

This number, the first of a new volume, follows Vol. 5, No. 12 of December 29, 1947. An index to the issues published from July to December 1947 (Vol. 5, Nos. 7-12) is being mailed with this number. Ziegler Sargent, editor; Agnes W.B. Sargent, assistant editor.

Murray Sargent, son of Henry B. Sargent, resigned his position as director of the New York Hospital, effective December 31, 1947, a position he has held since 1934. The Board of Governors announced the resignation at their meeting on January 6th, and also announced that he had been made an honorary member of the board. He will continue his connection with the institution as a consultant. Mr. Laurence G. Payson, secretary-treasurer, will serve as acting director until a permanent director is selected. Murray continues as president of the Greater New York Hospital Association. He is also a director of the Blue Cross. He has been living in an apartment in the New York Hospital with Mary, his wife, and their two unmarried sons, Henry and John. They are now apartment hunting.

Bradford S. Tilney, son of Rhoda Sargent Tilney, in partnership with William F. Pedersen has opened an office under the name of Pedersen and Tilney for the practice of architecture at 155 Orange Street, New Haven. (Telephone 7-3768) On December 16th Bradford was elected secretary of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In the evening of January 8th he made a radio broadcast, which was reported the next morning by the New Haven Journal-Courier as follows: "One of the most encouraging factors in the current postwar building picture is the number of 'lump sum contracts' now being made for the erection of houses, it was reported last night by a Connecticut architect. Answering the question 'Can I build my house today?' Bradford S. Tilney, of New Haven, said such contracts are possible only in a stable period of building where the cost of labor and materials can be predicted well in advance. He spoke on the first of a series of broadcasts which deal with the general subject 'Blueprint for Tomorrow.' The series is sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and is directed by the Public Information Committee, of which Tilney is the chairman. 'Since the war, most contracts have been on a cost plus basis which very definitely puts the owner in the position of paying for all increases in cost both of labor and of materials, Tilney asserted. 'Today, we are going through a period where lump sum agreements are again being made. This is indeed a good sign for the building industry and the public in general.' Summarizing the current situation in building, the New Haven architect said costs are higher than they were ten years ago, certain materials are still scarce although the gap between supply and demand is closing and the labor market in this area appears to be fairly stable. 'As a result of the present heavy demands, it has taken considerable time to build up stock piles,' he said, 'and, in certain materials, there is still a shortage. This has created a demand for substitute materials, and the substitute in general is either of inferior quality or not suited to the use. Time is rapidly solving these building problems, but as long as shortages exist, there is going to be uncertainty. The economic experts seem to discourage us from hoping that costs will ever get down to the depression basis, but quality of materials is almost sure to improve.' He said the necessity of 'planning' for any building operation cannot be 'overemphasized'."

H.H. (Kerry) Skerrett, Jr., husband of Sylvia Tilney Skerrett, on January 5th joined as sales manager The Clayton Motor Co. of Hartford, Conn., distributors of Lincoln and Mercury cars. In his "advertisement" sent to ye editors he writes: "All beneficiaries of Sargentrivia are cordially invited to use the sales and service facilities of this excellent organization." The Skerretts reside in Avon, Conn.

Samuel F. (Terry) Babbitt, son of Peggy Fisher Babbitt, has been elected to St. Anthony Society at Yale.

Ye editors journeyed to New York recently, one to attend a class dinner and the other to attend some art exhibitions. We stayed with the Murray Sargents and enjoyed the family dinner on Sunday, January 18th, to celebrate our hosts' thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. The others at the dinner were Rhoda Sargent Tilney; Murray, Jr., and Lucy with their sons, Robin and Tommy; Jimmy and Becky with their son Stephen; and Henry.

John Sargent, son of Joseph Bradford Sargent, and Nancy, his wife, plan to spend a few weeks in U.S. Virgin Islands. They expect to make the journey by air, leaving on January 27th with a non-stop flight to Puerto Rico, and to return early in March. Their address will be Blackbeards Inn, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Alice Sargent Tate, daughter of Colonel Frederic Homer Sargent, wrote from Saint Augustine, Fla., on January 18th: ".... I am better now after a long, dismal siege. The asthmatic attack was the first bad one in a number of years and proved very stubborn. Later bursitis developed in my left shoulder, plus some queer quirk in the joint of my left hip (from an old golf strain). I strongly and uncomfortably resembled the one-horse chaise. However, after better than four months,

things appear to be slowly improving. *** Aunt Alice Sargent (Mrs. Wm. P.) wrote that Richard Sargent, her youngest son, has recovered from his serious accident of last Fall and has gone back to his office again. She is at present visiting her eldest son, Earle and his wife Eleanor in Greenville, South Carolina. Young Fred Sargent was injured in an automobile accident near here a few days before Christmas. He was en route home from Clemson with friends, when their car was struck by a northbound car. How any of the seven boys involved escaped serious injury is a complete mystery. Fred was alone on the back seat of the car. He helped the other two out, then collapsed. It turned out that he was the only one really badly hurt. He had a mild concussion, lost five upper front teeth, and had a few stitches here and there. Fortunately it happened near Saint Augustine, and Fred was taken to Flagler Hospital. The supervisor on duty happened to be a friend of mine and had known Fred as a small boy. She called me at once, and I telephoned Homer and Lila, who were waiting up for Fred. They came right up from Orlando. *** Fred went home with Lila and Homer on the 23d and is now back at Clemson. *** From Christmas Day until January 14th we had simply beautiful weather, balmy, clear, the ocean beautiful in color, flat as a mirror. Then came a northwest wind, the temperature dropping until the next morning (15th) it was 24 degrees. Most of our flowers and vegetables were ruined. They were all doing so well! We were outting sweetpeas, roses, callendulas and snapdragons, getting garden peas. A few things survived, but we are promised another 'black frost' tomorrow morning, so I don't suppose we'll have much left. The fuel oil shortage is felt keenly down here, for you know Floridians, even people moving in from the north, usually do not build weatherproofed or insulated houses, so when a cold snap comes one might as well be out-of-doors as in most of the houses. Fortunately we are well insulated. What people do not seem to realize is that in extremely hot weather insulation keeps a house cool. *** Florida does not seem to be enjoying the huge tourist trade it anticipated. Personally, I hope a lesson will be learned. There is just no sense in fleecing tourists. It's 'a good old Spanish custom' in most resort areas. I've always maintained it would not pay dividends indefinitely. ***"

Dorothy Sargent Wiser, daughter of George Lewis Sargent, and Henry J. Wiser, her husband, spent several days at Christmas time at the home of their married son, James S. Wiser, and Norma, his wife, and their two children, 56 Spinning Wheel Lane, Fairfield, Conn.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- February 5 - Rhoda Miles Sargent Tilney, daughter of Henry Bradford Sargent
Caleb Loring, Jr., son of Suzanne Bailey Loring
10 - Henry Bradford Sargent, son of Murray Sargent
11 - (16th) Jane Collier Cumming, daughter of Laura Bailey Cumming
(14th) Sandra Buck, daughter of Jean Sargent Buck
12 - (19th) Howard Lewis (Peter) Sargent, Jr.
14 - (83d) John Robert Wheaton Sargent, son of Homer Earle Sargent
17 - Theodore Babbitt, husband of Margaret (Peggy) Fisher Babbitt
22 - (19th) Samuel Fisher (Terry) Babbitt, son of Margaret (Peggy) Fisher Babbitt
23 - Sarah Atlee Downs Fisher
(24th) Catherine Virginia Deming, daughter of Laura Rice Deming
(24th) Frederic Homer Sargent, III
26 - James Cunningham Sargent, son of Murray Sargent
27 - (20th) Roberta Louise Fisher, daughter of Atlee Downs Fisher
and of Robert Lewis Fisher
28 - (82d) Margaret Motte Sargent, widow of George Lewis Sargent

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- February 11 - (2d) Seaton G. and Lueta Whitaker Eubanks Bailey
12 - (5th) Caleb, Jr., and Rosemary Merrill Loring
15 - (29th) Dorothy Sargent and Henry J. Wiser
16 - (1st) Mary Sargent and Heath D. Bumgardner

Articles about Sargent & Company continue to appear in business magazines. Tide, "the Newsmagazine of Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations", in its December 29th issue under the heading "Sargent Triples Its Budget To Keep In Line With A New Merchandising Program", ("budget" referring to advertising), outlines the advertising goals and the post war plan of distribution, which appears to have boosted sales and proven profitable. It mentions the fact that these improvements and the modernizing of manufacturing methods and facilities have come about since C. Forbes Sargent took over the management of the company in 1942. Another article appears in a recent P.S.,

published by The Standard Register Company in the interests of "paperwork" simplification. This article, illustrated by a picture of the display of Sargent products in South Station, Boston, and of some of the paper "forms", is authored by N.A. Clouet, Controller of Sargent & Company, and describes the system used in handling customers' orders for the product, which consists of "about 1500 trademarked items of builders hardware, tools, food choppers, farm hardware and casket hardware."

Benjamin Child (d. 1678), immigrant ancestor of most of us, became a resident of Roxbury in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He is supposed to have been a nephew of Ephraim Child of Watertown, Mass., with whom he probably came to America. His wife was Mary Bowen, daughter of Griffith Bowen, to whom he was married about 1653. She was admitted to the Church of Roxbury in 1658. He was one of thirty who contributed a total of £ 104, 5s for the erection of the "meeting house". One of the customs peculiar to the period connected with its building was a "raising", for which the bill of expenses and provisions amounted to £20, 15s., 10d. and £9, 5s. was paid "to the hands for et ceteras". They had twelve children, our forebear, Joshua, being the third. (The eldest son, Ephraim, was killed by the Indians in King Philip's War.) Joshua was born in Roxbury in 1658 (baptized June 20th) and was married to Elizabeth Morris (daughter of Deacon Edward Morris of Roxbury and of Woodstock, Conn.). Abigail, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Child, was married to James Draper March 12, 1719. (On the last page of Sargentivia of December 15, 1943, the genealogical chart gave the maiden name of James Draper's wife as Abigail Aldrich, which further research has shown to have been Abigail Child.) Reproduced from the Child Genealogy is the following "An inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Child, late of Roxbury, who dyed 14th October, in the year of our Lord 1678." He was evidently a man of means. Appended to the inventory is the certificate: "Inventoryed and apprized this 24th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and eight, by John Weld, Senr, John Gore, John Weld and Mary Childe, admittd Adms made Oath in Court pre May 1679 to the truth of the above Inventory, and that when more appears they will adde it. Attests Isa Addington, Cler."

	£	s.	d.
A House and Barne	80	00	00
80 acres of Land conveniently adjoining to ye 3d housing	320	00	00
12 acres in the thousand acres	3	00	00
2 cows at 50s. per cow, and more at 40s.; 2 yearling heifers at 40s	9	00	00
One horse and a mare at 40s each and one sow at 16s.	4	16	00
Money in the House and in good hands	13	00	00
In the parlor: 3 silver spoons and one wine oup.	1	14	00
One standing —with curtains, valines, old rug, 2 blankets } bolster and pillow	5	00	00
One trundle bedstead with a feather bed, bolster, blankets and } covering	2	00	00
One old court cupboard, 10s.; 3 chests, 20s.	1	10	00
8 pair of sheets at 8s.	3	04	00
3 fine Table cloths, being worne, 10s.; 11 napkins, 7s.; 3 pair } pillow bears, 10s.	1	07	00
All his wearing clothes, woollen & linen, shoes, stockings, and } hats	7	00	00
One carbine 12s., one fowling piece 18s.; one Rapier 5s.	1	15	00
Parlor chamber: one feather bed and a flock bed under it, with } bolsters to them and pillows to the feather bed; 2 old blankets and an old Rug	3	00	00
10 lb of Flax		10	00
In the Kitchen: Brass 4L 10s. Pewtar 35s. spoons & tinnars ware 3s. 6	6	08	00
fire pan-tongs, 1 old spit, 2 pair tramels, an old frying } pan, an old Iron pot and two pair of poot hooks		15	00
A kneading trough 2s. and old table 2s., 2 chaires and a woollen } wheel 4s.		08	00
A powdering tubb, butter churn, old pailles, wooden bottle, } trenchers and other Lumber		12	00
Bridle and saddle 7s.; an axe and a bill 3s.		10	00
A cart with shod wheelles (3 yeares old), tackling for horses } draught and a piece of an old timber chain	4	00	00
An acre and halfe of salt marsh	10	00	00
5½ acres of Land at the pond plains	25	00	00
One Horse more	2	10	00
	506	19	00

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), grandfather of ye editor and twenty-nine others, mayor of New Haven for the four years 1891 to 1894 inclusive, wrote the following letter May 3, 1892, to a newspaper that has since ceased publication: "To the Publishers of The Evening Leader: Gentlemen: I notice that there are several copies of the Evening Leader on the top of my desk, being of various dates. I infer, from that condition of the top of my desk, that some one connected with your publication office, messenger or carrier, watches my going and coming, and during my absence slyly, secretly & stealthily places, every day, a copy of your paper in the before mentioned place. The Newspaper is full of news and of sense, good & bad, variously mixed and well put for the purpose intended. But the City has made no appropriation for payment, and there is no money in the treasury, or to come into the treasury this year, that is not already appropriated. Therefore I warn you not to send any more Evening Leaders to the mayor's office. Yours truly J.B. Sargent Mayor"

Pictured below is the garden gate and fence at 51 Elm Street, New Haven, from 1878 until his death the home of Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907). The garden was at the back of the house along Church Street. In the background of the picture is the greenhouse which was at the northerly end of the property. The photographer had his camera pointed a bit west of north. After the property was sold in 1909 a slice was taken to widen Church Street and the rest of it was used as part of the site of the present County Court House. Sargentivia of November 20, 1945, quotes a letter from Joseph Bradford Sargent giving many facts about the property.

