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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (INCLUDING CANADA)

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

In mid-July, after considerable planning and tearing ourselves away from the daily routine of watching for the mailman who brings your interesting letters--we were off to see the members, those partic'lar friends of ours--(tune of Wonderful Wizard of Oz). Each morning sees some task begin, each evening sees it close. (Long-fellow's Village Blacksmith).

Tuesday's task: was to get as far away from home as possible. It seems there is no thrill in less than a day's journey. The sun must set and rise again mid new surroundings before you can ever hope to find adventure. In our neighboring Province of Ontario (and native land of Rachel) we did see field after field of healthy green tobacco plants, and the King's Highway (route #401) is equally as comfortable and convenient as our own expressways. Customs officials were very courteous and accommodating. We were delighted to find that our dollar was worth an extra nickel. Long Live the Queen! Destination, Fort Erie. Opposite Buffalo.

Wednesday's task: was to put New York State behind us, via the Thruway. The elevated highways took us quickly through the manufacturing district of Buffalo. The smokey haze of the district is a necessity and must be tolerated for it is the life blood of any municipality. Rachel being an admirer and student of Elbert Hubbard, we headed for East Aurora. We found the Roycrofter buildings still in existence, but occupied by new tenants. In order not to destroy your impression and image of the beautiful architecture, it is better to view the buildings from a distance so you will not see the desecrated effect of cocktail lounge signs. On our way to see Don Fay, Book Collector and dealer in Alger books, 4329 Avon-Caledonia Road, Caledonia, New York 14423, we passed a lady letter carrier (my first to see in action) and I just had to stop and talk shop. Don lives nearer to Avon. His house and shop is in a small ravine on the north side of the road, and hidden from view behind heavy foliage. Don Claims to have 5000 books with just about everything in stock. We bought 6 Algers for resale at an extremely reasonable price and left a want list for more.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR --- Your president was able to announce at the Milwaukee Event that the society's eleven regions are now represented by regional directors. The missing regional appointment was that of Dixieland, comprising the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. This honor goes to Miss Martha Harris, of Cunningham, Tennessee. She has been active from the earliest beginnings, being PF-005. Martha did accept at this time our proposal of an honorary basis, a more active role being impractical due to illness in the family.

BINDERY GOOF --- An instance came to our attention where an Alger title, "The Store Boy," had a folio of sixteen missing pages. In its place were 16 pages that duplicated another section already in the book. The bindery bound the wrong section. Ralph Gardner says this was rather common in Algers, and annoying. In addition to being annoying we should think it would nearly nullify the value of a book, unless the title were extremely rare; yet hardly would itself qualify as an oddity of any real value.

TYPICAL LETTER --- "Dear Sir: Send me a list of Algers worth a fortune. I see them all the time out here in California and have been passing them up."

"TELL IT TO THE MARINES" --- Irving Poznan reports that this slang expression, which most of us relate to World War I, occurs in Alger's "Lester's Luck." This is indeed a surprising discovery. Irving also believes our Society members should step up and vote for their favorite Alger hero. He points out that Ragged Dick, star of Fame and Fortune, Mark the Match Boy, and Ragged Dick --- was matched by Paul Hoffman, hero of Paul the Peddler, Slow and Sure, appeared in Phil the Fiddler, and was mentioned in Julius the Street Boy.

HORATIO ALGER ON THE AIR --- An important by-product of the Milwaukee Event was an appearance on WTMJ-TV and also on radio, arranged by Les. Langlois. I was interviewed by two of the station's featured women, Miss Bunny Raasch and Miss Carol Cotter. The TV discussion, about

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NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-170	Mr. Harlan S. Miller 4519 Grand, Des Moines, Iowa	T-003 50312
PF-171	Mr. Philip M. Neufeld 365 West End Avenue, New York, New York	T-025 10024
PF-172	Mr. O.L. (Slim) Marquesen 1226 Dodge Circle, Fort Dodge, Iowa	T-010 50501
PF-173	Mrs. Anna Furlong 115 West 16th St. Apt. #214 New York, New York	T-000 10011
PF-174	Hon. Judge William R. Eads 2333 Meadowbrook Dr. S.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa	T-000 52403
PF-175	Mr. Eugene H. Hafner 9 Northampton Road, Timonium, Maryland	T-030 21093
PF-176	Mr. L.F. (Skeez) Hartsock Clarion, Iowa	T-010 50525

B O O K M A R T

PF-000 (Forrest Campbell) offers:

G 32ALB, G 48H&C, G177ALB

PF-006 (Kenneth B. Butler) offers:

F 61ALB, F 73NYB, F152MAD, G155ALB

(Editor's note: First letter denotes condition: Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent. Numbers refer to title numbers provided in special newsletter supplement which you should have if you saved it. Last three letters refer to initials of the publisher. For example: ALB - A.L. Burt. Listings underlined denote first editions. Listings available to members only. Dickering strictly between the buyer and the seller. Satisfaction should be guaranteed. The policy of books on approval is encouraged)

There is a trend of starting a second, and even a third collection, by arrangement of sets, or series, and also a title by a variety of publishers. For one reason or another (and the above may be one of them) less and less books are being offered to our newer members. Good reprints are still in plentiful supply, but only a few of us know where to locate them. With your membership listing rights, we urge you to list some of these for your non-member friends and associates in your name, THEN FORWARD in queries received from the prospective buyer to the seller and stress that **SATISFACTION MUST BE GUARANTEED**. We must serve our new members. Remember, you and I were once back there at the end of the line. They need contacts. We've got 'em. If you need more authentic Alger lists, we have oodles of them left.

The introduction of new members is, and has been an important feature in our newsletter; one, I believe, which is enjoyed by the readers. The information gleaned from an application blank is often cold and uninteresting, but the applicant does not understand that an introduction is planned and based upon information gleaned from their applications. It is up to the sponsors of the new members to make this clear. I (your editor) recently met five of our members for the first time in Natick. Their replies (since meeting) are much alike when they say, "now you are more than a name" and I agree. The best introductions are none too good, but they will have to do; so do your best.

Harlan and Doris come to us by way of Jack Row. Harlan is a former newspaper and magazine columnist including syndicated items in 35 eastern dailies, and surely you remember his monthly feature in the Ladies Home Journal, "There's a Man in the House." Although of retirement age, a columnist never retires. Including other activities, he is working on two books.

Philip is a personal friend of Ed and Hortense Levy (PF-004) Philip was one of the panellists at the Horatio Alger 100th Anniversary Exhibit at Brandeis University in October 1964. Philip says, "As a youngster, Horatio Alger was my favorite author, and the nostalgic feeling is as strong today as it was forty years ago." Philip and Margaret, we welcome you.

Slim & Betty come to us by way of busy Jack Row, our energetic new Vice President. Slim is General Manager and Director of Hormel & Co. Presumably rose to the top having read Alger as a boy. If you can lay that Alger book down long enough (you members), then plan a Hormel supper. I'll never buy another can of beef stew without thinking of our new Partic'lar Friend Slim.

Mrs. Furlong has a general interest in books, and surely, she must have a wonderful son in Henry B. Pedersen (book dealer), who presented her with a gift membership.

His Honor and wife, Dorothy join with us by invitation of Jack Row, but not before reading the fine print. (having personally met another judge on the east coast, I know they do have a sense of humor). Welcome your Honor, and Dorothy.

Gene heard of us through Collectors News. He is an employee of John Deere Company branch in Baltimore. The John Deere collection was featured on the front page of the April 1966 Issue of Collectors News; in this same issue he read about our organization. Gene is also a Civil War Buff.

Skeez is a personal friend of Jack's. Watch out for the Hawkeye State of Iowa, That's all I've got to say!

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: continued --

Soon, we left the inhabited roads between the villages and pulled onto the Thruway. Suddenly we sense a feeling that we, and a few other motorists on that ribbon of pavement are suspended in mid-air in the heart of the Adirondacks. We feel quite alone, and the thought occurs to us, "where is everybody?" Then we remember the populous city of New York where the boys of the last century went seeking fame and fortune, then never came back to claim the old homestead. We parallel the beautiful Mohawk for miles and miles, skirt Albany, then suddenly shoot across the majestic Hudson, and are soon wending our way among the glorious Berkshires. Destination Great Barrington.

Thursday's task was premeditated. We had been informed that here in G.B. Mass. was a statue of a newsboy. We wanted to get a picture and the history of it. Our motel, the Wigwam is located in the suburban north end directly across from the Jenifer House, a nationally advertised mail order house. We found the Newsboy monument in a small triangular park, also in the north end but on another street, (on Maple at Silver). The statue is that of a New York City newsboy, cast in 1895 and donated to the people of G.B. by Col. William K. Brown, owner of the New York Daily News and a resident of G.B. The editorial staff of the Berkshire Courier, (G.B.) wishes the combined statue, monument and fountain would be removed, since it no longer serves a useful purpose, and is no longer a cherished memory and few people know about it and why it is there.

After a picture and a purchase or two from Jenifer House we resumed our journey on the turnpike again, enjoying the Berkshire scenery which only too soon changed to commercial as we neared the Boston area. Bypassing Boston, we stopped in Plymouth to refuel and repair, catching a glimpse of Plymouth Rock and Mayflower II while we waited. Then on again, across the channel and down the cape via route 6 which is hemmed in with a high overgrowth, and revealing no scenery. Task completed. Destination, Brewster, Mass.

Friday's task: A conflict of interest. Rachel's interest in Peter Hunt led her to nearby Orleans, while I pursued a dual interest in the Town of Brewster. An acquaintance through correspondence, Donald P. Consodine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brewster, and now a personal acquaintance, literally presented me with the keys to the Town. Don is a collector, dealer, and an authority on the subject of Joseph C. Lincoln, who was born here in 1870. In addition to seeing the world's (Don's) most complete collection of Lincoln lore, Don also escorted me to and through the Lincoln birthplace. While opening doors for me, Don included the Unitarian (now called First Parish) Church, where Horatio preached. I was pleased to find on

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5 minutes, was live, and many of the Alger conventioners viewed it in their rooms on TV. The radio interview was taped, of 12 minutes duration, and was aired at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30. Both programs featured the Alger meeting in Milwaukee, mentioned the Public Library exhibit and the Ragged Dick Award winner. The programs presented fine opportunity to spread the word about our favorite author and his books.

THE GOOD GUYS --- Milton Salls has found yet another Alger squire who "wore a white hat" and therefore not reprehensible. He cites Squire Belknap who appears in "Strong and Steady." Alger relates that "when Old Squire Belknap was alive he was free handed and liberal." Additionally, Walter Conrad's own father was the good squire of his village of Willoughby; and though he lost his money before he died, his wealth was recovered in the best Alger tradition by Walter in "Strive and Succeed." Milton adds further to the role of the negro in Alger tales by spotting a negro coachman, John, who appears in "Young Book Agent."

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED --- I am intrigued by the many people to whom Alger dedicated his various novels. Who would like to do research on these and run down the people that Horatio thus honored? Who were they, when and where did he meet them, and in what way did their relationships develop so that he wished to honor them with dedications? This would not be easy research, but interesting, and a proper tidbit for one of our society members.

TRAVELING LIBRARY EXHIBIT --- Some of our members, inspired by the Alger exhibit in the Milwaukee Library and that of Forrest Campbell in the Kalamazoo Museum, are beginning to think of "Books for Libraries" project in a different light. Instead of giving books, for general circulation, there is a desire to build a kit of exhibit pieces --- comprising books, blowups, and placards --- making same available, through our members, to libraries who will display prominently for a reasonable period, publicize the exhibit effectively, and return the exhibit carefully packed in its carrying case, for loan to other libraries as scheduled. The proposal could conceivably create widespread interest.

..... Ken Butler

We had planned a special pictorial supplement this month as an occasional feature, showing highlights of the Milwaukee Event, the Alger Memorial Observance and other interesting shots, however group pictures taken in Milwaukee and Natick were not suitable for reproduction, and the delivery of the Natick pictures was delayed, so excluding group pictures, we hope to include the special supplement with the September issue, courtesy of Wayside Press. Such a supplement on a scheduled basis would be nice, but costly.

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the righthand wall a bronze plaque which lists all the ministers serving the people during the 19th century including the name of Horatio Alger, Jr. 1864-1866.

On the opposite side of the sanctuary, the sixth pew from the front, bears the names of Capt. Joseph Lincoln, and his son, Joseph C. Lincoln. Unfortunately, the father and son never had the pleasure of sharing it together, for despite the records chronicled by certain historians, that Capt. Lincoln was drowned at sea, he was suddenly taken ill in a southern port shortly after the birth of his son.

On a table in the entryway, was a supply of metallic trays bearing a beautifully reproduced picture of the church. The church faces south on the corner of the main road and Breakwater Road. On the opposite corner stands Donald Doane's general store with a museum housed on the second floor. Brewster is on the Bay side of the cape and Breakwater road leads to the beach. While the tide was out (way out) yours truly could not resist the temptation of walking out some 100 yards without getting his feet wet. Later, Rachel and I shared the thrill of seeing the tide come in. In the museum I found one (NYB) Alger book, and in the church bazaar across the street I found another, but Lincoln's books are quite plentiful. For Lincoln's description of his church, his interest in juvenile authors, including Alger, and other comments pertaining to Brewster, read chapter one ("Going to Meeting") in CAPE COD YESTERDAYS.

There is an old cemetery behind the First Parish Church, but Lincoln's father and mother are buried in another on Lower Road. Joseph C., his wife and son are buried in Chatham where he lived when he died. There is something unique about his resting place. The customary marble or granite monument and headstones are lacking. Only a 3' by 3' field stone marks the Lincoln lot. Only a small 12 inch field stone marks the individual graves.

Chatham is also the summer home of Shirley Booth (Hazel), and we had the pleasure of seeing the roofline of the house behind the high hedge, and the garage, which is labeled "Homeport."

Brewster is quiet and sedate, and barely touched with commercialism as you will find in other cape towns which cater to the tourist trade. Brewster can dine you with elegance, but if you are watching your purse strings, we recommend that you seek out the Cranberry House in Orleans

Kekwan, a publication of Lincoln poems recently discovered by Consodine is as rare as Alger's Timothy Crump. Brewster task completed, accommodations adequate.

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Saturday's task: Leaving the cape, and especially Brewster, which I have come to love, was difficult, and with some regret, since having made the acquaintance of Don and Peggy Consodine. We arrived at our Natick motel (the Travelodge, which we recommend) before noon and reported to the Goldberg headquarters after lunch. Steve Press was next to report. Steve and I enjoyed the enormous (estimated 300) Alger collection in Max's library. Steve is an up and coming young (age 31) playwright, with one of his creations about ready for production and another (an adaption of Mark Twain's ROUGHING IT) being offered.

Max and Ida took the three of us to the Sea & Surf for a delicious dinner. We retired early for a fresh start the following day.

Sunday's task: Rachel and I had a ten o'clock appointment with Mr. & Mrs C.H. (Harry) Pfeiffer, of South Natick. Mrs. Pfeiffer is the Librarian there, but this was not the purpose of our visit. My mother's maiden name was Pfeiffer, and we agreed in conclusion that considering resemblances, there was a good possibility of distant relationship.

At eleven o'clock we arrived at the Goldberg's home to find the rest of our Partic'lar Friends already in attendance: Ed & Hortense Levy, with young cousin Stanley; Edward T. LeBlanc; Ed Reynolds, and wife Inez; Roy L. Wendell; Morris Olsen; Steve Press and our hosts, Max and Ida. Mrs. Olsen was confined at home as an invalid, but sent her regrets. We were sorry to learn of her confinement, and disappointed that we could not meet her.

Morris escorted Judge Daniel Gillen to the Goldberg home, then begged to be excused due to his wife's condition. The Judge being Irish and about 65 years of age became a big hit among those present.

Upon the arrival of Rev. Mr. Nelson, Ass't. Pastor of the Parish Church of So. Natick, we set out for the Cemetery. Upon our arrival, we found the floral wreath already in place and surrounded with reporters and photographers from the area newspapers and broadcasting companies.

Also in the audience was Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zala, of neighboring Framingham. Mrs. Zala (Villa) identified herself as formerly being on the secretarial staff of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Dale Carnegie and that her current private interest is in inspirational writers. She has had some work already published under her maiden name, Villa Stiles. She is interested in the life and works of our hero, and fortunately I had a Gardner book for her. She thinks she may become interested enough to join our Society. Her range of interest is wide. Rachel found her interesting because of her knowledge of Elbert Hubbard and Peter Hunt. Small world. The Society would welcome Mrs. Zala.

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Before the ceremony, a few minutes were allowed for new arrivals to look around, identify themselves, and get acquainted.

Max then grouped the members and others taking part in the ceremony around the monument, facing the visitors and photographers. The Reverend Donald Nelson gave the invocation, the members were introduced by Max who then presented Judge Daniel Gillen, of Boston Municipal Court.

Judge Gillen is a pleasant and likeable person; tall, robust, gray haired, with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, always. He proudly admitted that he had read the Alger stories as a boy, and still believed in them but lamented the fact that a Boston boy could not take an Alger book from the Public Library, because they are kept in the rare book department. Judge Gillen knew the subject of Alger well, and held the attention of his audience for some twenty minutes, interrupted only by the numerous clicking and flashing of the photographers cameras.

Upon the return trip to the Goldberg residence, Max escorted us past the parsonage at 16 Pleasant Street, and along the shaded babbling brook near the parsonage home where Horatio retreated for relaxation and meditation. We passed the site of "Old Bailey Hotel" where Horatio sought seclusion when in need of concentration. We entered the "Old Cemetery" where Horatio's father and mother are buried. And in conclusion Max escorted us past the site of his sister's home on Florence Street where Horatio died.

The members enjoyed a buffet luncheon hosted by the Goldbergs and assisted by area friends Sol, Charlotte, and Ann, at the Goldberg home, then treated by viewing the wonderful Goldberg Alger library, including other Alger mementoes and Max's newest addition, his Luck and Pluck Award.

Members and their families were also invited to make use of tables and chairs arranged on the shaded lawn for refreshments and cigars. Before farewells were made several last minute pictures were taken, then as the Judge was escorted away by Roy Wendell in the late afternoon, the 1966 Alger Memorial seemed to be over. This was our Third Annual Affair, and even now, Max is planning a bigger and better one for next year.

Monday's Task: To post a few promised post cards lest we beat them home, and to put about 400 miles behind us, viewing on the way, more of this scenic country of ours, AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, for on the other side of the night lies familiar surroundings, and home, sweet home. We were able to find luxurious accommodations on the Ontario shores of Lake Ontario between Niagara Falls and Hamilton, at the
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Beacon Motor Hotel, with a room facing the lake.

Tuesday's Task: To set our course toward home through Canada by way of the King's Highway (route #401) exiting at Windsor. As we passed around Hamilton we thought of John Mc Connell in Toronto, but thoughts of home were uppermost in our mind. Forgive us John. In addition to the honor of being present at the 1966 Alger memorial, our biggest thrill was in meeting our society members and their wives. Tasks completed.

ODE TO PARTIC'LAR FRIENDS

Ralph Gardner reports that he has come into possession of an untitled poem, signed by Horatio Alger and dated December 18, 1882. Ralph urges anyone who may have the source of origin, to report. The poem is as follows:

Riches that life
 Which seeks a noble end,
 The poor to aid,
 The wretched to befriend
 Who, self-forgetting,
 Seeks mankind to bless,
 Wins Heaven's approval,
 Gains a true success.
 And leaves behind
 When God his summons sends,
 A fragrant memory
 In the hearts of his friends.

(Editor's Note: This poem cannot be located in ALGER STREET, A collection of The Poetry of Horatio Alger, Jr. compiled by Gilbert Westgard and published by J.S. Canner & Co. 1964. Westgard received the 1965 NEWSBOY award for this work)

NEW YORK ADDRESS OF HORATIO ALGER, JR.

It is generally accepted as a fact that Horatio maintained a room at the various locations of the NEWSBOYS' LODGING HOUSE, however, he also maintained private residence elsewhere in the city. Stanley A. Pachon, PF-087 has done or caused to be done in the past some research on the subject. Here are some results of his research:

1872-1876	26 West 34th St.
1876-1879	133 East 46th St.
1879-1880	107 West 44th St.
1880-1885	not listed
1885-1887	52 West 26th St.
1887-1891	not listed
1891-1896	223 West 34th St.
1896-1899	not listed

Generally, these were accepted as fashionable uptown addresses, and perhaps were maintained even while he was out of the city. It is known that he made an
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OBITER DICTA ABOUT THE PRAIRIE REGION

We're still basking in the pleasant memories of associating with our Partic'lar Friends at the Milwaukee Event. It all seemed to end much too soon. I'm sure that the attendance at next year's "Des Moines Session" would be double that of the "Milwaukee Event" if only more society members realized what a wonderful time could be had at a meeting of this type. Congenial people, pleasant surroundings, similar interests, new ideas and facts and good clean fun. How can you beat a combination like that? And all this with intellectuals, too -- because they "think the way we do."

It may seem premature to some, but already we are trying to come up with some ideas and plans for our 1967 meeting. No definite plans will be made for next year until they are approved by officers and board members. All plans will (I hope)

reflect the desires of the society as a whole. Having already received some most welcome suggestions and ideas, allow me to present some of them for your consideration:

Des Moines Session to start on an informal note -- Thursday afternoon, May 18, 1967. Registration, get acquainted, set up exhibits, etc. Social and cocktail "hour", 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Board meeting that evening to discuss items that should be brought before the group.

It has been suggested that a nominal "registration fee" be charged, and that banquet tickets, etc., be paid for at this time. Most "Partic'lar Friends" queried suggest a minimum of organized activity--with many options available for those who have other interests such as antiques, historical, book hunting, etc. The "Session" would mainly be Friday and Saturday, May 19th and 20th and would end with a fairwell breakfast about 8 AM Sunday, May 21st. We plan special radio, television and newspaper publicity, and hope to have a three man committee for this whose combined experience in this field totals 100 years.

These are not PLANS but SUGGESTIONS. May we have YOUR comments? Let us know what kind of a session YOU would like to attend. That's exactly the kind it will be -- we hope.

A pertinent comment from my old friend George Knudsen, PF-136, Bowie, Maryland: "Remember that anyone who hasn't an Alger book is an 'Algernon'."

When I get a little money, I buy books; and if any is left, I buy food and clothes --Erasmus....My philosophy too, although my family may not agree.

Jack W. Row, PF-101 (Vice Pres)

(Editor's note: When Jack joined our group in July 1964 he had 68 titles. He now has 131 titles. He has left me behind in his dust with only 122 titles)

extended western tour during the period listed above, 1876-1879. Pachon suggests that some interested member take pictures of these addresses, if they still exist, and make them available for a nominal fee.

SINCE THE MILWAUKEE EVENT

Herb Risteen writes that although he and Esther had planned an European trip this summer, they did not go, for he unexpectedly entered the hospital on June 27th. However, since his release on July 16th he visited a man in central Wisconsin and bought 20 desirable Algers at reasonable prices. Among them was a matched set (Ragged Dick Series) of six Winstons. Herb wonders if there are others in existence?

Les Langlois writes that since our members left Milwaukee (including the downtown book stores) he unearthed a Street & Smith (first edition) of Walter Griffith, for a price which should make you envy him. He has also purchased other nice Alger bargains which he plans to bring with him to Des Moines.

Ralph Gardner writes: "I don't mind telling you that I missed the July issue of the Newsboy...I'm leaving again next week (week of 7/18-23) for Ireland, Italy, Switzerland and France. Please do me a favor and send the Newsboy to my office as you did last year; then it will be forwarded right on to me."

Dr. and Mrs. Wild write: "We were greatly surprised but terribly elated to hear that we are the first husband and wife membership in the entire Horatio Alger Society. We will attempt to do our best so that we may prove to be a credit to your organization. I (Mrs. Wild) have read every line and word in the May issue of the "Newsboy". We found it to be most informative as well as interesting....."

Ralph Anderson writes: "I enjoyed the June issue of the Newsboy more than ever after having had the opportunity to personally meet the editor and so many other Alger collectors....my list of titles was rather meager until the Milwaukee meeting when I bought another 34 books. For the first time I now have some duplicates to help other Alger fans start a collection.

(Editor's note: There is an old saying: "I can't be in two places at the same time." I am reminded of this when I am trying to reach a decision whether or not I should list my duplicates in the BOOK MART, hold and take with me to Des Moines or donate them to our project of a traveling exhibit. Our new members want titles now. It may be difficult, even impossible for them to attend the Des Moines Session. Yet, I know this is one feature our attending members will look forward to. And there is a trend to have more than one collection. It is a temptation. I think Ralph (above) has started a good thought going. Let's all support it.)