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A REMINDER

Your affiliation as a member of the Horatio Alger Society is on a fiscal year basis. Beginning on July 1st and expiring on June 30th of the following year. Two members on a fixed retirement income have informed us that it will be impossible for them to continue active membership. There may be others. We are truly sorry, but we do appreciate their thoughtfulness in announcing their intentions. Donations to the Ragged Dick Fund during the first six months of 1965 in lieu of a membership fee will be honored through December of this year, however, membership renewals will expire on June 30th, 1966.

If you do not intend to renew your active membership, please inform our Sec'y or send her your check for \$5.00 issued to the Horatio Alger Society before October 1st. A membership roster in booklet form is scheduled to be printed soon after October 1st. The story supplement, The Young Postmaster, will be concluded in the December Issue. All new members and renewal members will receive a membership card for the 1965-1966 period. Our Active-membership Roster will be based upon membership cards issued.

WE ADD A NEW STATE

We are pleased to announce membership representation in the State of Virginia. The introduction of this new member will be found on page two. George May, PF-121 recently spent eight weeks in Charlottesville, Va., attending summer school at the University of Virginia. While there, he writes, "I found some 70 or 80 Alger titles (some Loring editions) in the Barrett Rare Book Room."

PF-000 ADDS A NEW RARE TITLE

Your editor, one of the Founders, failed to issue himself a registered PF number, so, of necessity I choose to be identified as PF-000. For those who are keeping score, I have just added the rare title NED NEWTON, for a total of 120 titles. The book is a David McKay edition, and was obtained for me by Les. Langlois from a Chicago Heights dealer. The book is a reprint but a highly desirable edition. The plates may have descended from Street & Smith and the U.S. Book Company. I have found several typographical errors and I would like to compare with members who have a first edition of this title.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

STRIDES ON TWO FRONTS --- This month we are able to announce progress towards implementation of two of our Horatio Alger Society programs. The first is aimed as a service to collectors, particularly those who possess title totals under the 100 mark. The other is a step or two on the road to getting Algers read again --- in schools, in libraries, and in homes.

ALGER BOOK MART --- Many members have small stocks of duplicates, not needed for their own collections. In some cases they purchase a lot, including titles already owned. In other cases, they located a title in better condition or an earlier edition, thus releasing their original book as surplus. Newer collectors will be glad to learn of your available duplicate titles.

Jack Row, of Clarion, Iowa, has printed and supplied sheets giving a code number for each title listed in Ralph Gardner's bibliography. Let us warn you that some of these never appeared in book form; others are so rare that it is unlikely one will ever turn up in offerings here. All members will receive one of these code lists. Our editor will supply you with a further code to identify condition and publisher, such as: excellent, good, fair, and poor condition, and a code indicating the publisher such as: Loring, Porter & Coates, Mershon and Winston. Members who have duplicates are urged to list in the Newsboy the copies they are willing to sell. Further explanation will be detailed by our editor.

RE-ACQUAINT THE PUBLIC WITH ALGER ---

Credit for this idea goes to George L. Setman, our member from Quakertown, Pa., whose Alger Club goal was to get Alger books back into libraries from whence they had disappeared years ago. As you know, our editor directed a "Books for Revere" drive in the past and succeeded in placing 38 Alger books in the library in the town where Alger was born and which did not have a single volume by their famous fellow-townsmen. Ralph Gardner has distributed a number of spare Alger books to schools, boys clubs, and elsewhere, and this act was always appreciated by the recipients. Ralph's talks spurred interest in reading the books within those institutions. We have no doubt other members have shared their books in the past.

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NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-129* (unassigned)

PF-130 Louis S. Vosburgh T- 65
Lake Shore Hotel
12506 Edgewater Drive,
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

PF-131 Walter J. Moore T- 75
914 Linview Drive
Urbana, Illinois 61801

PF-132 Otto Wilt T- 80
R3
Stoystown, Pa. 15563

PF-133 Joseph Goggin T- 10
6202 Greeley Blvd.,
Springfield, Virginia 22150

*Our secretary is on vacation and cannot be contacted. PF-129 may be unassigned or unreported. Details in the next issue.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES REPORTED

PF-045 Gardner F. Dalton T-100
Belly Acre Farms (reinstated)
Fish Creek, Wisconsin

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER REPORTED

PF-076 Inactive
PF-077 Inactive
PF-078 Inactive
PF-079 Inactive

PF-080 Robert L. Johnson T- 23
P.O. Box No. 1732
Bisbee, Arizona 85603

PF-081 Alexis A. Praus (unreported)
315 South Rose Street,
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

PF-082 C. Calvin Noell (unreported)
P.O. Box No. 705
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

PF-083 Inactive

PF-084 Fred L. Marigold T- 72
1029 Miller Street,
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

PF-085 Inactive
PF-086 Inactive

PF-087 Stanley A. Pachon (unreported)
520 East 5th Street
Bethlehem, Pa., 18015

PF-088 Eddie Smart (unreported)
Cory Road, R2
Augusta, Maine 04331

PF-089 Inactive

PF-090 Roy L. Wendell (unreported)
439 Riverside Drive,
Medford, Mass. 02155

Will Partic'lar Friends -091 through -105 please furnish me with your title totals before October 1st.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

I am very sorry there is nothing to report on PF-129. It may well be that this number was unassigned through error. It may be that some members wish no publicity. If the number has been assigned, I offer my apologies, and promise to make the necessary introduction in the next issue. To avoid such instances to happen again in the future, please send introductions direct to the editor.

Louis S. Vosburgh comes to us through Jack Row, PF-101. Louis is a mail order customer for Alger books of Mr. Albro, (Gospel Art Shoppe) of Rowan, Iowa. Jack Row also frequents this shop in his search for Alger material. As one Alger-interested person would do for another, Jack extended an invitation to Louis to join with us, and he did. We are grateful for such prospects which come to us through friendly dealers. We wish Mr. Albro the best of success.

We learn from Mr. Vosburgh's letter to Jack Row that he is President of The Lincoln Philosophical Research Foundation. From further research we find that Louis is listed in WHO'S WHO IN THE MIDWEST. Louis was born 1895 in Harrison, Michigan. Attended Michigan State University in 1913. A veteran of World War I and has dedicated his life to research, extension and correspondence courses. Our President, Kenneth Butler says Louis was recently named as an Horatio Alger Award winner.

The name of Walter J. Moore was handed to me by an attendant of the Mendota meeting. As a result of my inquiry, Walter responded with an application for membership. Walter writes "I am a professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois in Urbana." He has perhaps 75 first editions including PAGGED DICK. He was very sorry to have missed our organizational meeting in Mendota, but looks forward to our meeting next year.

Otto comes to us by way of our President, Kenneth Butler. He related to our President that he is an antique dealer and tax collector. He read Alger as a boy (1914) and found many while hunting for antiques. Sold some and gave many to boys and girls. He is an Eagle Scout, Forest Fire warden. He also collects license plates, guns, and iron bootjacks. He hunts and provides primitives for local museums.

Joseph learned of us through a dealer in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware who showed him the Gardner book. She (the dealer) encouraged him to collect Alger. He bought the Gardner book and wrote the author who informed him of our Society. His interest dates back to July of this year. Joseph is employed as Administrative Assistant in the Environmental Science Services Adm. in Washington D.C. His home in Springfield is within commuting distance of Washington. He has already met Ernest Sanford, PF-032 and perhaps by now has boosted his title totals to a nice figure. He is in the market for first editions when and wherever made available to him.

PF-000 & RARE TITLES continued:-

Two typographical errors may be found near the end of chapter 22, page 221 in my edition. Another may be found near the end of chapter 25, page 250. Another may be found on page 323, about two pages from the end of chapter thirty three.

THE STORY SUPPLEMENT

The Young Postmaster is an Alger-type, book length story written in serial form for this newsletter by your editor. It was begun in January 1963 and will be concluded in December of this year. All active Society members are eligible to receive it as a supplement to this newsletter. Previous chapters have been supplied to active members upon request, and although new members since our organizational meeting in Mendota are eligible, they have not requested it. Current chapters are useless unless you have the complete story. Some early chapters are even now out of print and cannot be furnished. There are no plans to publish the story in book form.

THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

As an afterthought, our president believes the names of the husband and/or wives of our members should be included in our membership roster. In order that we might have complete and accurate information in this respect, please send a postal card (for uniform filing purposes) not to me, but to our President. Please list only names and address, PF number, and current total of Alger titles. This booklet is planned to be an annual publication. The roster listed monthly on page two will be concluded soon and then discontinued.

ALGER BOOK MART

Enclosed you will find a list of Alger material titles copied from Ralph Gardner's bibliography of Horatio Alger's works. The list was prepared by Jack Row, PF-101 for code purposes. The list was originally intended as a want list code. The list in Gardner's book serves a useful purpose when the accompanying reference material is available, unfortunately, the list itself, taken out of context, is misleading to new collectors since many of the titles listed never appeared in book form. For further detailed information, the Gardner book is needed.

After some study, our President, with the support of other Society member opinions, decided to convert the list from a want list to an available list. In this manner, books offered are tangible, whereas books wanted would often result in wishful thinking.

This service will be free to active members beginning with the next issue. The code will be a three-part entry, noting condition, title and publisher. The price or value quotation will be between the buyer and the seller.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS continued:-

Hobbies Magazine carried a news item on the Mendota meeting and "books for schools and libraries" was listed as one of our goals. As a result, there have been some fresh inquiries. Thanks to copies supplied by Irene Gurman, two books have been sent to Mrs. Helen Sweeney, librarian of the Clinton School, Chicago, as a result of her inquiry stating she felt her elementary school children should know about Horatio Alger's stories.

An arrangement is being worked out with a Southern University library school, for the gift of similar books. These young graduate librarians can carry out the gospel of Horatio Alger when they take positions.

Donation stickers are being prepared to paste in books thus given, in the future. The Society will receive credit and, in turn, may be able to locate additional Alger enthusiasts who presently do not know of our Society.

As we go to press we learn that our own member, Gardner Dalton, PF-045, of Fish Creek, Wisconsin, plans to give most of his collection of 100 Algers to the Milwaukee Public Library and Museum. Any duplicates he will make available to our own members.

So you see, this movement is off the ground. To fill the need, we will need books. They need not be rare, but they should be in sound condition and legible, to hold up under library circulation. Any offers of such books should be communicated to: Herbert L. Risteen, PF-104, P.O. Box No. 161, Saraboo, Wisconsin, who is chairman of our books for schools and libraries committee.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER --- This compact booklet will be a handy reference when corresponding with members about books, society matters, or just chit chat. Will carry PF numbers and, where known, number of Alger titles owned at last report. The names will be listed alphabetically, and also by states, as a convenience when planning a trip.

The roster will list only the names of paid-up Society members. We plan to issue the roster the latter part of October in order to give everybody a chance to get back from vacations and to attend to the detail of sending in their \$5 membership fee.

Don't put it off and miss out on the roster, the newsletter, and other new services planned. We need the income to carry out this program. Our coded listing of surplus available Alger titles, planned to start soon, should alone be worth membership if you are a beginning collector with less than 100 titles.

RARE TITLES --- Among the interesting program presentations made at the Mendota Affair was a statistical study of the

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ALGER BOOK MART continued:-

The code for condition of books is as follows: E - excellent; G - good; F - fair; P - poor.

It would not be considered worth while to list common titles which are in poor condition, especially the common publisher editions, such as Donohue or NYB. Poor copies of common titles but by more desirable publishers are saleable.

The coded list of publishers is taken from pages 361-362-363 of Gardner's bibliography. Generally the first three initials will be used as the code to identify the full publishers name as follows:

JRA	J.R. Anderson & Co.
BBC	Brown-Bazin & Co.
ALB	A.L. Burt
GVC	G.V. Carleton & Co.
CPC	Chatterton-Peck Co.
HTC	H.T. Coates & Co.
C&L	Cupples & Leon
GWD	George W. Dillingham
MAD	M.A. Donohue & Co.
FBC	Federal Book Co.
JFC	James French & Co.
FG	Frederick Gleason
GPC	Goldsmith Publishing Co.
G&D	Grosset & Dunlap
H&C	Hurst & Co.
AKL	A.K. Loring
FFL	Frank F. Lovell
JWL	John W. Lovell
FML	F.M. Lupton
McK	David McKay
MC	Mershon Co.
FAM	Frank A. Munsey
NYB	New York Book Co.
JSO	J.S. Ogilvie & Co.
PPC	Penn Publishing Co.
P&C	Porter & Coates
SPC	Saalfeld Publishing Co.
S&S	Street & Smith
T&T	Thompson & Thomas
USB	United States Book Co.
WPC	Whitman Publishing Co.
JCW	J.C. Winston
WPC	World Publishing Co.
WSP	World Syndicate Pub.

With the new membership roster and a copy of Gardner's book, and his enclosed numbered list of Alger titles, the sample listing below should give you no trouble:

PF-000 E151AKL, etc, etc.

Remember to list your code in this order: condition, title, publisher. Remember too that poor copies of MAD, NYB, GPC, SPC, WPC, WPC and WSP are in plentiful supply in your home town and mine.

List as many as you like. If I'm swamped I'll list as many as I can, giving everyone some representation and hold the rest until the next issue. Please underline those titles offered which are claimed to be first editions.

Remember—this service to active paid-up Society members only.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Rare Titles continued:-

degree of rarity of the various Alger titles. We all know that Timothy Crump's Ward is the rarest. What are the others, and in what order? Likewise, what are the titles found most frequently and therefore, presumably, of least value, laying aside desirability of publisher and/or first editions?

We give you this information, based on accurate count kept for a year and a half based on offers made to Ralph Gardner in letters received by him as a result of the Algers-Wanted classified ads he has been carrying consistently in various collectors and hobby publications.

The figures listed after each title are the number of times this particular title was offered during the period of time studied. Of the many titles which were not offered even once, you will have to determine for yourself which are the rarest. Those with the Arthur Lee Putnam pseudonym are hard to find, and the anonymous titles even rarer. Oddly, some of the later completions are hard to locate, probably because they were issued late in the author's popularity and did not run through as many editions and therefore were not exposed to sale for as many years. Readers who have additional facts or comments on the question of rarity, are invited to write the editor their facts or views.

Herewith are a few of the most rare and the most common titles:

Ben Logan's Triumph	0
Ben Barclay's Courage	0
Dean Dunham	0
Forging Ahead	0
Joe the Hotel Boy	0
Making His Mark	0
Ned Newton	0
Odds Against Him	0
Striving for Fortune	0
Seeking His Fortune	0
Victor Vane	0
Walter Griffith	0
Risen From The Ranks	84
Do And Dare	73
Strive & Succeed	72
Bound To Rise	67
Facing The World	67
Phil The Fiddler	66
Strong & Steady	65
Shifting For Himself	64
Slow & Sure	61
Brave & Bold	60
Try & Trust	58
Bob Burton	56
Adrift In New York	55
Sink Or Swim	54
Luke Walton	54
Erie Train Boy	53
Herbert Carter's Legacy	53
Struggling Upward	52
Only An Irish Boy	52
Making His Way	51

Your Partic'lar Friend,
Kenneth B. Butler, President

CHAPTER XXXIII HOMEWARD BOUND

BY FORREST CAMPBELL



After a thorough search of Eb Hinkel's store, his statement proved to be true. Flint's coat and the receipt were not found. Flint was disappointed.

"It is unfortunate that we are unable to recover your coat, Flint, my boy;" said the Judge, "we can demand restitution of equivalent value, but we cannot confiscate his funds for a new coat now. We must await authorization from the local court."

The Judge instructed Constable Smith to deliver Jack to him at a Chicago depot on the next morning. Then they departed for their hotel rooms. The absence of the boys was explained to the hotel clerk and their luggage was restored. Their suits were freshly pressed while the boys took much needed baths and changed into fresh clothing. Then they ate another late meal in the hotel dining room.

"Perhaps," suggested Mr. Jamieson, "we should send a telegram to the hotel in Michigan, explaining the circumstances."

"And notify our folks that we have been found," added Carey.

"An excellent suggestion;" replied the Judge, "do so at once, Mr. Jamieson."

The boys looked weary, and were allowed to retire to their bed. Early the next morning after a good breakfast they departed for the depot. Constable Smith, with a freshly polished badge, and his prisoner handcuffed to him, was waiting for them. Mr. Jamieson was assigned custody of Jack and they all boarded the train for their homeward trip. In the late afternoon the Judge and the boys left the train at Kalamazoo, but Mr. Jamieson, with his prisoner, was instructed to continue the journey. Upon entering the hotel where Flint's valise had been left, the Judge identified himself as the sender of the telegram.

"Sir, do you recognize these boys?"

"Yes, sir; they were our overnight guests a couple of weeks ago."

"And do you recall anything of importance about their departure?"

"Yes, sir; they left a bag containing two hundred dollars in our care until their return."

"Good; and you received our telegram last night?"

"No, sir; it came this morning."

"Oh! Has anyone attempted to redeem the money?"

"Yes, sir. I understand a man was here last night to claim the money."

"Oh," exclaimed the Judge, looking disappointed, "then we are too late."

"No, sir; the money is still here."

"What!" cried the Judge, "I don't understand?" but he looked somewhat relieved.

"The night clerk does not have the combination to our large storage safe," explained the clerk, "and he was instructed

to return today. He protested, however. He said he would be away all day, and preferred to get the money at night when he returned. That would be tonight."

"Good. Then we may be able to catch the rascal. He has no rightful claim to the money. The money still belongs to these boys," returned the Judge.

"They are the same boys, without a doubt, who left the money in my care," added the clerk.

"Of course," replied the Judge, "Now I have a plan whereby we may be able to catch the criminal. May we have your cooperation?"

"Readily, sir."

"Good. First we shall need a room for our overnight stay. We will take the money now and place it in our room; then we will replace the money with something heavy."

"May I suggest sand, sir? We have some sand at the rear of the hotel."

"Good. We will let the man claim the money; then we will capture him when the transfer is made."

"As you say, sir. The night clerk will come on duty at six o'clock. You can depend upon his full cooperation."

The money bags were taken to their room and emptied. Then the bags were filled with sand and replaced in the valise and again put back in the hotel safe. A policeman was called and instructed to be near at hand when he was needed. The hotel clock struck six o'clock as they were eating their evening meal. Shortly, the night clerk came in and was given his instructions.

"Will you describe the man please," the Judge asked of the night clerk.

"He was rather tall, appeared to be middle aged, and had a heavy beard."

"Is there an evening train?" inquired the Judge.

"There is one Chicago bound at seven-thirty," returned the clerk.

"Then it is my guess that our man will show up just before train time," said the Judge.

"A logical deduction, sir," replied the clerk.

"Carey, you and Flint take seats across the lobby on that leather couch, and pretend to be reading a newspaper; so he cannot see your faces. It is not likely that he would recognize you, but an inquisitive expression on your faces may cause him to distrust you."

"Very well, sir," replied Carey.

"He should not recognize me, so I will take a seat near the desk, with my back to him."

It was now only six-thirty, but they took their stations in order to be ready. Carey seemed to be relaxed. However, Flint appeared to be restless. It was a busy time of day. Several people entered and left the lobby. Some consulted with the clerk, obviously on routine business. It was dark outside. The lamps in the

hotel lobby had been lit for some time. Several people passed by outside, and occasionally some looked in through the large glass windows. Each person that peered through the window, Flint suspected was the man they were waiting for, and each time, a cold chill ran up his back bone.

"Do you suppose the man will have a gun?" asked Flint, nervously.

"Yes, it is possible," replied Carey, in a manner that offered no reassurance to Flint.

"If he has a gun," added Carey, "he may escape; but not with our money."

Flint looked relieved. There was at least a ray of hope that the man would not shoot them dead. Carey could not see the clock in the lobby. He looked at his watch. It was seven-fifteen. Carey, himself, grew tense. It was about time for the expected arrival. Two men came in during the next few minutes, but both went straight to the stairs and ascended. Another man entered; tall and aged. This could be the man, thought Carey. The man stopped just inside the door and looked around as if hunting for someone. Then he left again. Still another man entered with the same description. "The first could have been an accomplice," thought Carey, "to see if the coast was clear."

The man went straight to the desk and consulted with the clerk. His back was turned to the boys. Carey lowered his paper and nudged Flint. Flint peered over his paper. What he saw excited him.

"That's my coat!" shouted Flint.

The man turned around in the direction of the voice, became alarmed and started for the door. Carey being closer to the entrance than the man, sprang forward to block his path.

"Out of my way, you young whipper-snapper, or I will bowl you over!"

Flint seemed frozen to his seat, but Carey with a determined look, held his position. The Judge was on his feet in a flash and grabbed the man.

"Flint! Call the policeman, quick!" shouted the Judge, "Now, my man," he added, addressing his prisoner, "calm down; you are no match for us!"

Flint, aroused to action at last, hastened to call the policeman. Carey assisted the Judge by grabbing the man's legs. The hotel clerk stood close by in case he was needed. The man had struggled to free himself, but was now convinced that his attempts were useless. Flint and the policeman came running up. Carey released his hold and stood up. He looked the man over thoroughly.

"I recognize you," said Carey, calmly, addressing the man, "you are the so-called thespian! Flint, this is your old friend Mike."

Flint looked perplexed, showing some disbelief. To prove his statement, Carey yanked at the man's beard and it came off in his hand. "Do you believe it now?" asked Carey, of Flint.

"It's Mike all right," answered Flint,

"but I don't understand?"

The Judge was also perplexed. "Boys," he asked, "do you know this man?"

"Yes, sir," volunteered Carey, "he is the same man that robbed Flint of this same money before."

The Judge looked amazed.

The policeman looked closely at the man, "Perhaps I can explain, sir," he said, addressing the Judge. "This is the man all right. The boys dropped the charges when the man promised to return the money; however, upon learning he might be wanted in New York State, we held him three days. He was not claimed, so we were forced to release him."

"But how did he get my coat and the receipt?" asked Flint.

They all turned to the man for his answer; but he offered no explanation.

The Judge decided to attempt an appeal to the man's better judgement.

"Sir," he began, "the charge against you is an attempt to obtain money under false pretenses. This charge added to your first offense will be a serious one. The law will deal severely with you. Give us a reasonable explanation and I will ask leniency for you."

The man hesitated as if undecided what to do. He lifted his face, shrugged his shoulders, and looked the Judge squarely in the face. In his own estimation, the jig was up. He cleared his throat and began, resignedly.

"I was given the coat by an acquaintance in Illinois, and the cost of the fare here, if I would recover the money for him. He said the coat and the money were part of an estate."

"Did he expect that you would really return with the money?" asked Carey.

The man hung his head again.

"There is honor among thieves, Carey, my boy," the Judge replied. "But didn't you realize the chances you would be taking?" the Judge asked of the man, "And didn't you guess that it was the boys' money you were trying to recover?"

"Yes," was Mike's reply, "I knew I would be taking a risk. That's why I came at night. I didn't believe the night clerk would remember me. How is it the boys happen to be here? Did Eb double cross me? Did he send me here to be caught?"

"No, I don't think so," replied the Judge, "Eb has been arrested. He couldn't produce the receipt, so we presumed he sent someone after it."

"If it hadn't been for that cussed boy and his coat; I might have gotten away with it, too!" Mike added.

"You would have been welcome to the contents of the satchel, but we are pleased to recover the coat," replied the Judge.

Mike looked confused.

The Judge turned and addressed the clerk, "Give the man the contents of the satchel—if he wants it."

The clerk returned to the safe and brought back the valise and presented two bags of sand.