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World of Horatio Alger.



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Gilbert Westgard II being presented  
the LUCK & PLUCK award by Carl Hart-  
man at the New Philadelphia Convention.



Dr. Leslie Poste being presented the  
NEWSBOY award by Ralph Gardner at  
the New Philadelphia Convention.

## HORATIO ALGER CONVENTION

MAY 9-12, 1974

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

BY PF-334

From far and near, Partic'lar Friends converged on New Philadelphia, Ohio, to the Delphian Motor Inn to attend the 10th annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society. With 27 members registered, the convention was second only in attendance to the previous year's total of 30 registered at Indianapolis, and undoubtedly more would have attended had there not been concern over the gasoline situation. Undoubtedly, however, fans of Horatio Alger gathered from 11 states: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

May 11 was proclaimed officially by Ohio's Governor John J. Gilligan as being Horatio Alger Day, and the Proclamation was read that Saturday evening by Convention Host Dan Fuller at the banquet held at the Delphian Motor Inn.

Early arrivals on May 9 enjoyed fully the hospitality of Dan and Kit's "open house" beginning at 8:30 p.m. and lasting for some three hours. The refreshments were delightful, with much Alger talk, and Dan's collection of 91 Alger first editions much-admired. Ralph Gardner arrived midway in the "open house" and the proceedings became even more animated as Partic'lar Friends appealed to him to rule on various disputed points of Alger editions.

Registration for the conference continued on May 10 and that morning the Board of Directors held its meeting at the motel. Meanwhile, throughout the day, Partic'lar Friends, enjoy-

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## 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 countless millions of young Americans.

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Please use membership roster for mailing addresses of our officers and members.



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#### NOTES FROM MEMBERS.....

Many members have asked Les Langlois the date of Unitarian Minister Christopher Raible's lecture on Alger. It was on March 17, 1968. Ed. Note: Les was kind enough

## HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY May 12, 1973 to May 9, 1974 TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance May 11, 1973 \$ 165.31

#### Receipts

Dues	\$994.00
Patches, Tiles, Frames	41.00
Price Lists, Back Issues and Prints	144.00
Donations	34.30
Books	724.10
Other Income	4.40
Loans by Members	100.00

Total Receipts \$2,041.80  
\$2,207.41

#### Disbursements

Postage	\$351.90
Printing	726.46
Awards	39.79
Books	703.63
Miscellaneous	32.05
Typing	102.25
Refunds	24.00
Pictures	73.76

Total Disbursements \$2,058.84  
Balance May 9, 1974 \$ 155.27

The above statement indicates the extreme need for the higher dues voted on at New Philadelphia on May 11, 1974

The added income from dues will make several special projects of interest to all the members possible.

Dale Thomas, Treasurer

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to bring a tape of this message to the Convention and we all had the opportunity to hear it.

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Paul Miller (PF-351) reports the death of Dr. Wm. Park Kenworthy, Jr. PF-296 in September, 1973 after a long illness. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

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Philip G. Atkins has donated to the HAS his remaining supply of the "Seeking H Fortune" booklet. If any of you would like a copy you may write to the secretary and enclose a check made out to HAS for \$2.25.

## Convention - from page #1

ing the beautiful weather, scattered to the four points of the compass, visiting antique shops, bookstores, swimming in the motel's indoor pool, and generally enjoying the many attractions of Tuscarawas County. That evening, an indoor picnic was enjoyed by more than 40 at the Kent State University Campus at New Philadelphia, where Dan Fuller's Alger Exhibit attracted much attention. The food was delicious and dessert consisted of a luscious cake decorated with a portrait of Horatio Alger. Satiated with good food, drink, and conversation, the Partic'lar Friends then heard with much interest a tape recording of Unitarian-Minister Reverend Christopher Raible's sermon on Horatio Alger. The indoor picnic then adjourned to attend an oldtime movie showing of Charlie Chaplain's "The Gold Rush" (1925) in the auditorium. Following the full day and evening, most Partic'lar Friends then headed for bed, though reports were that Alger talk continued informally until the wee hours of the morning.



Dan Fuller with his Alger Exhibit at Kent State University Campus, New Philadelphia



Alex Shaner "fillin up" at the indoor picnic - being served by Kit and Dan Fuller.



Paul & Ida House enjoying the wonderful meal.



Co-founder Ken Butler cutting the "Alger" cake and being fed the first piece by his wife Doris.





Ralph Gardner autographing books at annual book sale and display.

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Saturday morning, May 11, featured the book display and sale by members at the motel, with much activity following breakfast. Ralph Gardner was kept busy autographing copies of first editions of both Cast Upon the Breakers and The Road to Success. After luncheon, HAS members continued to seek out antique shops and bookstores, and enjoyed further beautiful Tuscarawas County, including the Schoenbrunn State Memorial. Schoenbrunn Village is a restored mission village which was founded by Moravian missionary David Ziesberger in 1772. The village, laid out in the form of a cross, was the first town built in Ohio by Christian Delaware Indians under the leadership of missionaries of the Moravian Church. It was here that the first white child in Ohio was born. HAS members went through the church, schoolhouse, thirteen cabins, and the trading post -- all replicas of the original structures. They observed local people in the costume of the time going about their daily chores as they would have done 200 years ago. Authentically costumed guides gave demonstrations of how the village's settlers worked and lived.

During Saturday afternoon, the Partic'lar Friends scattered in different directions, with a goodly number visiting Warther's of Dover, Ohio, to see 64 hand carved operating miniature locomotives, the world's largest ivory carving in motion, the finest mounting of Indian arrow points in the United States, and Mrs. Warther's collection of 50,000 buttons. Other attractions of interest to those at the convention included Zoar Village, the House of Baskets, and in nearby Canton the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



President Bob Bennett presiding over the business meeting at the annual banquet.

More than 50 attended the banquet and business meeting at the Delphian Motor Inn Saturday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yockey among the honored guests. Mr Yockey, Editor of the Dover-New Philadelphia Times Reporter provided fine newspaper coverage of the convention. Les and Bertie Langlois and Carl Hartmann kept intact their records of of having attended every convention of the Society, and runner-up Paul House, with 9 conventions, was present. Also much in evidence, with 8 conventions attended, were Ken Butler, Ralph Gardner, and Convention Photographer Jack Row.

As Convention Host, Dan Fuller read the Governor's Proclamation and turned the meeting over to President Bob Bennett. Treasurer Dale Thomas' report showed a balance of \$53.27 in the HAS treasury and the announcement was made of the need for the increase of annual dues to \$10.00 beginning July 1st. Geneseo was approved as the convention site May 8-10, 1975, with a record attendance expected since New York now has the most members. Bob Bennett then provided a review of the events of 1973-74, the most active and eventful in the Society's history.

The Nominating Committee's report was submitted and the new officers elected were: President - Bob Bennett, Vice-President - Evelyn Grebel, Treasurer - Dale Thomas, Director - Richard Seddon. It was announced that Jack Bales has agree to serve as Editor of the Newsboy, continuing to serve also as Historian.



Ralph Gardner, Dick Seddon, Leslie Langlois, Gilbert Westgard, Ken Butler and Phil Atkins deep in Alger talk.

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The Luck and Pluck Award, a handsome plaque presented to the person who served the Society in an outstanding manner during the previous year, was presented to Gilbert Westgard II. The Newsboy Award, presented to the individual who did the most to add to our Hero's image, was presented to Leslie Poste for his outstanding organization last year of Horatio Alger Day in Geneseo concurrent with the publication of Cast Upon the Breakers.

As something new in fund raising for the Society, Ralph Gardner served as auctioneer of Three donated items: A porcelain figurine of a newsboy (donated by Roy Wendell), a first edition of Try and Trust (donated by Dale Thomas), and a first edition of The Western Boy (donated by Phil Atkins). Les Poste bid \$25 successfully for the Newsboy Figurine, Gil Westgard obtained The Western Boy for \$140, and Dan Fuller was the successful bidder on the first edition of Try and Trust. The HAS treasury benefited by \$207. Dick Seddon then provided a scintillating performance both as a mind reader and as a magician.



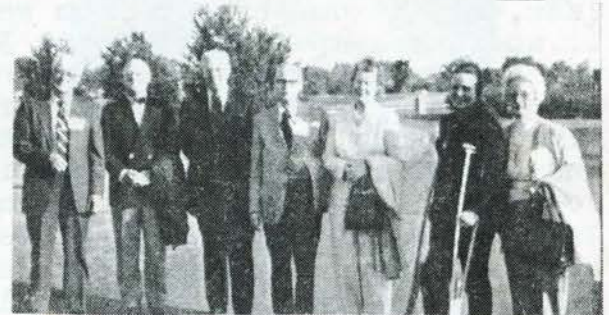
Dick Seddon telling Gilbert Westgard now he made a copy of TIMOTHY disappear.

Ralph Gardner took over again to administer Ralph's 1974 (Alger Quotient) Quiz for AE's (Alger Experts), an annual awaited event at conventions. The 15 items this year, with a possible 47 points, had the Partic'lar Friends scratching their heads in perplexity as they sought to come up with the right answers. Among the questions were: How old was Horatio Alger in 1874? Name the last Alger story to appear as a bound volume. Name three or more Alger heroines (there are at least six). Top scorer, with 33 points, was Dan Fuller, followed closely by Gil Westgard with 30 points. According to the scoring table, those with 21 or more points were HORATIO!



Doris Butler, Ken Butler, Dan Fuller, Carl Hartmann and Beth Row hold forth a serious discussion at the Lounge.

With the official ending of the evening session, members continued with Alger talk until the small hours of the morning with, in the words of President Bob Bennett in his column in this issue, "a new blockbusting discovery" being made a 2 a.m. in the morning. You will be hearing more about this exciting new discovery in a subsequent issue of The Newsboy.



Sunday morning, following the farewell breakfast at the motel and more Alger talk during the rainy morning, those attending the convention departed regretfully for home. All were delighted with the successful convention arrangements made by Dan and Kit Fuller and the Partic'lar Friends left with many happy memories of New Philadelphia.



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the evening finished with a silent movie of Charlie Chaplin's "GOLD DUST SMITH", complete with organ music. Thanks again, to the entire crew, who made it so enjoyable for all of us!

Once again, back at the motel the cavorting from room to room, talking, selling, trading, buying.....

Sat. 9AM - a goodly number of members brought their wares for display and sale....all manner of juveniles, lots of Algers.....Ralph autographing copies of "Silas!....Thieme....Thomas....Atkins.....had large assortments, Algers and general...Fuller had his Algers in a fine display at Kent SU. ...contd

Sat. 11AM, we took an interesting tour of a Moravian, 1772, 13-cabin Schoenbrunn Village, first town in Ohio....schoolhouse, trading-post, church and Indian graveyard, complete with costumed guides, maintained by the O. Hist. Soc. indeed a world apart!

The sunny day provided for picture taking....after lunch on our own...

We toured the WARTHER MUSEUM, Dover of more than 40 hand-carved operating locomotives,...including a complete funeral train of Abraham Lincoln, another completely from a 9' tusk of ivory....and lots more.

A bit of browsing-time before the banquet, on our own, then readying and getting gussied-up, as it were.

The social hour, with its ethnic allegiance to Scotch, and sundry concoctions, preceded another fine dinner.....speeches.....reports of officers and awards for meritorious services rendered to the HAS in the past year.....and as Keith Barnes, Carl Hartmann and I were elected to do the Plucking.....the LUCK AND PLUCK AWARD, went to GIL WESTGARD for the stories in the New York Sun, by Horatio Alger.

Again, everybody won the annual prize in Ralph Gardner's "AQ Test" grades from 5-Villain to 21+Horatio

were used in scoring of points.... next was DICK SEDDON, "KARNAK", the GREATEST, who entertained us with his magic-cards; securely taped by members, he whizzed his taped thumbs thru the rungs of a chair and still securely taped, awed us all! Members submitted questions on paper and dropped in a hat,...Seddon read them off, eyes closed in concentration, with a remarkable degree of ESP!

The banquet over, the sessions again were renewed in the rooms til who knows, since clocks weren't in the contract....Shaner's vg memory was triggered by a reading Gil did at the banquet....curiosity finally got the better of Gil, Seddon, Atkins, Shaner, and me..as the interest mounted...Gil kept rousting members out of bed at having made a discovery...Ralph...Bennett...Carl. Fuller had just popped into bed at home, got dressed only to find that his copy was locked up in Museum... I won't tell you what the discovery was...that's Gil's department...another "mystery" to conjecture..... and we had a good time til 3AM, all agreed.

Sunday:the packing of books, bags & bundles...Farewell Breakfast...each going separate ways....albeit sadly waving to the Fullers, Kit and Dan, left standing in the rain....



Ralph G. Gardner, Jerry Friedland and President Bob Bennett.

# Horatio Alger convention

## hosted by Phila collector



**DAN FULLER**  
Alger collector

The TIMES-REPORTER  
Thurs., May 9, 1974  
DOVER-NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

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By DIANE YALE

The boy who started collecting coins at age 12 and who didn't sell his baseball card collection until he was 21 is now the man whose friends hide when moving time comes around.

But for Dan Fuller of 609 Fair av. NW, New Philadelphia, his self-confessed obsession with collecting has had more serious ramifications than these.

At one time the owner of the world's second largest collection of Horatio Alger stories, Fuller is hosting the Horatio Alger Society's ninth annual convention this weekend at the Delphian Motor Inn.

Gov. John J. Gilligan has proclaimed Saturday as Horatio Alger Day "as a salute to the membership of the society for preserving the name of a man who has become a legend to all the young readers of this nation who aspire to greatness."

The convention will include displays of Alger's books, private collection materials, a book sale and local tours. The book sale and display will be held Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and an awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m.

Fuller now probably has the fifth largest collection of Alger, but also has a houseful of other collectibles and not-so-collectible memorabilia.

Among the collectibles are 157 of the approximate 175 title variants of Alger, including 91 first editions. Fuller explained that although Alger wrote 119 novels, publishers changed the titles frequently to induce the reading public to buy what they might think was a new novel. These are what are known as title variants. Also valuable in his collections are modern American first editions by such authors as Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

He set a value of between \$12,000 and \$15,000 on these collections.

Fuller's interest in literature has spilled over into many other areas so that his basement now is overflowing with about 5000 books.

Among the juvenilia he has collected are books by Edgar Rice Burroughs (Tarzan author) and Ellery Queen, those about Sherlock Holmes, Tom Swift and the Rover Boys and even the dime novels published during the late 19th century.

He recently has eased out of the dime novel field, however, because "there are literally tens of thousands of them." Dime novels were those paperback novels with particularly lurid and colorful covers written about cowboys and other frontier heroes and heroines.

Fuller also has collected about 250 movie posters and stills, 300 record albums, 900 45 rpms from the rock and roll decade of 1954 to 1963 and countless other magic and cook books.

Asked why he is so involved in the literature of Horatio Alger's time, Fuller explained that it "tells us what makes us tick, what the American dream was."

When he began collecting Alger in 1963, he said it probably was more academic than any of his other collections.

But it, too, fell into the scope of popular culture as opposed to serious culture, which Fuller feels is interestingly important.

The knowledge he has gleaned from his extensive reading and collecting is valuable to him in his teaching, too. Fuller has taught five years for Kent State University in American literature and creative writing. He has a total of 11 years experience as a teacher.

Literature of that period is essential, Fuller feels, in knowing the history of America. Some 300 million of Alger's books have been sold, making him the best-selling author ever, he pointed out.

There was a time in America when for 70 years probably not a single literate person did not read Alger, Fuller said. His influence had to be incredible.

Fuller listed other reasons for his collecting as: "my tremendous curiosity... the fun of it... I like to have available in my house anything to answer any question at any time... and I could never tell you what makes a person want to collect."

Money is not one of the reasons a person collects, however, he pointed out. "No collector is in it for the money." Most of the time, in fact, he ends up losing or spending money rather than making it, Fuller said.

The collecting mania has several different stages, according to Fuller. First come the occasional trips to local book stores.

Secondly, a collector begins visiting book shops in the different cities to which he takes trips, but this eventually develops into planning whole vacations around collecting.

Fourth is the sending out of mimeographed requests for information on what is available from different dealers throughout the country. This develops into having personalized cards printed up, known as want lists, and sending them to specific dealers.

The ultimate step is to be registered with the important auction houses and even having one's own "pickers" or "search services" keeping an eye out for particular books in various parts of the country.

## THAT WONDERFUL WORLD OF HORATIO ALGER

## A.T. STEWART, - THE MERCHANT PRINCE

A.T., or Alexander Turney, for that was his name, as Horatio Alger would say, should be familiar to the readers of his stories. A.T., was among the select few celebrities such as Horace Greeley and Jay Gould which were mentioned in certain stories. Generally, references to A.T. were always complimentary and portrayed him as a successful business man which he was.

One biographer of Stewart, Elbert Hubbard, had this to say about his early life which could also be used to describe the plight of some Alger heroes: "The human product has to be transplanted in order to get the best results. -- A new environment means, often, spiritual power before unguessed. The struggle of the man to fit himself into a new condition and thus harmonize with his surroundings, brings out his latent energies and discovers for him untapped reservoirs."

A.T. was born in Lisburn, North Ireland, near Belfast, on October 12, 1803 and educated at Trinity College in Dublin. As near as I can determine he may have come from a long line of Alexander Stewarts, since there was a "Stewartstown" near his birthplace. His father died when he was three; his mother remarried; and A.T. went to live with his grandparents; his grandfather died before his college education was completed, and A.T. was forced to go to work until a legacy of \$5,000 would be forthcoming upon reaching his majority. He pooled his resources and set sail for New York City, having little more than a bit of blarney, and a teacher's permit.

To make a long story shorter, he purchased Irish linens and laces, and like a typical Alger story, he lost most of his capital in a partnership venture, sending his partner in the rural sections in a pedler's wagon. He dissolved the partnership and opened up a small shop at 283 Broadway between Duane and Reade. In a year he had outgrown this space and then purchased property at 262 Broadway between Reade & Chambers. On this property in 1846 he built a larger store which is mentioned in the story, Ragged Dick, as a large white marble warehouse.

Stewart's Marble Palace, as it was cal-

led for several years after it was built was a three story building measuring 30 by 100 feet in length. His merchandise was always high quality drygoods, and he operated on a strictly cash and carry basis. His gross sales amounted to \$10,000 daily and his prices reflected a 40 per cent profit. He made a fortune of some ten million dollars at this location, and he was given the name of 'The Merchant Prince'.

His clientele consisted mostly of ladies of society who would be escorted to his door in hansom cabs or other private vehicles, or by the Broadway Stage Lines who passed by his door daily, and Stewart, for a quarter of a century, successfully opposed numerous attempts to replace the old stages with the more modern horse cars. He feared that his 'fashionable patrons' would resent mingling with the horse car set.

A much larger store was built in 1862 on Broadway between Ninth and Tenth Streets, and this location is briefly mentioned in chapter two of 'A Boy's Fortune'. Then the store at Chambers was used strictly as a warehouse and for wholesale purposes. He owned a mansion on 34th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue.

Although he took as much as 40 per cent profit from his business, he was considered to be a charitable person. He bought 7000 acres in Queens County and founded 'Garden City' as a project to assist the poor in 1869. In that same year, President Grant offered him the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury, but on account of his business interests the appointment was withdrawn.

On April 10, 1876, he died, and was buried in a vault in St. Marks Churchyard at Second Avenue and 11th Street. This vault, as well as others in the churchyard was enclosed in an eight foot ornamental spiked iron fence. His worth amounted to more than 30 million dollars and left most of it to his wife, however, the will was contested by a relative.

Two years later in 1878 his remains were stolen from the churchyard vault, and a total of \$50,000 reward was offered for its return and the capture of the thieves. The body was recovered some two years later and reburied in a mausoleum of the cathedral at Garden City on Long Island. His widow survived him for several years.

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## NOTES FROM RALPH

The 1974 HAS Convention at New Philadelphia, Ohio, was great! Dan and Kit Fuller were wonderful hosts and all who attended had a fabulous time. One of the many highlights was an auction sale - an innovation that provided some needed cash for the Society. We got the idea when Roy Wendell sent me a beautiful porcelain figure of a Newsboy, to do with whatever was most beneficial for HAS. When it was decided to auction it off to the membership, Dale Thomas immediately donated a first edition of Try and Trust and Phil Atkins added his first edition of The Western Boy. You'll read more about that in the Convention Report. Thanks a Million to Roy, DALE and Phil for their generosity and Partic'lar Friend spirit!

Returning from the convention by way of Chicago, I visited the A-1 Book Store, where owner Bill Newman has a boxful of Algers including a half dozen or so first editions at realistic prices. If interested, contact him at 1112 N. State, Chicago, Ill. 60610. He tells me he plans to retire in October. You can tell him I suggested you contact him.

Here's an upcoming exclusive free insert for HAS members: We'll soon have a special bibliographical insert for Cast Upon the Breakers, just as was done a year ago for Silas Snobden's Office Boy. This will be given as a supplement to your copy of Road to Success; the Bibliography of the Works of Horatio Alger. I'll prepare this as soon as I learn the publication date of the C.U.T.B. paperback edition, which Popular Library will issue. New members should order their copies of Road to Success directly from Wayside Press (Mendota, Ill. 61342) at the special members-only price of \$6.00. That's a saving of \$3.50 off the regular price.

It would be of tremendous interest to all of us to know which Alger books were issued with dust jackets. Especially the earlier editions. The earliest one I've heard of is Young Salesman (Coates, 1896), owned by Dick Seddon. I've got a dust jacket on my Wait and Win (Burt, 1908) and then I've got dust jackets on a number of non-first edition Burts, Wintons and later issues. Can I please hear from any members who have other first or early editions with dust jackets? It's valuable information. I'll report here so we can all make note in our bibliography.

Dover Publications (180 Varick St., NY, NY, 10014) has recently published a fine album titled Eight Dime Novels (Price \$3.50) that includes a facsimile edition of Adrift in New York as it appeared in Brave and Bold #45. It is complete, including the illustrated cover (in black and white). I'd recommend this to anyone who doesn't own an original of this hard to come by Alger. The big attractive paperback volume also contains old King Brady, Frank James, Nick Carter, Deadwood Dick, Buffalo Bill, The Steam Man and Frank Merriwell.

In the May, 1974, issue of Signature, the Diners Club magazine, there's an article about an American who has become a successful businessman in Japan. The story points out that, as they say in Japan, his career is "Proof that Horatio Alger-san lives."

One of my favorite Partic'lar Friend correspondents is Dave Kanarr, of Bellingham, Washington. One reason is the wonderful Alger decorations he designs upon his envelopes and letters. These must give many a postman a smile, too. A number of members brought some of their Kanarr 'originals' to the convention and we all admired them!

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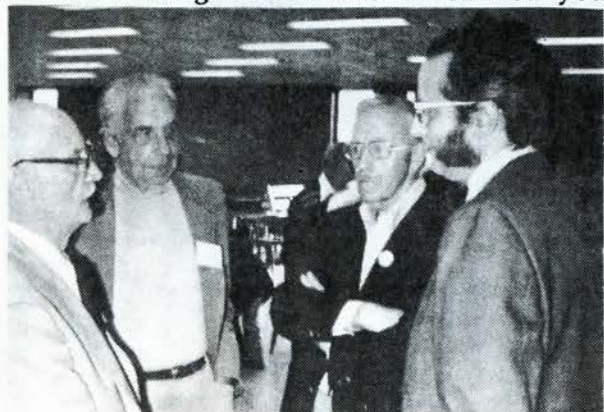
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Philadelphia, Ohio was the site of the 10th annual Horatio Alger Society Convention. On behalf of the Society, I would like to express my thanks and deep appreciation to our hosts, Dan and Kit Fuller, for making all arrangements for such a fine event.



*Kit Fuller busy preparing the "indoor" picnic.*

Twenty seven members were among the more than fifty in attendance and our chief convention-goers: Les Langlois (PF-093) and Carl Hartmann (PF-102) kept their perfect record intact as they have now attended all ten conventions. Paul House (PF-099) was at his 9th convention; Ken Butler (PF-006): Jack Row (PF-051); and Ralph Gardner (PF-053) their 8th. Congratulations to all of you.



*Ken Butler, Dick Seddon, Les Langlois and Gilbert Westgard in deep discussion at the Convention.*

It is gratifying to know that the Society is continuing to grow at the average of 2.5 members per month. Our active membership has now reached 222 individual and 12 library members. I am certain that there are several thousand Alger collectors who do not know of our organization and if we all spread the word a little more, we can bring some of these people into the fold. The Executive-Secretary and/or the Vice-President of the Society will, from time-to-time, place small inexpensive advertisements in various publications for the purpose of attracting new members.

The decision of the Executive Board, at their annual meeting, was that it is not in the best interest of the Society to list our dealer-members under their firm name but rather to list them as individual members. We welcome dealers to membership in the Society but do wish to avoid any semblance of commercialism.

Regretfully, we find it necessary to increase dues for the first time. We have discussed this matter over the past few years and can no longer hold the line. One benefit of increasing the dues is that we can continue to improve the "Newsboy" and issue other special printings that are of value to our members. Plans are being made to print several of the difficult-to-get items as "Newsboy" features. Future issues will feature a new blockbusting discovery, as well as printing "The Disagreeable Woman", additional stories that have never appeared in book form; and a complete short story title list, giving all known sources for each item. Additional short stories will appear in "Newsboy" from time-to-time.

Les and Virginia Poste will serve as convention hosts for the 1975 gathering to be held on May 8, 9, 10, 11 in Geneseo, N.Y. Place these dates on your calendar now and make plans to attend.



*1975 Convention host Les Poste tells Alex Shaner and Mrs. Miller all about the plans for next year at Geneseo.*

Wins award

Democrat and Chronicle  
Rochester, N.Y.  
Wed., May 15, 1974

# Alger buffs cite Livingston man

GENESEO — The Horatio Alger Society, a nationwide organization of enthusiasts who collect the works and keep alive the memory of the American author, has given its annual "Newsboy" award to Dr. Leslie Poste of Geneseo.

The award derives its name from the archetype Alger hero, the penniless but oh-so-honest ragamuffin who ascends from peddling papers to riches and success.

It is given annually to the person who makes the biggest contribution to Alger lore, to the work of the society and to the idea that rags-to-riches is a road still open.

It was given to Poste, a member of the School of Library and Information Science faculty at State University College at Geneseo, for his extensive and growing collection of Alger novels, for his organization of an Alger Festival in Geneseo last year and for his roll in getting "Horatio Alger Day" proclaimed in the village.

The award was made at the annual meeting of the society last Saturday in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Next year's meeting will be in May in Geneseo, with Poste as host. Since New York now has more society members than any other state, Poste anticipates a large attendance.

A native of Windsor, Ontario, Poste noted in his ac-

ceptance remarks that he was a former newsboy himself, hawking Sunday papers in Detroit, across the St. Clair River from Windsor.

The award made a memorable occasion even more memorable, since May 11 also was Poste's wedding anniversary.



Dr. Leslie Poste

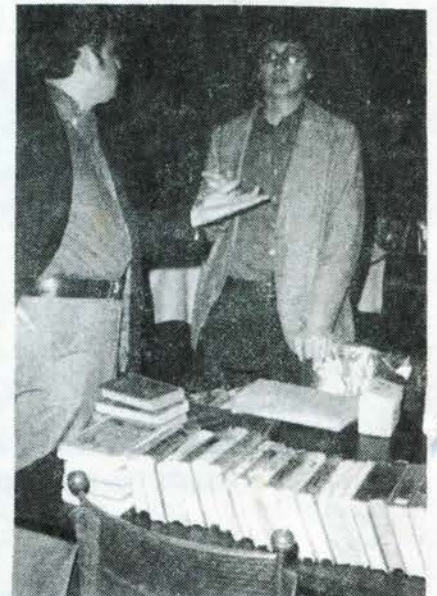
*The 1975 Convention will be held at Geneseo, New York on May 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1975. Dr. Poste will be our host. Make your plans now!!!!!!*



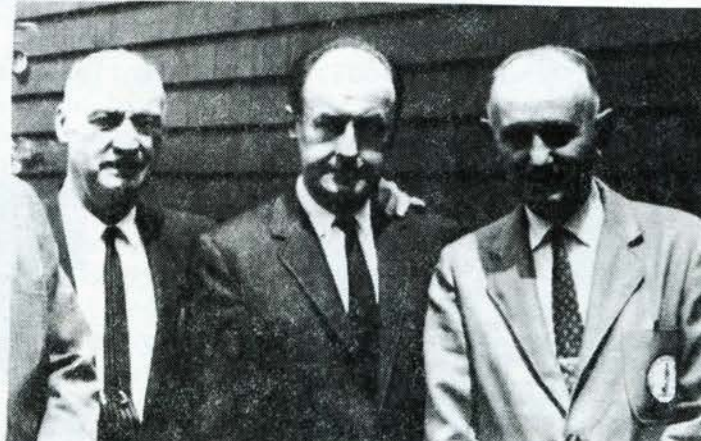
Mrs. Miller, Carl Hartmann, Brad Chase and Mrs. Poste.



Jerry Friedland being served by Dan Fuller.



Jerry Friedland giving Dan Fuller some pointers at the annual book swap and sale.



Ken Butler, Roy Wendell and Forrest Campbell at the 1968 New Englander Convention. Roy donated the figure of a Newsboy which was auctioned off at New Philadelphia.



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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.....

PF-438 Ada Chase  
46 Barnum St  
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(Rolfe) T-72

Ada is also interested in Geneology  
and heard of us thru her son Brad Chase.

PF-439 Beatrice Malbon  
376 Salem Street  
Bradford, Ma. 01830  
(David) T-49

Beatrice is interested in all phases  
of Alger collecting. She also is doing an  
Alger related items and information  
scrap book. Water Colors, crocheting,  
reading and hiking are her other hobbies.

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PF-440 Bill McNitt  
1608 Geddes  
Ann Arbor, Mi. 48104

Bill heard of us thru an article in  
the Detroit Free Press, although not a  
book collector he has enjoyed reading the  
Algers he has found in the library or the  
recent reprint editions.

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PF-441 Douglas K. Fidler  
20 Harwich Street  
Worcester, Mass. 01607  
T-7

Douglas is interested in the success  
ethos and how it applies to children's  
sport literature. Douglas is a sport  
historian.

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PF-442 Floy L. Metheny  
USS Stribling (DD-867)  
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Floy is in the U.S. Navy, Ltjg  
and enjoys reading Alger along with  
travel, riding, camping and sun bath-  
ing.

This July marks the 75th anniversary  
of Alger's death.

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## WHAT DO YOU WANT?

With a new Editor, Jack Bales, taking over the Newsboy, starting with the August 1974 edition we would like to know what you would like.

Do you have a favorite Newsboy section? What type of articles do you like best?

If you have any suggestions drop a line to Jack Bales.

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## THE CURWOOD COLLECTOR

Ivan A. Conger PF-386 is editor of the CURWOOD COLLECTOR, a "fanzine" published four times a year. If you are interested in Curwood drop Ivan a line. Subscription price is \$2.00 per four issues.

## NEWS ITEM -

Jack Bales, of Aurora received the Anne M. Boyd award, \$50 presented by the Alpha chapter of Beta Phi Mu, for his outstanding knowledge of books. This award recognizes the contributions of Prof. Emerita Boyd to the field of book selection.

Jack was selected as an outstanding student by the faculty of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science.



Part of Phil Atkins Alger Collection.



**WINNER OF THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE** Library Contest Jack Bales, senior from Aurora, displays one of his autographed first edition Horatio Alger novels. More of Bales' collection, which includes 109 of Alger's 123 novels, is on shelves behind him.

## Horatio Alger Fan Wins IC Contest

The interest of an Illinois College senior in Horatio Alger and his works has brought him first prize in the annual all-school library contest.

Jack Bales of Aurora has been an Alger fan for years.

and has collected 109 of the 123 novels which he wrote, including some autographed first editions.

Bales is national historian and vice president of the Horatio Alger Society, and at their recent convention was winner of an annual award for dedication to the organization.

He has written one chapter of a book about Alger to be published soon, and hopes to eventually do a complete volume of his own. He also is author of some 40 published articles. The original of one has been placed in the historical collection of Brandeis University.

Not surprisingly, Bales is majoring in English at Illinois College, where he will be graduated May 27.

**NEW NEWSBOY**

**EDITOR**

# JACK BALES

## EDITORIAL

It is with a sense of regret and relief that I turn over the Editorship of THE NEWSBOY to Jack Bales.

I have enjoyed working on the Newsboy, working with the members of our Society that gave so much of their time and effort to make our newsletter a paper to be proud of.

I knew that when I took over I could never fill the shoes of our founder and Editor Forrest Campbell but I did try to do my best. I want to thank all of you that helped with articles, stories and news items. I hope you will all keep up the good work and give your full support to Jack.

Carl Hartmann, PF-102

## THE HOOSIER

## VOICE OF FELLOWSHIP

The last issue of VOICE OF FELLOWSHIP published by HAS members Amos and Priscilla Smith, carried a complete account of the convention in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

The VOICE OF FELLOWSHIP is published semi-monthly except July and August at \$1.50 per year in the interest of Unitarian Universalist churches. Below is part of the article as it appeared.



Horatio Alger, Jr.

Anytime is a good time to write about Horatio Alger, Jr., especially in a Unitarian Universalist paper as he was a Unitarian minister for a time and his writings pointed out that success in life comes with honesty, industry and good habits of behavior. Your editor's attendance at the Horatio Alger Society National Convention held in New Philadelphia, Ohio last week adds another incentive to write about this most popular and prolific author of the 19th century (over 300 million copies sold.)

Strangely enough, Alger didn't set out to be a writer. Born in Revere, Mass., he attended Harvard Divinity School and in 1864 became a Unitarian pastor.

Two years later he decided to try a writing career in New York City. He had a rough time at first and had a natural sympathy for penniless boys of the streets and it was those street urchins who gave him the writing idea that saw him become the best-sold author America has ever known.

While the Alger novels were considered boys' books many girls enjoyed them and, as you may know, a few of the titles featured girls as the heroine.



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Irene Gurman talking to Dick Seddon at the convention.

# BACK ISSUES IN SHORT SUPPLY!!!!!!

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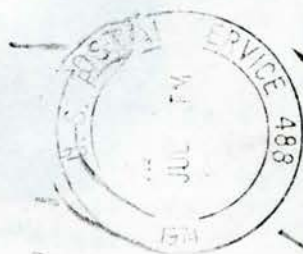
- Vol. 1 - #1 & 7
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- Vol. 4 - #6, 8, 10, 11 & 12
- Vol. 5 - #1 & 2
- Vol. 6 - none
- Vol. 7 - All
- Vol. 8 - All
- Vol. 9 - All
- Vol. 10 - All
- Vol. 11 - #2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10
- Vol. 12 - All

At the present time there are no plans to reprint back issues - so if your set is not complete - order now.

Copies are .50¢ each post-paid. Sent check to Carl Hartmann made out to HAS.

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