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to That Wonderful
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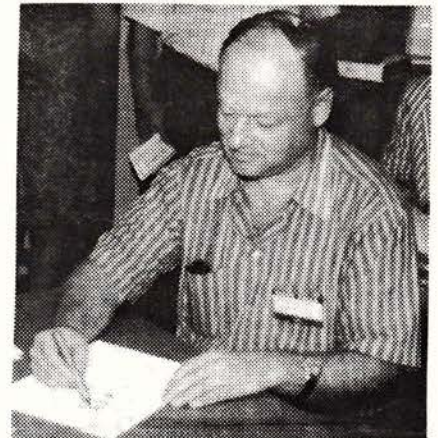
FRIENDS YOU WILL MEET AT MT. PLEASANT



Mr. & Mrs. Dale Thomas



Ken Butler (in front of his display
at his museum in Mendota, Ill.)



Ralph Gardner



Jack & Beth Row



Les & Bertie Langlois



President Judson Berry



Doris Butler



Jack Bales and Bob Bennett

And many more

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger, Jr. and to encourage the spirit of Strive and Succeed that for half a century guided Alger's undaunted heroes-lads whose struggles epitomized the Great American Dream and flamed hero ideals in Americans.

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NEWSBOY recognizes Ralph D. Gardner's HORATIO ALGER, OR THE AMERICAN HERO ERA, published by Wayside Press, 1964, as the leading authority on the subject.

Please use membership roster for mailing address of our officers.

WELCOME to new members

Members are urged to get in touch with our new members, wherever practical, in order to welcome them into our Society "family".

PF-350 Joseph N. Kellas
156 Rosewood Dr.
West Seneca, N.Y. 14224
(Margaret) T-16

Joe is a lighting designer and is interested in juvenile fiction. He also collects Pre-WWII miniature metal cars, trucks, soldiers, cannon etc.

HORATIO ALGER JR. RETURNS

Remember Horatio Alger Jr.'s "American Dream"? Tattered Tom was the schoolboy's hero. And Phil the Fiddler touched the hearts and conscience of a nation.

Alger's 119 book titles made him the all-time best-selling author in American history. But in recent years, his books have been hard to come by.

This literary limbo has ended. In the fall of last year, first edition facsimiles of Alger's most-read books, "Struggling Upward" and "Phil the Fiddler," were published by Nautilus Books of North Plainsfield, N. J.

And so Horatio Alger's ideas on the virtues of hard work, decency and simple justice are back to inspire yet another generation.



John Lohn sent us the above clipping which appeared in the April-May issue of "Modern Maturity", official magazine of the American Association of Retired People.

PF-351 Paul F. Miller
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Vienna, Ohio 44473
(Ruth W.) T-54

Paul is interested in antiques and 8 mm photography. Paul is an Auditor.

L-11 Los Angeles Public
Library, Serials
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Los Angeles, Ca. 90017

MAY 11, 12, 13, 14



CONVENTION TIME



Alger Street

Gilbert Westgard has informed us that he now has a supply of ALGER STREET which is available for \$10.00 for the regular edition, and \$25.00 for the leather-bound limited and numbered edition.

Gilbert's new address is:
2310 Statz, Apartment E
North Las Vegas, Nev.
89030

Ed. note: ALGER STREET is an outstanding collection of poems by Horatio Alger compiled by Gilbert. It is a must for every Alger collection and should be in yours. It contains among others Nothing To Do a very hard to find Alger item.

A tentative schedule for the May Convention is outlined below.

Thursday, May 11, 1972

Check in at Holiday Inn
Bd. meeting at Vice-President Bob Bennett's Home
at 7:30 P.M.

Friday, May 12, 1972

Check in at Holiday Inn
for late arrivals.
Stop at Bob Bennett's
home for map of area
Antique and book stores.
Round table discussion on
Alger with Ralph Gardner
during the evening hours.

Saturday, May 13, 1972

Tour of the Clarke Historical Library. Saturday evening we will have a banquet and general business meeting at the Holiday Inn.



*Abraham Lincoln
his hand and pen.
he will be good but
god knows when*

Illustration taken from Horatio Alger, Jr., biography of Lincoln, 1882. Verse is in Lincoln's hand as it appeared in his exercise book about 1824 when he was 15 years old.

Above is a post card printed by the OCTAVO PRESS, Springfield, Ill. 62705 which was sent to The NEWSBOY by George W. May, PF-121. As you can see Alger gets sent all over the world.

BOOK
SALES
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The following are available from:

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18 Ritchie Rd.
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

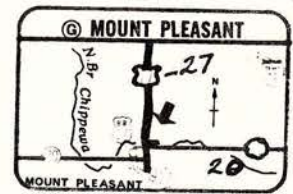
All in good collectable condition
\$2.25 each post paid.

Andy Grants Pluck	Burt
Barve and Bold	Hurst
A Cousins Conspiracy	Don
Do and Dare	Winston
The Erie Train Boy	Hurst
The Errand Boy	Burt
Facing the World	Winston
Five Hundred Dollar (front fly	fly
leaf missing)	Don
Frank Hunters Peril (front fly	fly
leaf missing)	Winston
Helen Ford	Winston
Jed, The Poorhouse Boy	Burt
Mark Mason's Victory	Burt
Paul Precotts Charge	Don
Phil the Fiddler	Winston
Risen From the Rands	Marshon
(Front fly leaf missing)	
Sam's Chance	Don
Shifting for Himself	Hurst
Strive and Succeed	Mershon
Strong and Steady	Winston
The Store Boy	Don
Tin Box	Hurst
Tom the Bootblack	Hurst
Tony the Hero	Don'
(front fly lead missing)	
Try and Trust	Chat. Peck
The Young Adventurer	Don
The Young Miner	Don
The Young Outlaw	Don
Wait and Hope	Don
Walter Sherwood's Probation	Burt

Change of Address:
Dan Fuller
133 No. Lincoln
Kent, Ohio 44240

CONVENTION

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Jct. St. 20 & US 27. 5665 E. Pickard Rd. (Zip 48858). Dwt. 2 min; Airpt. 3 min., free trans. 18 Hole Golf Course. 108 rms; Mtg. rms. to 250. Tax 4%. EP \$3. 1 bed 2 beds special



Special rates at the Holiday Inn for HAS Members. When you write for your reservations be sure to tell them you are a member. Write to the address above. Do it now.



TIME



REGISTRATION \$5.00

This includes the Saturday night banquet. You may send your registration to VP Bob Bennett or pay when you get there.

Bob has planned much free time for talking Alger, touring the Antique shops (12 in all) and swapping and trading.

Sunday morning - breakfast at the Holiday Inn.

BANQUET

make the most

of yourself.

for that is all

there is of you.

EMERSON

An egotist is a person of extremely low taste...
more interested in HIMSELF than in YOU

ALGER STAMP

Otto Wilt, PF-132 has written his Congressman on behalf of a commemorative stamp to Honor Horatio Alger Jr. Otto urges all of us to write to our Congressman and also to:

J.A. Matukonis
Congressional Liaison
Officer, Executive
Assistant to the
Postmaster General
Washington, DC 20260

Mr. Matukonis has written as follows:

I am pleased to advise you that this proposal is on the agenda for consideration by our Citizens' Stamp Advisory committee as future stamp programs are being developed.

WRITE TODAY!!!

Notes From Dave

Dave has two extra copies of the Encyclopedia Standard American with Alger as the author of "Rags to Riches" entry (as reported in March Newsboy). .50¢ each.

Dave has also added the following books to his biographical collection.

Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Modern World (with picture of Alger) 1956.

Basic Everyday Encyclopedia (1954)

History of The United States since 1865 (1965)

The entry in the "Basic Everyday Encyclopedia" is so short that Dave has included

it in its entirety and "it is so true that I am doing just that".

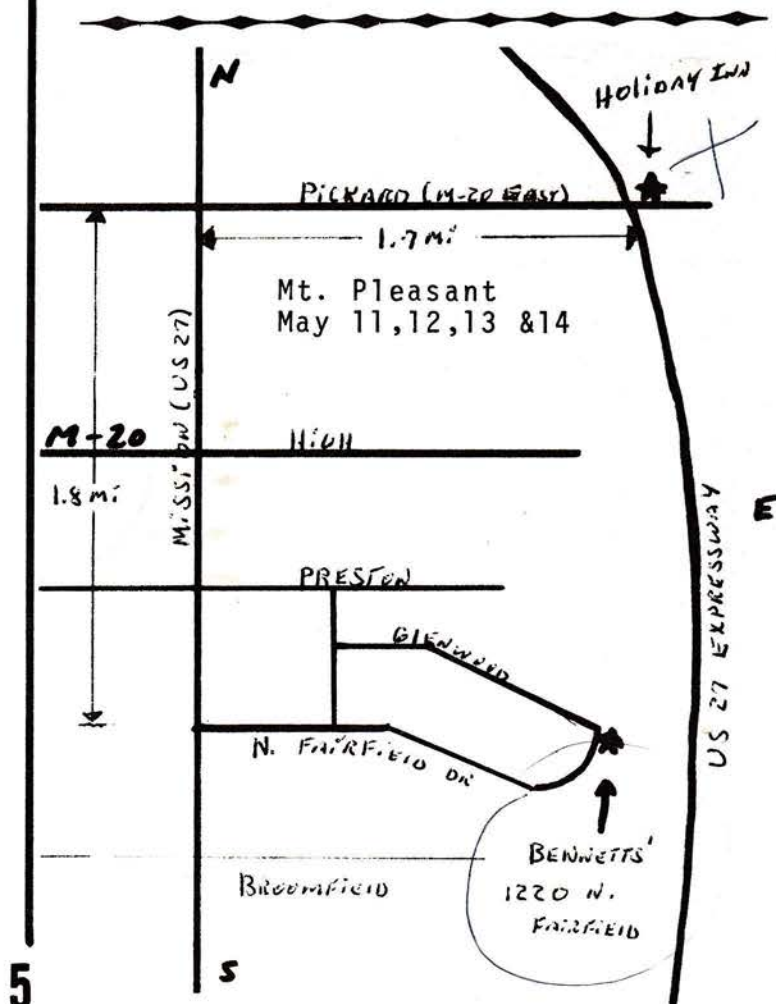
"Alger, Horatio, Jr., 1834-99. Some 20 million copies of A's 125+ books taught 2 generations of U.S. boys that economic and social success comes to the virtuous, however humble his beginnings."

A.Q.?

Those attending our Mt. Pleasant Convention are invited to compete in Ralph's A.Q. (Alger Quotient) Contest, with prizes to the winners. Ralph promises to make this contest even tougher than last year's -- which means it will be tricky! So all who attend are urged to sharpen up their "A.Q.'s".

SCAPBOOK

Jack has announced that the Alger Scrapbook has hit the 200th page mark. It will be on display at the Mt. Pleasant Convention.



Horatio Alger Lincoln Biography Useful

By **ROBERT CROMBIE**

Horatio Alger Jr., the Unitarian minister, whose "rags to riches" books enjoyed tremendous sales as the 19th Century came to an end, wrote a fictionalized biography of Abraham Lincoln.



"Abraham Lincoln, the Backwoods Boy; Or, How a Young rail-Splitter Became President," was first published in 1883, according to Jordan D. Fiore, who wrote about it for volume 46 of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

"The Alger biography of Lincoln did not grow out of any passionate patriotism engendered by the war or political partisanship, nor did it develop from any desire to change his medium of expression from fiction to biography," Dr. Fiore, who was assistant to the director of libraries and museums and instructor of bibliography in the College of Liberal Arts at Boston University, wrote.

"In collaboration with Virginia Barry, Alger had planned to write a play based on Lincoln's life for a children's theater then being established in New York. He had been a prolific writer, and his publishers were constantly demanding new books.

Since he had spent about six months in collecting information for the play, his regular output fell off. In desperation, his publishers suggested a story about Lincoln based upon the material that he had collected. Without consulting his collaborator, Alger agreed, and within two weeks the completed manuscript was in their hands."

FROM LINCOLN'S early privations and handicaps, Alger pointed out the morals to be drawn. Concerning Lincoln's rescue from drowning when he was seven, Alger commented "God looks after the lives of His chosen instruments, and saves them for His work." Lincoln was not to be pitied for the hardships and poverty of his early life, the author said, because "That is the way strong men are made."

Lincoln's famous letter to his stepbrother, John D. Johnston, admonishing him, "Your thousand pretences for not getting along better, are all non-sense . . . Go to work is the only cure for your case," was included in the biography.

"ACCORDING to Alger, every action in which Lincoln was successful was due to his shrewdness, his good living, and Providence," Dr. Fiore wrote. "Even Lincoln's adversities were turned into triumphs by Alger and became a part of God's moving 'in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.'"

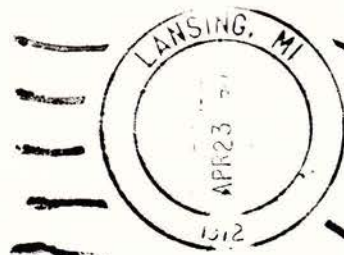
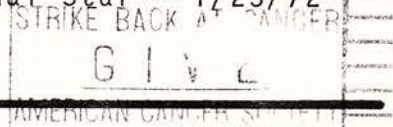
"Regarding Lincoln's defeat for the Senate in 1858 Alger conjectures that had he been elected, Lincoln might have alienated many Republicans by some erroneous action and thus his nomination and election in 1860 would have been impossible. Thus, wrote Alger, 'The nation would never have discovered the leader who, under Providence, led it

out of the wilderness, and conducted it to peace and freedom. Protesting that he did not wish to 'moralize over-much,' Alger pointed out that 'in the lives of all there are present disappointments, that lead to ultimate success and prosperity.'"

"For example, Washington and Garfield both wanted to go to sea as boys, but having been dissuaded, they triumphed in other fields. As a young man Cromwell decided to emigrate to America, but he finally 'remained in his own country to control its destiny, and take a position at the head of affairs.' He warned his young readers, 'Remember this when your cherished plans are defeated. There is a higher wisdom than ours that shapes and directs our lives.'"

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