods at the end of February, and drove down to Windsor, where we have another sales office. Being directly across the river from Detroit, I didn't waste much time seeing the great automobile city. I was taken on an extensive tour through the Ford plant in Windsor. It was extremely impressive. Ford requires aluminum sand and permanent mould castings for parts to his engine assemblies; cylinder heads, cam shaft gears, pistons, and valve chamber covers. Back in Toronto I visited our plant at Etobicoke, where the above mentioned products (castings) are made. It's another very modern plant largely constructed during the war. I was amazed at the efficiency and cleanliness of the complete works, situated on the outer rim of greater Toronto. Towards the end of March I arrived in Kingston. *** The Aluminum Works at Kingston is very impressive. The north and south plants are a mile apart just outside the city limits. The south plant is one of the two big keys to Canada's aluminum industry (the other, Arvida). I spent a month learning the processes of rolling sheet, extruding rod and bar, rolling foil and the myriad of operations which are subsidiaries of the above. The large slabs of aluminum sheet ingots are rolled to plate, then mill sheet, commercial sheet, lustre sheet, and finally foil, if necessary. It's positively amazing the flow of operations necessary to reduce aluminum to the final product. At the north or forge plant all the huge hammers required in forging operations are located. It's necessary to separate them from the main plant because the vibration would upset all close tolerance instruments. One die and punch impact extrudes a small aluminum slug (shaped like a thick cookie) into a Yardley powder tin in one operation as fast as you can snap your finger. I spent two weeks in our sales liaison office distributing incoming orders and answering teletypes, telegrams and letters from all our five offices. I managed to get home every weekend, as Ottawa is only 115 miles from Kingston. At the end of May I motored up here to Arvida, Quebec, where I'll remain for two weeks. If I was impressed before, it was nothing compared to my reaction after seeing the Arvida works and power projects. The town is situated on the Saguenay River about seventy miles north of the St. Lawrence, really well nestled in the mountains of Quebec. I had to drive through floods, several thousand foot mountain ranges, ice and snow, and mud almost up to the running board. The town: 1,700 houses, 7 schools, 5 churches, 25 stores, 2 banks, the beautiful Saguenay Inn, a hotel are recreation centre were all built by the company. A model community, perfectly planned, no slums, and beautifully landscaped; population, about 10,000. The power projects on the Saguenay are fantastic in themselves, larger than the actual power of either Boulder Dam or Grand Coulee Dam. Shipsan together with Isle Maligne and Chute à Caron generate approximately 2,000,000 horse power. Isle Maligne is fifty miles north of Arvida and the town is a pocket sized edition of this one. The plant proper is fantastically large, 1-1/2 mi. long 3/4 mi. wide. Actually, it comprises several plants; magnesium, aluminum, fluoride, carbon, ore, etc. I believe 10 mi. per day would be a minimum of what I cover on foot. The electrolytic process required to reduce bauxite to aluminum is a complicated maize of pipes, bins tanks, pots, furnaces, connections, and thousands of other items. The bauxite is brought in by company ships from British Guiana and unloaded at Port Alfred, 20 miles south of Arvida. From there a company railroad brings it to the plant for processing. *** To complete the picture we have three tennis courts and a nine hole golf course, which are being put to good use. I expect to spend a month back at the Montreal head office, and then will be assigned to either Montreal or Toronto as an official Alcan salesman. Anybody want to buy some aluminum, starting July 14th? ***"

James C. Sargent, son of Murray Sargent, and Becky, his wife, now residing at 529 East 84th St., New York, brought much joy to the publication office by spending the Memorial Day week-end with ye editors. The weather was excellent. The Connecticut State tennis tournaments were in their semi-final and final rounds at the Lawn Club, and the party spent a considerable portion of the day hours there, both playing and watching tennis. Jim was able to try his skill with some other members of the Sargent family - Forbes, Weir, Jr., and ye editor. Becky, though still to write her essay, had completed her final examinations in the graduate course in English she had been taking at Columbia University.

Elizabeth C. Sargent, daughter of Henry Bradford Sargent, wrote to ye editors from The 3 Swans at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England on May 24th: " *** It is still quite cold. *** Only twice since I landed eight days ago have I had a substitute for an egg. The only remark at breakfast from the waitress is 'tea or coffee?' Then she brings you what you can have to eat and it is plenty. At lunch and dinner there is no choice - the waitress just brings what is on the menu, but there is enough as yet for each meal. Yesterday I lunched at Rugby, and for the first time, except in London, the waiter said 'fish or meat?' I made a mistake and took meat!" From The Swan Hotel, Lavenham, Suffolk, she wrote on May 31st: " *** Lots of young German prisoners are in camps near Ledbury (1300 there), 8 or 9 hundred at Market Harborough and many at Norwich and some here at Lavenham. *** Nice young fellows, mostly, working for the farmers & working well. The farmers found the Italians lazy. The prisoners are not supposed to speak to girls, must be in their camps by 10 P.M., may walk up and down any streets they desire after their working hours. May go into no hotel,

bar or movie and in fact have only enough money given them for 2 cigarettes a day and only just enough food. Their employers often give them a good meal; and are not allowed to give them anything. They give the Directors of the Camps a regular wage, which supports the Camps. Those in camps longest and best behaved go back to Germany soonest, but many don't wish to go back as they have lost homes and villages through blasting, no family left, and the British Government is talking of letting them become British citizens. My lady from Leicester said she had asked the Commandant at the German prison camp nearby to send her 6, who talked a bit of English, for Christmas Day dinner, as she had plenty of food, family and friends to help entertain them. She said they all had a good time. ..."

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 1 - (21st) Linda Deming, daughter of Laura Rice Deming
- 2 - (83d) Edith Woolsey, aunt of Agnes W.B. Sargent
- 5 - Josephine Toy Collins Tilney, wife of Bradford Sargent Tilney
- 8 - (24th) Cornelius Kimball Ham, stepson of Hilda Sargent Ham
- 11 - Richard Maxwell Sargent, son of William Parker Sargent
- (2d) Joan Sargent, daughter of Richard Collier Sargent, Jr.
- 14 - Seaton Grantland Bailey, son of Mary Emma (Tiny) Hammond Bailey
- 16 - Catherine Rice Pulford, daughter of May Sargent Rice
- 20 - Lucy Holland Putnam, daughter of Mary (Minnie) Rupert Holland
- Agnes Woolsey Bacon Sargent, wife of Ziegler Sargent
- (3d) Sandra Sargent, daughter of Frederick Kingsbury Sargent
- 23 - (4th) Sally McCawley, daughter of Sarah Fisher McCawley
- 27 - Virginia Rice, daughter of May Sargent Rice

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- July 3 - (14th) Bruce, 2d, and Gloria Gross Fenn
- 9 - (16th) Ziegler and Agnes Woolsey Bacon Sargent
- 29 - (10th) Leicester S. and Sara Peet Lewis

Charles L. Baldwin was secretary of Sargent & Company, New Haven, Conn., from 1864 to 1900, and a director from 1866 to 1901. He was a native of New Britain, where he lived about 48 years. On the death of his father, who was both a manufacturer of cow bells and a farmer in the southwestern part of the town of New Britain, Mr. Baldwin succeeded to both the business and the farm. Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907) during his years in New Britain as chief owner and manager of the hardware manufacturing business, formerly The Peck & Walter Manufacturing Company, had supplied part of the material for the cow bells and the New York partnership of Sargent & Company had been selling agent for the bells. On the moving of the hardware manufacturing business to New Haven and the organization in 1864 of the corporation of Sargent & Company the Baldwin cow bell business was sold to the new corporation. Mr. Baldwin entered its employ in charge of costs and was elected secretary and later a director. He was general buyer from 1873 till 1899.

When ye editor began working for Sargent & Company in New Haven in 1903 it was a habit among executives and office men when in the factory to wear old (stiff) straw hats. The hat was more to protect the head from bumps than to keep off dust and dirt. That was before the days of electric transmission of power, and belts, fly wheels, both guarded and unguarded, and other overhead gadgets were in the air ready to smack the unwary. On one occasion I was met in the factory by my grandfather, Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), hatted of course, who suddenly removed my hat, looked inside, called my attention to clear evidence that the hat rubbed on the top of my head, and told me that I would develop a bald spot if I continued to wear that particular hat. I took his advice, abandoned that hat, and can report that I never have had a bald spot.

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), operating as J.B. Sargent & Co., the New Britain, Conn., manufacturing business (formerly the Peck & Walter Manufacturing Company), in 1861 purchased for the partnership the patent Hull snap business located at Suffield and Windsor Locks. He wrote to his brother, George Henry Sargent (1828-1917), from New Britain, October 26, 1861: "I have just returned from a two days trip to Suffield & Windsor Locks. Had a regular seige. Got everybody mad with each other and glad with me. All hands consider each other scamps. I finally bought out the whole thing except the 1/3 of the Patent held by Hull or rather it is held now by me - transferred by Hull to Putnam & by Putnam to me as security for \$300 that Hull owes. I bought the whole thing including Hull's interest as it stands. If he should come forward and pay the \$300 I suppose his 1/3 would have to be transferred to him. Guess he will never pay it. But I want to get hold of him. I have two notes of Griffin Brothers N.Y. amounting to \$231.70 and about \$114 good book accounts, all the stock sent to you & here (invoiced to about \$1900) about \$100 to \$200 more at Windsor Locks,

and the whole Patent (or 2/3 and the claim on Hull) for which I gave - already paid 700.—; a check dated today 365.55; a check dated Nov. 9 450.—; a Draft on you (S & Co) at 6 mos. from Oct. 26 350; (total 1865.55). We in fact buy the property at a fair selling price less commission and get the Patent thrown in. This is as well as I expected to do. There are some goods at Windsor Locks that have been returned by Pedlers & C since I was there before - say 31 Doz. Cattle Ties Roped - about 15 to 25 Doz. Do. not Roped which I will have sent to you immediately and a Vice that belongs to the concern. Mr. Putnam says that Hull told him that the best fitting size of Rope is 9/16 and is the size they bought last. I think very likely that 9/16 and 11/16 are the right sizes - Better have word sent to the Rope Maker immediately. I left one of the ties with the Rope folks as a sample of size but told them that it was 5/8. J.B.S." The patent referred to was extended for seven years before its expiration, under the then existing patent laws. This was after Sargent & Company had been incorporated and the manufacturing transferred to New Haven. During Hull's visit to sign the papers necessary for the extension he told J.B. Sargent in some detail of his connection with the fraud of the so-called "Cardiff Giant", unearthed in Onondaga County, New York. Hull stated that he posed as the model for the making of the gypsum mass to look like a sleeping man. Hull said that it had been expected to beat any Barnum show. Before the plan was begun of making a traveling exhibition with an admission fee, the figure was open for examination by scientists. It fooled some. It was being widely shown at fifty cents a head before Professor O.C. Marsh, professor of paleontology at Yale, inspected it in Syracuse in 1869. The professor determined that it was made of gypsum and pointed out that, since gypsum is soluble in water, the statue could never have retained, after burial, the high polish that it showed; and stated that it was, as he had suspected, "of very recent origin, and a most decided humbug." His report had wide newspaper publicity, thus exploding what was called "the most uproarious hoax ever launched upon the credulity of a humbug-loving people."

Below are two pictures of Lucy Baldwin Sargent Rupert (1824-1895), wife of Elon W. Rupert and daughter of Joseph Denny Sargent (1787-1849). The one at the left is from a photograph made by a New Britain, Conn., photographer and that at the right by a Brooklyn, N.Y., photographer. There is a pencil notation on the back of that reproduced at the left in her niece, Laura's, handwriting: "Lillie's hat". Lillie, later the wife of Bruce Fenn, was the eldest child of Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), who moved in 1856 from Brooklyn to New Britain, where he lived until 1864. The photograph was probably made at a time when the sitter was visiting her brother and family. The picture at the right may also have been made while visiting them in Brooklyn prior to 1856.

