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Horace Pettit, Jr., and Rosemary Varker Pettit are shown above after their marriage on Wednesday, March 16th, in Valley Forge, Pa. With them is Millicent Lewis Pettit, the groom's mother. An account of the wedding appeared in Sargentrivia of March 25th. After a cruise in the Caribbean Horace and Rosemary went to Arizona. At last report they were on their way to Maine. (Photograph by Photo-Crafters.)

Roberta Louise Fisher, daughter of Atlee Downs Fisher of Fordhooke House, Kennedy Lane, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and of Robert Lewis Fisher of New York, is engaged to be married to Ralph Andrew Fletcher, Jr., son of Mrs. Howell Meade Chapin of Mille Fleurs, Westford, Mass., and of Ralph Andrew Fletcher of West Chelmsford, Mass. Louise is a granddaughter of the late Margaret (Daisy) Sargent and Samuel Herbert Fisher of Litchfield, Conn. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Norton Downs of Philadelphia and the late Dr. Downs. She expects to graduate in June from Radcliffe College, for which she prepared at the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr. The wedding is expected to be in the summer. The groom-elect graduated from St. Mark's School, served in the Navy during the war and is now a senior at Harvard. He is a member of the Spee Club, the Hasty Pudding, the Institute of 1770 and the Tennis and Racquet Club of Boston.

Charles Forbes Sargent, Jr., has been accepted for Williams College for entrance in the fall. Charlie expects to graduate in June from Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass.

## SARGENTRIVIA

Ye editors visited Mount Holyoke College at South Hadley, Mass., on Saturday, May 14th. The May Day Pageant - "Ivan and the Bird of Fire" - was beautifully performed by the students out of doors in a natural amphitheatre, followed by the crowning of the May Queen by Hilda Sargent Ham (wife of President Roswell G. Ham and daughter of George Lewis Sargent). After watching the class canoe races on the river, accompanied by the Alfred Bacons (our motor hosts) and their sophomore daughter Jill (our niece), we called by invitation on the Hams. Elizabeth Collier Sargent (ye editor's sister) was their house guest. A shower at supper time forced (no hardship) our party to picnic in the recreation room in the Chapin Auditorium. In the evening we enjoyed the Dramatic Club play, "Death Takes a Holiday" - the male parts taken by members of Springfield College Dramatic Club--and returned to New Haven in the wee small hours.

Cornelius Kimball Ham, stepson of Hilda Sargent Ham and son of Roswell Gray Ham, president of Mount Holyoke College, is engaged to Miss Eleanor Semple Gayley, daughter of Samuel Alexander Gayley of Bryn Mawr, Pa. She is a graduate of Oldfield School and is a sophomore at Smith College. Kim prepared for college at Deerfield Academy, served during the war as a second lieutenant with the First Marine Division in China, and graduated from Yale in June 1948. He is now studying for the master's degree in geology at the University of California. His address is c/o 216 Trinity Ave., Berkeley 8, Calif.

David Sargent Ham, son of Hilda Sargent Ham, expects to attend Eaglebrook School at Deerfield, Mass., in the fall.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- June 1 - (19th) Mary Hammond Bailey, daughter of Nathaniel Hammond Bailey
- (14th) Abigail Jane Sargent Lewis, daughter of Wilfred Sargent Lewis
- (3d) Phebe Sharon Parker, daughter of Phebe-Norton Fisher Parker
- 3 - (1st) Priscilla Casanova, daughter of Margaret Sargent Williams Casanova
- 6 - (4th) Anne Channing Turner, daughter of Nancy Grove Turner
- 11 - (2d) Stephen Forbes Wiser, son of James Sargent Wiser
- 12 - (14th) Barbara King Moorehead, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead
- 13 - Charles Forbes Sargent, son of George Lewis Sargent
- (18th) 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
- (1st) Wendy Sargent MacDougall, daughter of Dorothy Joan Wiser MacDougall
- 23 - Lawton Griswold Sargent, son of Edward Rupert Sargent
- 30 - Alice Maud Sargent Tate, daughter of Colonel Frederic Homer Sargent
- (25th) Willard C. Rappleye, Jr.
- (22d) Mary Sargent McCance, daughter of Molly Sargent McCance
- (4th) David Loring, son of Caleb Loring, Jr.
- (3d) Penelope Wiser, daughter of James Sargent Wiser

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June 7 - (2d) Margaret Sargent Williams and Juan Jose Casanova
- 14 - (27th) Lawton G. and Jane Cater Sargent
- (2d) Emily Sargent Pettit and Gordon F. Whitney
- 15 - (31st) Laura Rice and C. Kenneth Deming
- 16 - (15th) Richard M. and Edith Brune Sargent
- (11th) Bradford S. and Josephine Toy Collins Tilney
- (5th) James S. and Norma Harvey Wiser
- 17 - (27th) Margaret (Peggy) Fisher and Theodore Babbitt
- 19 - (1st) Theodore F. and Betsy Hurd Babbitt
- 21 - (36th) Richard C. and Ruth Kingsbury Sargent
- 26 - (4th) Mary Cumming and Alexander Stuart Fitzhugh, III
- 28 - (29th) J. Weir and Phebe Downs Sargent
- (27th) F. Homer and Lilah Walker Sargent
- (9th) Murray, Jr., and Lucy Garfield Sargent
- (8th) Phebe Sargent and Willing Howard
- (2d) William P., Jr., and Marion Hunicke Sargent
- 30 - (28th) Mary (Molly) Sargent and Rev. William H. McCance



Sargent & Company employees staged an original dramatic production, called "Life in a Revolving Door", on Friday evening, May 13th at the Fair Haven Junior High School in New Haven. The cast of some 50 included J. Weir Sargent, Jr. Many of the company's executives came in for some chaffing. Forbes Sargent had his counterpart on the stage as "Mr. President". Even ye editor's bicycle-riding habits were played up - with a bang. The hall was well filled with employees and their families. The proceeds went to the newly-formed employees' "Sargent Community Association."

William Sargent (1602-1682), our immigrant ancestor, wrote the following letter from Barnstable (Mass.) to his daughter Ruth, widow of Jonathan Winslow. None of William's brothers and sisters came to America. There is some reason to believe that he left England to avoid possible persecution because he was a non-conformist. He was a member, like his father, of All Saints Church in Northampton. Owing to the Puritan spirit prevailing in the early 17th century many of the forms and ceremonies were discarded. But when Bishop Laud, later Archbishop of Canterbury, who hated the Puritans, came to power he ordered them restored and censored the people. We do not know whether William was marked for punishment. At any rate he appeared in Charlestown in Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1638 with his third wife Sarah and two daughters by his first wife. On what vessel they came is not now known. His father Roger had been mayor of Northampton and his older brother Joseph was mayor after William's departure. The family was of the minor gentry. But no inkling of his English relatives or where he came from survived among his descendants. It was not until the publication in 1885 of the 17th century diary of Thomas Lechford, a Boston lawyer, that a clue was supplied to the family genealogists. The results of the researches by the late John Smith Sargent appeared in the English ancestry section of the 1895 Sargent Genealogy. In England this ancestor was a "haberdasher of Hatts." In America he was a planter and a lay preacher first in Malden and then in Barnstable. His first two wives died in England. Two infant daughters by his first wife and two by his second wife also died in England. The two daughters by his first wife who accompanied him to America married and had children. His third wife Sarah, whose family name we do not know, bore him three children in America: John (1639-1716) who was married three times and had fifteen children, Ruth to whom the letter was addressed and Samuel who was unmarried. Two love letters addressed to Ruth by the Rev. Richard Bourne were quoted in Sargentivia of March 25th and April 25th. Ye editor's copies of these letters are in the handwriting of the John Smith Sargent. The originals, now in the Boston Public Library, were formerly in the "New England Library" of the Rev. Thomas Prince of the Old South Church, Boston. (For fuller details see Sargentivia of March 25th). A brief sketch of William Sargent with a facsimile of his signature appeared in our issue of March 28, 1944. The letter following by her father (signed also by or for her mother) refers to the Bourne proposal but not by name. "Barnstable this 17th of May, 1677. Loving daughter Winslow, my kind respects of love together with my wives remember untoe you, as also untoe our aged sister Winslow, with the rest. These are to let you know and understand that I received a letter from you lately by Samuel Thomas, wherein you doe bemoane your sad and solitary afflicted condition unto mee, wherein I desire from my very hart to sympathize with you in as far as the Lord will vouchsafe to help and assist: I am sorry to heare that Mr Arnold is brought soe weake and lowe by the stroke of the Lords hand. The good Lord restore and renewe him againe for the help of you all. My wife is also concerned with mee to heare of your former hopes of soe easy and speedy A cure of the painful malady of your lipp, are soe much weakened by a late return of it working downward towards your throat which I soe understand, works you att times much unrest. And if soe it bec indeed with you, it puts me to the greatest fear and Jelosie whether you have not aplied to take unto the less promising instant means of your cure, and neglected the more hopeful season and instrument of it. But this is my fear and Jelosie. The Lord can give answer at what time he himselfe pleases and by what meanes and instrument. You have further desired further advise from me, respecting your change of condition. This I may further intimate unto you plainly, that you know the person as well as I doe whose hart and affection the Lord hath pitched and planted on you as he saith, before all others, to make you his wife. In case you can find the like in yourselfe, to wit, the Lord soe placing yours on him as to preserve him in your voluntary choyse before and above all others, carrying out your affections to him to make him your head and husband notwithstanding the disparity of your ages, or what else hath been premised - yet if you bothe remaine stedfast each to other still I doe Judge the cals mee to leave you to your liberty of choise. The messenger now waits for my letter. I am forced to brak of, intreating you to be careful of taking new colds, through your much business and stirring. Soe I comit you to the care and blessing of the most High God, to guide and preserve you. Soe I rest your loving Father and Mother, William and Sarah Sargent."

Margaret Gifford (b. abt. 1535) was the wife of Hugh Sargent (abt. 1530-1595/6), our earliest known Sargent ancestor. They were grandparents of William Sargent (1602-1682), who emigrated to America. The Gifford (or Giffard) family is one of the most ancient families in England. (The name is supposed to come from "fat cheeks in the slang of the Norman cooks called Giffardi.") Results of further genealogical researches in England since the publication in 1895 of the Sargent Genealogy were published in the New England Historical & Genealogical Register in 1920 (vol. 74) and 1921 (vol. 75). The line is traced back to Osbern de Bolbec, a noble Norman, Lord of Longueville in Normandy,

living in the time of Duke Robert the Magnificent or the Devil, who was the father of William the Conqueror. Osbern about 1000 married Avelina, third sister of Gunnora, who was the second wife of Richard the Fearless, Duke of Normandy from 942 to 996. The line of descent is shown below. In Sargentrivia of January 22, 1947, it was stated that John Gifford, great grandfather of Margaret Gifford Sargent, was our earliest known Gifford ancestor. Knowledge of these later researches came to ye editor from the genealogical papers of the late John Smith Sargent.

Osbern de Bolebec = Avelina

Osborne (Osbert) Giffard =  
d. abt. 1086; fought  
with William the  
Conqueror.

Elias (Helias) Giffard = Ala  
d. abt. 1130  
of Brimsfield

Elias (Helias) Giffard = Berta de Clifford  
of Brimsfield

Elias (Helias) Giffard =  
of Brimsfield;  
d. abt. 1190

Osbert Giffard = Isabel de Bokland, dau. Alan and Alice (Murdac)  
d. about 1239 d. before July 8, 1242

Sir John Giffard le Boef =  
of Twyford;  
b. abt. 1235,  
d. abt. 1300

Sir John Giffard le Boef = Alexandra de Gardinis, dau. Sir Thomas,  
d. abt. 1270; descended from baronial house of Arsic; dead in 1328  
living in 1328

Sir John Giffard = Lucy de Morteyn, dau. Sir John  
b. 1301;  
d. 1368/9  
at Battle of Crecy

Sir Thomas Giffard = Elizabeth de Missenden  
b. abt. 1345; d. abt. 1367  
d. Sept. 25, 1394

Roger Giffard = Isabelle Stretele  
b. abt. 1367;  
d. April 14, 1409

Thomas Giffard = Eleanor Vaux, dau. William  
b. 1408;  
d. May 29, 1460

John Gifford = Agnes Winslowe, dau. Thomas  
b. abt. 1431;  
d. before Sept. 23, 1506

Roger Gifford = Mary Nanseglos, dau. William  
b. abt. 1463; living Feb. 8, 1543/4  
d. Jan 23, 1542/3

Nicholas Gifford = Agnes Maister (or Masters), dau. John  
b. abt. 1508; d. 1583  
d. May 19, 1546

Margaret Gifford = Hugh Sargent