

Ziegler Sargent, editor; Agnes W.B. Sargent, assistant editor.

Theodore Fisher Babbitt, son of Margaret (Peggy) Fisher Babbitt, is engaged to be married to Miss Betsy Hurd, daughter of Mrs. Henry Baldwin Harrison Hurd (Jean Nesbit), formerly of New Haven now living in New Milford, Conn. Betsy attended schools in New Haven and the Stoneleigh Prospect-Hill School in Greenfield, Mass. She lives at 228 Everit Street, New Haven, and is employed in a lawyer's office. She is a member of the Junior League. Ted prepared for college at Pomfret School and was in the Class of 1945W at Yale. He was a member of St. Anthony Hall. He received his wings and was commissioned ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. He is now a student in the Department of Architecture in the Yale School of Fine Arts, and lives at 401 Humphrey St., New Haven 11, Conn.

Sydney F. Sargent, son of George Lewis Sargent, came east in May after an absence of 27 years for a short visit with his sister and brother-in-law, Molly and Bill McCance in Middlebury, Conn., and to see some of his relatives in and about New Haven. As a former employee and present stockholder of Sargent & Company he was interested in seeing the mechanized methods now used in hardware manufacturing. The highpoint of his trip was the family reunion and dinner in his honor on Saturday, May 22d, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Ruth Sargent, on Ridge Road, North Eaven. Included in the twenty-eight present were all of his brothers and sisters (except Howard in California to whom they telephoned), several nephews and nieces, and first cousins and the latter's grown-up children. The following were there in addition to the host and hostess and guest of honor: Dorothy Wiser (who had not seen her brother Sydney for 34 years) from Ottawa, Canada, Hilda and Roz Ham from South Hadley, Mass., Molly, Bill and Mary (Jr.)^{McCance} from Middlebury, Conn., Forbes and Betty Sargent, Dick, Jr., and Barbara Sargent from Nichols, Conn., Fred and Janet Sargent from White Plains, N.Y., Jim and Norma Wiser from Fairfield, Conn., Frances Barnes Fenn (soon to move to Dorset, Vt.), Laura and Kenneth Deming, Pat and Anna Deming, Lawton and Jane Sargent, Elizabeth Collier Sargent, Rhoda Sargent Tilney from New York and Agnes and Ziegler Sargent. Syd lives at 421 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena 4, Calif.

Mary Sargent Bumgardner, daughter of F. Homer Sargent, and Heath D. Bumgardner, her husband, made a brief but welcome visit to the publication office on April 29th, stopping for luncheon with the editors on their way back to Philadelphia from Boston. Since their marriage on February 16, 1947, they have been living at 6316 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, while Heath was completing his fellowship in gynecology and obstetrics at Temple University Hospital. Mary wrote from Rochester, Minn., on May 8th: " ... We left Philadelphia on May 4 and took three days to make the trip to Rochester, Minn. In so doing we traveled an average of four hundred miles a day, stopping each evening before we were overly fatigued. In this way we were able to enjoy the scenic beauties along the way. One of the things that impressed us the most was the very black soil in Wisconsin and in Minnesota. The land has been newly plowed through those states and looks as if it's fairly itching to grow a bumper 48 crop! Heath is observing at the Mayo Clinic here, as he did in various hospitals in Boston. When he is not at the hospital, the two of us drive around a bit. We hope to visit a 'cheesery' before we leave. Our next stop will be in Chicago. We will leave Rochester for there next Thursday. A week or so in Chicago, and we will return to Philadelphia. Short trips to New York City and to Baltimore, Maryland, will round out our 'travels', and Heath will begin practicing July 1. ..."

Emily Pettit Whitney, daughter of Millicent Lewis Pettit, and Gordon F. Whitney, her husband, have purchased a house at 22 Quintard Drive, Port Chester, N.Y., and expect to move from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., about June 15th. Gordon is export sales engineer for Barber-Greene Co., of Aurora, Ill., manufacturers of road-making equipment, with offices in New York. Mimi and Gordon spent the week-end of May 1st in New Haven with the Sargent Lewises (Sargent is her mother's brother), and attended the Derby Day boat races on the Housatonic.

Samuel H. Fisher, husband of Margaret Sargent Fisher, has been elected as Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut. The Fishers live in Litchfield, Conn.

James C. Sargent, son of Murray Sargent, with Becky, his wife, and their young son, Stephen, made a very brief stop at the publication office on Sunday, May 2d. Becky and Stephen had spent a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Jackson, in New Boston, N.H. Jim drove up in the family car and fetched them.

Ye editors visited Mount Holyoke College on Saturday, May 8th. May Day was celebrated by a pageant, athletic events and a play in the evening. We motored to South Hadley, Mass., with the Alfred Bacons, whose daughter Jill (our niece) is a freshman and who with some classmates joined us for luncheon and supper picnics. Because of cloudy, chilly weather and grass undried from the previous day's rain, the pageant was held indoors, the final event being the crowning of the May Queen. This ceremony was gracefully performed by Hilda Sargent Ham (daughter of George Lewis Sargent and wife of President Roswell G. Ham). A brief call was made on Hilda in the charming President's House. Class canoe races (with four girls to a canoe) took place late in the afternoon. Dorothy Sargent, daughter of C. Forbes Sargent, was in the senior boat, paddling from the stern position. The seniors, as we thought, won their race but were nosed out in some point system that was not explained to us. At the play in the evening we conversed with Hilda, Roz and their son David.

Elizabeth (Betsy) D. Sargent, daughter of C. Forbes Sargent, wrote from Oberlin College on May 4th: "We are all working very hard on the plans for the Mock Convention Oberlin is having next week-end. I am a member of the Arkansas delegation, which doesn't have a live Republican, I don't believe. Anyway we are having a lot of fun constructing a float for the parade on Friday around the theme of aluminum, which seems to be Arkansas' only claim to fame. Friday and Saturday nights are the actual sessions. We just finished giving the annual synchronized swimming show. It was a lot of work, but seemed to be worth it. Everyone seemed to like it. I'd write more, only I have to go stick my fingers in the paint for the delegation."

Elizabeth Collier Sargent, daughter of Henry B. Sargent, on May 13th moved into her new home at 28 Ashmun Street, New Haven. The house, which she purchased in the fall of 1947, is one of three small brick houses in a block. There is a driveway and a back yard. After her tenants moved out alterations were made in the interior under the supervision of her architect nephew, Bradford S. Tilney. The basement has been made over into an apartment which she rents to a Yale undergraduate and his wife.

Atlee Downs Fisher has returned east after an absence of some seven months. She reports that she had a good winter, spending six months in Tucson, Arizona, and one month in California with her daughter, Phebe-Norton Fisher Parker, and family, who live at 1315 American Way, Menlo Park. Atlee is visiting the J. Weir Sargents, her sister and brother-in-law, at 104 Sunset Lane, Haverford, Pa., until she goes to Pine Orchard, Conn., in early June.

James C. Sargent, son of Murray Sargent some months ago received a letter from a friend now in business in North China with whom he had had considerable contact in the Philippines during the war. The following is a portion of the letter: "Conditions out here are not improving. Economically they are getting worse. America will be obliged to offer some substantial help, but I feel sure that conditions of safeguard will be attached. It is useless to help otherwise. I appreciate that it is impossible for people in America or the British countries to understand what is happening here. I was most touched when recently a good friend of ours in Australia sent my wife for birthday present a parcel of food containing bacon, lard, biscuits, etc. She thought that China is starving and that we might be in a tough jam. Actually we can get everything here and want for nothing in the way of food. It is impossible for a citizen of a well governed country to understand that a condition can exist whereby a large section of the community is starving and the rest are well off. With a good civil service and proper system of government, a ration system can be employed which ensures that economic conditions are equally spread. This is happening in England, and it makes me feel very bitter when I know that my country was in the war from the very beginning and up to the hilt until the end, everybody pulling their weight, and now they are faced with acute conditions which are shared by everyone. In England they do not want charity and do not wish to borrow from America. In China it is all quite different. Here they have practically no civil service and a corrupt government. They expect America to pour in her billions for nothing and they get anti-American if nothing is forthcoming. I feel ashamed that I can buy much more than my old father can. For Xmas presents we are sending home several parcels of food, a tragic state of affairs. Do not think that I am anti-American. Quite the contrary, but I feel bitter towards the policy of China and the way they view matters. The Chinese are very nervous about what Wedemeyer will report to Truman. I guess he knows the score. His mission was pretty energetic, and he will go home with hard facts. My opinion is that China will have to do much to put her house in order before she is justified in calling for more money from America. On my visit to Tientsin last week I was at the country club. There were 6 different types of soup, about 10 kinds of fish, 15 kinds of entrees, several sweets, cheese, coffee, fruit, wines, etc., on the menu. It must look like a lord mayor's banquet to anyone from Britain. And yet in England, like America, they are raising funds from the public to help China's starving millions. What a world!"

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- June 1 - (18th) Mary Hammond Bailey, daughter of Nathaniel Hammond Bailey
 (13th) Abigail Jane Sargent Lewis, daughter of Wilfred Sargent Lewis
 (2d) Phebe Sharon Parker, daughter of Phebe-Norton Fisher Parker
 6 - (3d) Anne Channing Turner, daughter of Nancy Grove Turner
 11 - (1st) Stephen Forbes Wiser, son of James Sargent Wiser
 12 - (13th) Barbara King Moorehead, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead
 13 - Charles Forbes Sargent, son of George Lewis Sargent
 (17th) Emily Sargent Lewis, daughter of Wilfred Sargent Lewis
 16 - Jane Cater Sargent, wife of Lawton Griswold Sargent
 22 - Robert Lewis Fisher, son of Margaret Sargent Fisher
 23 - Lawton Griswold Sargent, son of Edward Rupert Sargent
 30 - Alice Maud Sargent Tate, daughter of Colonel Frederic Homer Sargent
 (24th) Willard C. Rappleye, Jr.
 (21st) Mary Sargent McCance, daughter of Molly Sargent McCance
 (3d) David Loring, son of Caleb Loring, Jr.
 (2d) Penelope Wiser, daughter of James Sargent Wiser

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June 7 - (1st) Margaret Sargent Williams and Juan Jose Casanova
 14 - (26th) Lawton G. and Jane Cater Sargent
 (1st) Emily Sargent Pettit and Gordon F. Whitney
 15 - (30th) Laura Rice and C. Kenneth Deming
 16 - (14th) Richard M. and Edith Brune Sargent
 (10th) Bradford S. and Josephine Toy Collins Tilney
 (4th) James S. and Norma Harvey Wiser
 17 - (26th) Margaret (Peggy) Fisher and Theodore Babbitt
 21 - (35th) Richard C. and Ruth Kingsbury Sargent
 26 - (3d) Mary Cumming and Alexander Stuart Fitzhugh, III
 28 - (28th) J. Weir and Phebe Downs Sargent
 (26th) F. Homer and Lilah Walker Sargent
 (8th) Murray, Jr., and Lucy Garfield Sargent
 (7th) Phebe Sargent and Willing Howard
 (1st) William P., Jr., and Marion Hunicke Sargent
 30 - (27th) Mary (Molly) Sargent and Rev. William H. McCance

Sargent & Company of New Haven, among other locks manufactures a line which it calls "Bored-in" locks and latches. Oddly enough the first United States patent for this type of lock was issued February 22, 1870, to Zebadiah Sargent of Rochester, N.H., who was the true and original inventor of the type. The distinguishing feature is described in the patent as follows: "The bolt case is formed to be capable of being inserted in a mortise or cylindrical hole bored into the door from its edge." The Nashua Lock Company was organized in 1870 apparently to make Zebadiah's lock, but a profitable market was not found for it, as the company existed for only ten years. The genealogy of our family, descendants of William Sargent of Malden, Mass., published in 1895, shows no Zebadias. Genealogical research indicates that the inventor Zebadiah was a descendant of William Sargent of Ipswich, Mass. That family record shows that he was born in 1820, was a corporal in the war of 1861-65 and was a shoemaker by trade in Rochester, N.H. Ye editor does not know whether he was a shoemaker when he invented the lock, but that was his occupation or trade for many years after the demise of the Nashua Lock Company. Sargent & Company did not begin to manufacture locks till 1884, though for the preceding nineteen years the New York partnership of Sargent & Co. was the selling agent for Mallory, Wheeler & Company's locks. From 1870 to 1924 there was intensive inventive activity in the development of the bored-in type of lock, and several thousand patents were issued. Commercially, however, the market remained dormant, and the use of locks of this type was restricted to night latches on secondary interior doors. Some credit goes to a California manufacturer who after several financial reverses was able to develop a market. In 1935 Sargent & Company entered the field with bored-in latches for bed room and bath room doors. In 1948 it began production of its 4500 line, comprising a front door lock with the key in the knob, a bath room lock and a bed room latch, all of uniform standardized parts and with new features providing a lock functioning more smoothly, easier to apply to a door, of excellent appearance and selling at a competitive price. Zebadiah Sargent's idea has finally bloomed.

The trustees of the Sargent Trust Estate closed an interesting chapter of family history on April 30th when they distributed the trust's remaining assets. Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907) established the trust on December 14, 1892 (his 70th birthday) by a deed of 6,655 shares (51% of the total) of the stock of Sargent & Company, of New Haven. It was his entire holding excepting two shares which he retained to qualify as a director. Brief descriptions of the trust have appeared in Sargentivia in the issues of July 12, 1943, and March 4, 1947. The total income of the trust for the entire period, December 14, 1892, to April 30, 1948, was \$4,140,436.89, all from Sargent & Company dividends, except \$1,973.22 received from the company as interest on the deposits. The income was distributed as follows: to J.B. Sargent, from 1893 to 1907, \$233,044.79; to Mrs. Florence W. Sargent, his widow, from 1907 to 1938, \$121,786.50; to Henry B. Sargent, Trustee account \$191,887.46; to other beneficiaries (the grantor's children and the latter's spouses and children) \$3,586,471.79; legal expenses \$2,946.30; interest \$1,704.80; taxes (income and stock transfer) \$2,571.25; and for the purchase of fractional shares (to simplify distribution) \$24.00. The deed of trust provided that the trustees were to pay to the grantor (J.B. Sargent) monthly during his life \$1,331 (equal to 20 cents per share) and to borrow if the income was insufficient. This last contingency never arose. After his death (which occurred July 15, 1907) the trustees were required to pay to his wife, Florence W. Sargent, who was twenty-five years his junior, monthly during her life \$332.75 (equal to 5 cents per share) and to borrow if the income was insufficient to meet the payments. That contingency did occur from June 1, 1932, to October 15, 1936. The first meeting of the trustees was on May 16, 1893, at which by-laws were adopted providing among other things for quarterly meetings. After nineteen months the by-laws were changed to require only annual meetings. But between December 19, 1898 and May 8, 1917, there was only one meeting, on January 27, 1911. Also from September 27, 1929, there were no meetings until October 31, 1932, since which date there have been annual and some special meetings. Samuel H. Fisher, son-in-law, served as a successor trustee, as have three of the grantor's grandsons. The concluding trustees were John Sargent (chairman), Ziegler Sargent (secretary and treasurer), Lawton G. Sargent (auditor) and C. Forbes Sargent.

Pictured below are two of the sons of Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907): at left Edward Rupert Sargent (1858-1940) age 31 in 1889; and at right Russell Sargent (1864-1904) age 25 in January 1890.

