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Horatio Alger's Name, Fame Extolled at Geneseo Parley

By BOB BICKEL

GENESEO — Thirty-five members of the Horatio Alger Society from 10 states and their families gathered here this weekend to pay what society president Leo Bennett called "homage to our hero."

At a banquet Saturday night culminating their three-day convention, the "Algerians" renewed for another year their dedication to investigating and proclaiming the name and fame of Alger, the bachelor clergyman whose huge readership for two generations made him one of the most popular authors in American history.

Leo Bennett, an administrator and acting dean at Central Michigan College, summarized some of the events that have occurred since last year's convention that kept Alger's name before scholars and the public:

- Horatio Alger Day was celebrated in the State of Illinois July 18, 1974, marking the 100th anniversary of Alger's death.

- Last November, a plaque was placed at the Elliott Church in South Natick, Mass., where Alger was a minister, establishing the church as a national historic shrine.

- Alger's "Struggling Upward" was published in Japanese last year. An original manuscript of "Out of Business" was discovered. It is half in Alger's hand, half in typescript, establishing that Alger had the help of collaborators on some of his work.

- A bibliography of Alger's short stories and articles was completed last December.

Bennett also said New York State has the most society members with 23, Massachusetts has 22, Michigan and Ohio have 17 each, and California has 14. There are also members in Puerto Rico, Canada, and Japan.

Dr. Leslie Poste of Geneseo, convention host, was re-elected to a three-year term as a director of the society.

The society's "Luck and Pluck" award was given to Daniel Fuller of New Philadelphia, Ohio, for his research and writing on Alger and his works. Fuller, a former treasurer of the society, has made a short film on Alger.

During the convention, there was an auction of Alger novels and other material, including an "extremely rare" quart container of Ballantine beer, empty, donated by J. Boyd Mullan of Rochester.

The banquet ended with a traditional quiz of Alger esoterica prepared by Alger biographer Ralph Gardner. It consisted of such questions as, "Name two Alger stories that appeared in the New York Sun." (There were several, including "Hugo the Deformed," and "Made-line the Temptress.")

Clipping from The Times Union,
May 12, 1975. Full coverage
of Geneseo Convention inside.

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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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.

Manuscripts relating to Horatio Alger's life and works are solicited by the editor.

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A PARTIC'LAR FRIEND PASSES
by Forrest Campbell
Co-founder, HAS

Harry M. Boniece, PF-002, of Phoenix, Arizona, died of a stroke on the night of June 11, 1975, according to word received from his wife, Meribel.

Harry and his wife and son, formerly of Detroit, have been living in Phoenix since 1971. He was born on May 18,

1909 in Lansing, Michigan; later he moved to the Detroit area.

Harry had been a loyal supporter of our early newsletter from its start, as his low number will certify. It was not my privilege or pleasure to have known Harry personally, but we did share a warm relationship through correspondence.

In remembrance of Harry, one word ranks above all others in his attributes and that is "loyalty." He had a good memory and it served him well. He will be missed, not only by his family, but by many of the Horatio Alger Society members as well.

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1975 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

by Jack Bales (with
assistance from Gil
Westgard and Bob
Bennett)

The 1975 Horatio Alger Society Convention broke all previous attendance records as thirty-five members descended on Geneseo, New York to enjoy the hospitality and arrangements that Host Leslie Poste and his wife Virginia prepared for us. These members and their guests included: Brad Alexander (new member), Jack Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barnes and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Bob) Bennett and children, Bob Bickel, Dick Bowerman, Kenneth B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Corcoran, Mr. Robert W. Fertig, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Fisher, Jerry Friedland and his son, Ralph D. Gardner, Dr. and Mrs. Max Goldberg, Evelyn M. Grebel, Irene Gurman, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Hafner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hartmann, Paul House, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Kellas, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Langlois, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCord, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd Mullan, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Poste, Mark Preston and his mother, Milton R. Salls, Mrs. Marilyn Saurer and her husband, Mr. Dick Seddon, Mr. and Mrs. Ann Sharrard, Amos Smith, Dale E. Thomas, Karl K. Weber and Gilbert K. Westgard II.

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For those members arriving early, Les had many suggestions for the ones interested in sightseeing. As Gil Westgard writes: "Irene Gurman, Dick Seddon and I spent a delightful Friday afternoon in driving about the area, stopping in an antique store that had a sign in the window advertising "old books." There was nothing in the book section worth purchasing, but I found some patents, one of which I purchased.

"Another stop was at the Scythe Tree Farm. Here we saw a tree with the points of three scythes sticking out of the trunk. During the Civil War, James Wyman Johnson came from a nearby field one morning, hung his scythe in the crotch of a small tree and said, 'Leave the scythe in the tree until I return.' He enlisted in the Union Army, went off to war, and was killed at Plymouth, North Carolina in 1864. His parents, refusing to believe the news of their son's death, left the scythe in the tree where it remains today, with only about two inches of the point sticking out from the tree. It is otherwise completely enveloped. The two other scythes were hung in the tree by two brothers in World War I. Though they both returned safely, they let their scythes remain in the tree, where they are now embedded.

"The first scheduled event was the informal gathering at the home of Les Poste. It was especially interesting to learn that his house was once the local poorhouse. Remember the Alger heroes who were always trying to leave the poorhouse?

"About half of the rooms containing convention attenders were identified by a sign on each door that was about a foot high, and extending the entire width of the door. The names of those within were thus shown to all other Alger collectors. Next year this will be done on all doors."

Bob Bennett gave your editor a number of items to mention. One event that no one at Geneseo needs to be reminded of

is the tremendous buffet dinner that Les had prepared for us. This was at the State University College of Arts and Sciences of Geneseo, and since HAS members had been arriving at different times on Friday, this was the first opportunity for many to get acquainted with each other.

Following the dinner, Les Poste showed us around the College campus, with the final spot of the tour being the Newton Lecture Hall where Ralph Gardner was scheduled to give a talk on our favorite subject - Horatio Alger. This could be called a "multi-media" lecture, for at appropriate moments during his speech, Ralph would push a button, causing a slide picture to flash onto one of three screens above him. These slides included pictures of Alger and his family, and many illustrations from the author's books.

Furthermore, Ralph talked of the various magazine and newspaper ads that have featured Alger, and these were also shown on the screens with either pro or con commentaries coming from ad man Ralph! Following the talk came a spirited question, answer and discussion period.

As always, the book selling and buying session was one of the most popular events at the convention. Early Saturday morning saw many Partic'lar Friends arranging displays (often leaving them to see what other items were for sale) and talking Alger with the other Society members.

Saturday afternoon had no scheduled events, so members spent the time either at the Holiday Inn Motel, on sightseeing tours or in antique and book shops.

The climax of the Convention was of course the banquet Saturday night at the Motel, and it was evident that Les really outdid himself in making sure that people enjoyed themselves - the entire dinner was superb!

After the banquet came the annual

awards ceremony, the auction and Ralph's "AQ (Alger Quotient) Test for AE's (Alger Experts)."

Bob Bickel, Geneseo reporter for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, was presented the Newsboy Award due to his unceasingly thorough coverage of HAS events. The Newsboy Award is given to the person, not necessarily a HAS member, who has done the most to add to our Hero's image. Ralph Gardner made the presentation.

Carl Hartmann gave Dan Fuller the Luck and Pluck Award in absentia. Dan was Treasurer of the Horatio Alger Society for many years, and did an excellent job of keeping the Society's records in order. The Luck and Pluck Award is given to the member who has served the Society in an outstanding manner during the past year. (Dan was unable to attend the Convention, as he is the tennis coach at Kent State University where he teaches, and there was a game scheduled that weekend).

Our congratulations to both Bob and Dan!!

Ralph's annual contest was again a success. There were ten questions, including, "On what body of water did JOHN MAYNARD pilot his ship? An EXTRA point if you can name the ship." Though many knew the first answer, I believe only Gil Westgard had the second part right. There was a five way tie for first place (but all received ball point pens from Ralph as prizes): Evelyn Grebel, Jerry Friedland, Gil Westgard, Bob Bennett and Jack Bales. If you desire a copy of the test, write your editor.

Ralph acted as auctioneer for the second annual HAS auction. (His act alone was worth all the money spent)!! The results succeeded everyone's expectations, as several hundred much welcomed dollars were given to the Society's Treasury. Following is a list of donors-items-receivers:

Judson Berry-Saturday Evening Post with article about Horatio Alger in it-Paul Miller; Jerry Friedland-Loring first edition of The Young Outlaw-Jerry Friedland; Les Poste-Mayes' biography of Alger-Carl Hartmann; J. Boyd Mullan-eight beer cans-Les Poste, Carl Hartmann, Jerry Friedland, Les Langlois, Karl Weber, Paul Miller, Jerry Friedland and Jack Bales; J. Boyd Mullan-twenty-six Alger reprint titles-Les Poste; Dick Seddon-first edition of From Canal Boy to President-Dale Thomas; J. Boyd Mullan-Stamp first day cover of George Eastman-Mrs. Paul Miller; Dick Seddon-Loring Mark the Match Boy-Ann Sharrard; Dale Thomas-three bound copies of the Alger novels that Gil Westgard discovered-Carl Hartmann; Karl Weber-three china plates-Evelyn Grebel; Karl Weber-glass bowl-Milton Salls; Karl Weber-five wine glasses-Ken Butler; Karl Weber-china candy dish-Ken Butler; Karl Weber-china dish-J. Boyd Mullan; Karl Weber-two china plates-Ken Butler; Dave Kanarr-hand drawn portrait of Horatio Alger-Jack Bales.

Our thanks to all donors and buyers who helped make this auction a success!

After the banquet, many members stayed up conversing till late hours. Gil Westgard's and my room was filled to capacity as Dick Seddon, Carl Hartmann and Barry Bennett performed magic tricks for our enjoyment. Also, Gil had the only coffee pot around, and numerous convention goers made periodic stops in the room for coffee breaks. As Gil wrote me: "I was quite surprised to find what a hit my coffee pot made. Intending to use it only to make a mid-afternoon or late night cup of tea or coffee, I soon found that word had spread that Gil had a coffee pot, and soon our room became a gathering spot for thirsty collectors and their wives. In fact, I had to go to the local grocery when my supply of instant coffee was exhausted."

Sunday morning saw the end of another Convention, as members departed for their homes after breakfast. Our thanks again to Les and Virginia Poste!!

June-July

HAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Geneseo, N. Y. May 9, 1975

Minutes

by Gil Westgard

(Editor's Note: The annual Horatio Alger Society Board of Directors Meeting is not a closed meeting. The business at hand is not "cut and dried," for real problems always exist, and there is always much discussion back and forth. Thus, if any convention attendee wishes to be present at this yearly meeting, he is always welcome to participate).

Present: Ralph Gardner, Richard R. Seddon, Carl T. Hartmann, Les Poste, Bob Bennett, Evelyn Grebel, Dale Thomas, Les Langlois, Paul House, Gilbert K. Westgard II.

I. Membership Report: As of May 1, 1975, HAS had 180 members. The Society gained 29 new members, but lost 59. It was felt that the losses were due to the increased dues.

II. Financial Report, Dale Thomas:
Cash on hand as of May 10, 1975 - \$53.27; Loan by member - \$100.00;
Total receipts - \$2,073.00; TOTAL: \$2,226.27.

Disbursements: \$2,154.22; Cash balance as of May 8, 1975: \$72.05. However, several bills are outstanding.

(Editor's Note: Any member desiring an itemized report of the above can write to me).

III. Due to rising postal costs, it was decided that Carl Hartmann will send the Newsboy by the least expensive postal rate.

IV. Increased prices for back issues. Starting July, 1974, single issues (16 pages each) will be \$1.00, double issues (32 pages each) will be \$2.00. All previous issues will be priced at the previous cost of \$0.50 each.

V. Future auctions at conventions -

Any item will be allowed if it makes money for the Horatio Alger Society. No minimum bids or reserve bids will be allowed. (This may be reconsidered next year).

VI. Convention publicity - to be included in all issues of the Newsboy. All events will be opened to non-members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bob Bennett

The 1975 Horatio Alger Society Convention was held in Geneseo, New York and hosted by PF-334 Leslie Poste and his lovely wife Virginia. On behalf of the Society, I would again like to thank Les and Virginia for a fine convention.

A new convention record was established as thirty-five dues paying members were among the over sixty persons in attendance. Les Langlois (PF-093) and Carl Hartmann (PF-102) attended their eleventh consecutive convention to remain as the only two society members who have been at every event.

The 1976 Convention will be hosted by Gilbert Westgard (PF-024) and will be held on May 6-7-8-9 in Rosemont, Illinois. Mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to be with us next year.

Les Poste was re-elected to his position of Director, for a three year term expiring in 1978. The current roster of the Society's officers and the expiration dates of their terms of office is as follows:

President - Bob Bennett (1976)
Vice-President-- Evelyn Grebel (1976)
Treasurer - Dale Thomas (1976)
Director - Judson Berry (1976)
Director - Ralph Gardner (1976)
Director - Dick Seddon (1976)
Director - Les Poste (1978)
Executive Secretary - Carl Hartmann (1976)

Committee assignments for the 1975-76 year are as follows:

Newsboy Award Committee - Brad Chase, Chairperson; Jerry Friedland and Ann Sharrard.

The responsibility of this committee is to accept and screen recommendations for the Newsboy Award. The committee will deliver no more than three names to the President who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Newsboy Award is given to the person, not necessarily a member, who has done the most to add to Alger's image.

Luck and Pluck Award Committee - Paul Fisher, Chairperson; Paul Miller and Amos Smith.

The Luck and Pluck Award Committee will accept and screen recommendations for the Luck and Pluck Award. The committee will deliver no more than three names to the President who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Luck and Pluck Award is given to the person who has served the Society in an outstanding manner during the past year.

Members wishing to nominate persons for the above two awards should send supporting evidence to the chairperson of the respective committee no later than March 1, 1976.

Nominating Committee - Irene Gurman, Chairperson; Max Goldberg and Carl Thieme.

The Nominating Committee will accept and screen nominations for the Society officers' positions expiring in 1976. Vacancies for two year terms ending in 1978 will occur in the Presidency, Vice-Presidency and Treasureship. The Directorship held by Judson Berry is filled by the immediate past president and is not an elected position. The Executive Secretary is appointed for a three year term by the President.

Members wishing to place names in nomination should submit their nominations to chairperson Irene Gurman prior to March 1, 1976. The nominating committee will select no more than three names for each of the elected positions and balloting will take place at the 1976 Convention.

The Board of Directors decided to mail the Newsboy at third class bulk rate for the coming year. It is anticipated that with rising postal rates expected, we can avoid any additional dues increase and effect a savings of approximately \$400.00. We will attempt to not inconvenience members by mailing the Newsboy earlier in the month and hopefully, each issue will arrive at approximately the same time as you now receive it.

(Editor's Note: This Convention issue is rather late, due to the time needed to collect photographs, obtain convention copy, etc. However, the August issue should be delivered on schedule, as should all issues following).

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ATTENDANCE AT HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY CONVENTIONS by Bob Bennett

Figure in parentheses indicates number of persons attending.

1965 - Mendota, Illinois	(14)
1966 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(19)
1967 - Des Moines, Iowa	(22)
1968 - New Haven, Connecticut	(24)
1969 - Kalamazoo, Michigan	(9)
1970 - Revere, Massachusetts	(13)
1971 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota	(14)
1972 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	(20)
1973 - Indianapolis, Indiana	(30)
1974 - New Philadelphia, Ohio	(27)
1975 - Geneseo, New York	(35)
1976 - Rosemont, Illinois	(??)

ELEVEN CONVENTIONS

Les Langlois and Carl Hartmann.

TEN CONVENTIONS

Paul House.

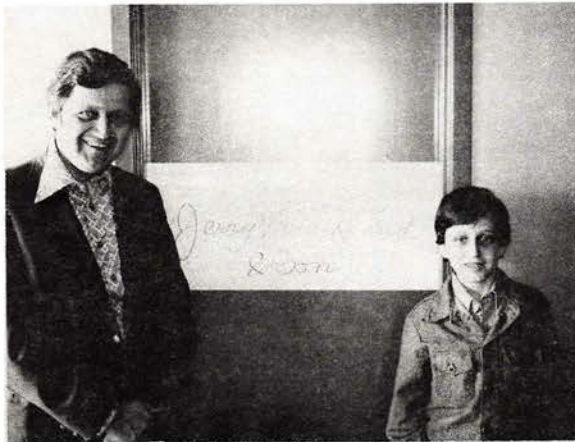
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At Board of Directors' meeting, May 9, 1975 are (from lower lefthand corner clockwise): Director Ralph Gardner, Director Dick Seddon, Secretary Carl Hartmann, Convention Host and Director Les Poste, President Bob Bennett, Vice-President Evelyn Grebel and Treasurer Dale Thomas.



The Holiday Inn of Geneseo welcomes all HAS members.



This sign with "Jerry Friedland and Son" on it was one of many that Gil Westgard taped onto conventioners' doors. Next year, Gil promises that all doors will have them!



Bob Bennett's son Barry shows some of the books he acquired during the book selling/buying session Saturday morning.



These three top pictures show scenes from the Saturday evening banquet at the Geneseo Holiday Inn.



The picture below shows Jack Bales, Evelyn Grebel and Dick Seddon at the 11th annual Horatio Alger Society Convention banquet.

Carl Hartmann, Barry Bennett and Jean Hartmann at the book buying/session Saturday morning.



11th Annual
Horatio Alger Society
Convention
Geneseo, New York
Host - Dr. Leslie Poste



ALGER SOCIETY HONORS BICKEL

The 11th annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society, held at Geneseo, ended Saturday with a banquet at the Holiday Inn of Geneseo. The three-day convention attracted a record number of members and their families from ten states, the largest number from New York State.

Announcement was made at the banquet of the two highly regarded annual awards of the Horatio Alger Society — the Luck and Pluck Award and the Newsboy Award. The Luck and Pluck Award, given to a member for valued services to the Horatio Alger Society, was presented to former treasurer Daniel Fuller of New Philadelphia, Ohio, for his research and writing on Alger.

Robert M. Bickel, Geneseo reporter for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, was the surprised and modest recipient of the Newsboy Award for his distinguished coverage of Horatio Alger events locally commencing with the official proclamation on February 2, 1973, of Horatio Alger Day in Geneseo.

Previous recipients of the Newsboy Award include: Ralph D. Gardner, Gilbert Westgard II, Forrest Campbell, Aurand Harris, Hal McCuen, S. N. Behrman, Max Goldberg, Bill Henderson, and Dr. Leslie Poste.

Last Friday evening, "Horatio Alger and the American Hero Era," a public multimedia presentation by Ralph D. Gardner, was presented by the Horatio Alger Society and the School of Library and Information Science at the College as another convention highlight.

Leo (Bob) Bennett, acting dean at Central Michigan College and president of the Horatio Alger Society, reported at the banquet on Alger developments of the past year, including: the State of Illinois Proclamation July 18 of Horatio Alger Day in observance of the 75th anniversary of Alger's death; the naming of the Elliott Church in South Natick, Mass., where Alger served as a minister, as a national historic shrine; and the publication in Japanese of Alger's "Struggling Upward."

In other business conducted at the banquet, Dr. Leslie Poste, professor of library and information science at the College and convention host, was re-elected to a three-year term as a director of the society; and the convention site for next year was approved as Des Plaines, Illinois.

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Geneseo, New
York, May 15, 1975.



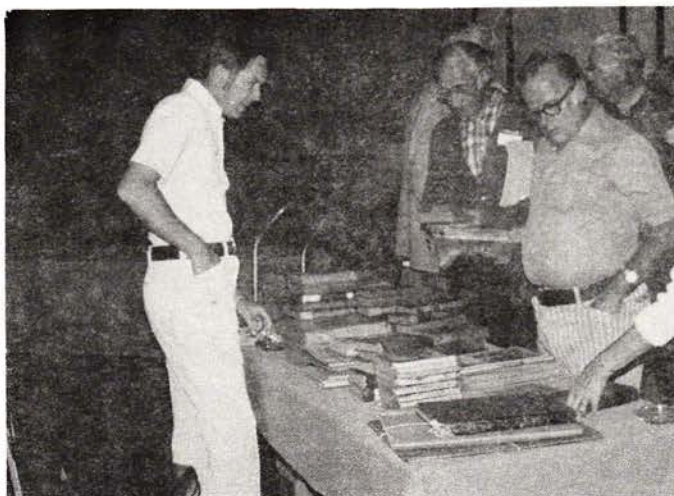
HAS Secretary Carl Hartmann gives the Luck and Pluck Award in absentia to former Society Treasurer Dan Fuller.



Ralph Gardner, Bob Bennett and Les Poste before Dave Kanarr's drawing of our Hero.



Ralph Gardner presents the Newsboy Award to Bob Bennett as Bob Bennett watches.



HAS members look over Bob Bennett's collection of books at the annual book sale.

Horatio Alger Society members converse during annual banquet at Geneseo, New York.



Max and Ida Goldberg enjoy Les Poste's buffet dinner Friday evening at the State University College of Arts and Sciences in Geneseo, New York.

NINE CONVENTIONS

Ken Butler and Ralph Gardner.

EIGHT CONVENTIONS

Jack Row.

SEVEN CONVENTIONS

None.

SIX CONVENTIONS

Gilbert K. Westgard II, Dan Fuller and Bob Bennett.

FIVE CONVENTIONS

Forrest Campbell, Irene Gurman, Jack Bales and Dale Thomas.

FOUR CONVENTIONS

Judson Berry, Evelyn Grebel, Leslie Poste and Keith Barnes.

THREE CONVENTIONS

Max Goldberg, Milton Salls, Blanche Lloyd, Herb Risteen, Irving Poznan, Ralph Anderson, Bette Bogue, Carl Thieme, Amos Smith, Paul Miller and Marilyn Saurer.

TWO CONVENTIONS

Max Friedman, Ed Levy, Darel Leipold, Rohima Walter, Cecilia Wild, Joseph Wild, Eugene Hafner, Eddie Westgard, Norman Hanson, Frank Eisenberg, Ralph Brandt, Dick Seddon, Bill McCord, Jerry Friedland and Brad Chase.

ONE CONVENTION

Eddie LeBlanc, Ed Reynolds, Gladys Judson, John Sullivan, Hal McCuen, Frances Henry, George May, Pauline Millen, Paul Alger, Paul Fisher, Steve Press, George Miller, Don Shinner, Harlan Miller, Philip Neufeld, L. F. Hartsock, Norman Peterson, Max Sheldon, Jacqueline Steele, Robert Birkhimer, Karl Weber, Sylvester Mangini, Stewart McLeish, Russell Dock, J. Yale Rubin, Robert Banks, George Clarke, George Blackburn, William DiCarlo, Edna Banks, Joseph Festa, Gary Lemon, Keith Allen, Al Sukut, Ann Sharrard, Bill Henderson, Glenn Corcoran, Wallace Robinson, Joseph Kellas, Alan Quick, Gary Scharnhorst, Bob Fertig, J. Boyd Mullan, Alta Bonk, Alex Shaner, Philip Atkins, Ira

Marshall, Lloyd Merrill, Harry Lane, Bob Bickel, Mark Preston, Dick Bowerman and Brad Alexander.

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REFLECTIONS

by Brad Chase

We're back home now, Ann and me,
Back from Geneseo with spirit free,
Rich with memories worth any fee.
Another Alger venture done--
Another set of friendships won;
Three full days of Alger fun.

Now's the time to reflect and smile,
As recall provides from its file
A series of events well worth the while;
Events involving people, not of kin--
But drawn together because of HIM;
Partic'lar friends through thick and thin.

Overall success according to most,
Was due to the efforts of the hosts,
The very gracious Les and Virginia Poste.

A year of effort showed up well,
As the whole affair seemed to jell,
And went like clockwork at the bell.

No one thing seemed the hit;
We gabbed, laughed and listened to wit;
Traded, antiques and even sipped a bit.
We learned from Ralph and his magic flicks,

Explored the area pursuing our kicks,
And were even amazed at Seddon's tricks!

We went here and there and did this and that;

Climbed college hill, rested some and sat--

Always anxious about Alger to chat
With those who know and willingly share
Their extensive knowledge at no fare;
That's the glue that bound us there...

Images flash before my eyes,
Of people and events not large in size,
But the kind that make for closer ties:
Of Ralph's curved pipe and its substantial size--

And Jerry's smile after one of his buys;
What about Bowerman's ride which mortifies!

Then there was Max asking his whys
 Even the trick that failed as Hartmann
 cries!
 And Bennett at the banquet asking for
 ayes,
 Followed by Ralph auctioning good buys;
 And the annual quiz which all of us
 tried,
 Was won by Westgard, Bennett and Bales--
 all tied;
 (Bet Fuller would've won if he had
 tried!)

Images continue with one of Gil
 At his refreshment bar, cups to fill;
 And of Bennett's boy trying his skill--
 And Seddon testing Max's will.
 As I recall these, I'm laughing still!
 Precious moments I'll remember till.....

A moment at the banquet providing a
 thrill,
 Was when fond greetings were sent to
 Forrest and Phil,
 Reassuring them we remembered them
 still.
 Another moment that we should hark
 Was when Hafner gave the books to Mark--
 My...that was special.....!
 These moments were special for me--
 They show a kinship worth any fee,
 For they were in HIS spirit, you see.

Yes, we were there and it was fun,
 Now the Inn is quiet; the deals are
 done;
 Over now for another twelve month run.
 We have these reflections to grasp and
 hold,
 Precious memories as good as gold,
 To be mental warmth on nights so cold.

So, between arriving at Poste's with all
 its "hi"s,
 And leaving on Sunday midst sad good
 byes,
 T'was a meaningful pause in all of our
 lives.
 We now close the covers for another
 year,
 With a smile, a giggle and perhaps a
 tear,
 But knowing that indeed, Horatio was
 near!

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- PF-000 Forrest Campbell
 P. O. Box 932
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- PF-382 Norman Smith
 Plantation Club Condominium
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 Plantation, Florida 33314
- PF-452 Reynold Weidenaar
 37631 Euclid Ave.
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094
- PF-148 Paul Fisher
 281 Calle Del Santo
 Green Valley, Arizona 85614
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 NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

- PF-460 Harvey Seidel
 Rt. 1 Box 1820
 Cody, Wyoming 82414

Harvey, owner of thirteen Alger
 titles, is Pastor of Grace Baptist
 Church. He learned of the Horatio
 Alger Society through a friend in
 Cody.

- PF-461 B. Bradley Alexander
 218 Meadowbrook Farm
 North Chili, New York 14514

Brad is a bookkeeper and is inter-
 ested in collecting and trading Alger
 books. He joined HAS at the Geneseo
 Convention, and his other hobbies in-
 clude collecting Boy Scout fiction and
 official Boy Scout publications. He is
 twenty-two years old.

- PF-462 Nelson C. Leland
 Mount Desert, Maine 04660

Nelson owns fifty Algers, and he learned of the Horatio Alger Society in a newspaper article. He collects pewter and old tools, Tom Swift books, the Rover Boys Series and books by Joseph C. Lincoln.

PF-463 Richard (Dick) F. Bales
508 Terry Ave.
Aurora, Illinois 60506

Dick is your editor's twin brother, so it is obvious where he heard of HAS. He is a history teacher, enjoys reading history and archaeological related materials, and is interested in the influence that Alger had upon people in the 1800's.

PF-464 Tom Stotler
Downeast Book Service
Pierce's Pond Road
Penobscot, Maine 04476

Tom read of the Horatio Alger Society in The Boys' Book Collector, and he is very enthusiastic about his new membership.

PF-465 Stephen Gillette
202 N. Monroe St.
Watkins Glen, New York 14891

Stephen attended Ralph Gardner's talk at the Geneseo Convention, and joined the HAS shortly afterwards. He is an auto parts store manager, owns twenty Algers, and wants to learn more about our favorite author.

PF-466 Richard S. Ferguson
Box 48
Cameron Mills, New York 14820

An antique dealer told Richard of the Horatio Alger Society. A retired glass worker, his other interests are all collecting ones: coins, cast iron banks and paperweights.

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B C O K M A R T

The listing of Alger books in this department is free to our members. Please list title, publisher, condition

and price.

Offered by Jerry Friedland, 6 Elyise Road, Monsey, New York 10952.

Young Captain Jack	G&D	Vg \$12.50
Jerry, Backwoods Boy	G&D	Ex 12.50
Only an Irish Boy	Winston	8.00
(P&C first edition design binding)		
Wren Winter's Triumph		Vg 8.50
Bound <u>Student and Schoolmate</u> , 1867, full serial of <u>Ragged Dick</u> and two Alger short stories, inside excellent, corners worn, \$45.00		

Offered by Eddie LeBlanc, 87 School Street, Fall River, Mass. 02720.

The following are Algers in the Street and Smith "Brave and Bold" Series. All are in mint condition.

#45	Adrift in New York, 1st ed.	\$25.00
#58	The Erie Train Boy	5.00
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The following are issues from Student and Schoolmate. All contain Alger works

Vol. 17, no. 1, no cover, otherwise good, contains Part I of Alger's "Sam's Adventures." Jan., 1866 issue. \$2.00

Vol. 17, no. 2, bad condition, but Part II of "Sam's Adventures" is complete. Feb., 1866 issue. \$2.00

Vol. 17, no. 5, May 1866 issue, a little ragged, but contains Alger's "The Rivals." \$4.00

Vol. 18, no. 1, July 1866 issue, good, contains Part I of "Harry Lynch's Trip to Boston." \$3.00

Vol. 18, no. 3, Sept., 1866 issue, ragged, contains Part II of "Harry Lynch's Trip to Boston." \$5.00

Vol. 18, no. 4, Oct., 1866 issue, good, contains conclusion of "Harry Lynch's Trip to Boston." \$5.00

Vol. 18, no. 5, Nov., 1866 issue, good, contains "The King of the Play-Ground," part I. \$5.00

Vol. 18, no. 6, Dec., 1866 issue, fair, contains conclusion to "The King of the Play-Ground." \$4.00

Vol. 19, no. 3, good, contains an

The Des Plaines Suburban Times

Thursday, May 22, 1975

Westgard's Horatio Alger Dream Story Comes True



Horatio Alger Jr.

It was almost like a Horatio Alger dream story come true for Des Plaines' No. 1 fan of that 19th century author who boosted pluck and luck to highest heights of idealism.

Gilbert K. Westgard II has just returned from attending the 11th annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society in Geneseo, N. Y., with a commitment to hold the 1976 convention, May 6-9, in Des Plaines.

But that wasn't the biggest news. On his way back, Westgard visited Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, daughter of Alger's successor, Edward Stratemeyer, in Maplewood, N. J. Mrs. Adams, now 82, and her father authored hundreds of children's adventure stories, including the Tom Swift, Hardy Boys, Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew series.

Westgard was invited to spend a couple of days at the Adams home and Stratemeyer Syndicate headquarters, and while prowling through the attic of a carriage house, he found a stack of old manuscripts, books and letters of the two famed authors.

Among them was an unpublished Horatio Alger outline for a book, written just before his death. Alger had designated Stratemeyer as his successor and willed his manuscripts to him.

With the outline, said Westgard, were 2½ chapters typewritten. Stratemeyer evidently had started to write a story on Alger's outline, but never finished it. Westgard was given a copy of the outline and unfinished story.

Horatio Alger Jr. had his first short story published in 1849 when he was 17 years old. His first novel, "Hugo," was published in 1857, and was republished by the Suburban Times about two years ago.

The Horatio Alger Society was organized in 1965 in Mendota, Ill., Westgard said, and the 1976 convention will mark the first time it has returned to this state. He said about 35 persons attended this year's gathering.

installment of Ragged Dick. March, 1867 issue. \$5.00

Vol. 20, no. 4, Oct., 1867 issue, good, contains an installment of Ragged Dick. \$5.00

Vol. 21, no. 1, Jan., 1868 issue, fair, contains installment of Fame and Fortune. \$4.00

Vol. 21, no. 3, March, 1868 issue, very good, contains installment of Fame and Fortune. \$5.00

Vol. 23, no. 1, Jan., 1869 issue, very good, contains installment of Rough and Ready. \$5.00

Vol. 24, no. 1, July 1869 issue, very good, contains installment of Rough and Ready. \$5.00

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Crown Jewels, or Gems of Literature, by Henry Davenport Northrop, 1888, Cincinnati, Ohio, 632 pages, two poems by Alger - "Carving a Name" and "John Maynard." \$20.00

Gems for the Fireside, by O. H. Tiffany, no date, Tecumseh, Michigan, good, 914 pages, contains "John Maynard." \$8.00

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9 Stratemeyer's, 1 Charles Coffin, 1 James Otis deluxe edition, and 1 Oliver Optic - all books for \$30.00. post paid.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN "BOOK MART"

G = Good, Vg = Very good, Ex = Excellent, G&D = Grosset and Dunlap, and P&C = Porter and Coates.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Carl Hartmann

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Vol. 6 - No. 10
Vol. 7 - All
Vol. 8 - All
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AN ALGER TYPE INCIDENT IN HISTORY

by Milton R. Salls

The assertion has been made by the many Horatio Alger biographers that most of his heroes made their fortunes by a fortuitous set of circumstances. Some of them stopped runaway horses, some rescued the drowning child of a wealthy business man. This surely is true in many Alger stories, but perhaps Horatio was aware of the old saying that success is usually based on "Whom you know" rather than "What you know."

Recently I was reading a "History of Aviation," and came across the following true incident.

In the year 1909, when aviation was in its infancy, the London Daily Mail offered a large prize to the first person to fly the English Channel. Among several who planned to enter this race was a young French aviator by the name of Louis Bleriot.

The eleventh hour financial support which enabled Bleriot to cast his lot in the Channel competition came wholly by chance. On July 1st, his wife Alice was visiting friends when she providentially saved the life of a young boy, the son of a wealthy Haitian planter named LaRogue, who had a deep interest in aeronautics. That evening the LaRogues called upon the Bleriot to express their thanks. During the course of their visit they learned how hard-pressed Bleriot was - the motor of his aeroplane was not even paid for. LaRogue spontaneously wrote a check for 25,000 francs and tendered it to Bleriot.

Bleriot was overjoyed and promised LaRogue one half of the Daily Mail prize, should he win it. This he did on July 25, 1909 - and he lived happily ever after (at least until his death on August 6, 1936, at age 64). His factory was soon to be the most successful of all aeronautical undertakings and his planes were considered the best in the world for some years. In fact, his production became the famous S.P.A.D. of World War I.

RANDOM REPORTS FROM ALGERLAND

by Jack Bales

During the banquet at the Geneseo Convention, members signed get well cards to two HAS members who were then in the hospital: Forrest Campbell and Phil "Tex" Atkins. I recently received a letter from Forrest in which he said, "I am on the way to complete recovery, and if it is not too late, please extend my grateful thanks for the group-signed get well card which I received while in the hospital, as well as those personal cards received from other partic'lar friends."

Carl Hartmann asks that you correct the PF numbers of the following members:
Masaaki Kishi should be 447
John E. Clauss should be 457
John M. Warren should be 458
Georganne W. Hendry should be 459.

Mark Preston, one of our younger members, attended his first Horatio Alger Society Convention last May. He sent me a letter shortly afterwards in which he asked if I "could put a message in the Newsboy saying that I would like to thank everybody for the books that they gave me. Especially Mr. Eugene Hafner, who gave me 27 books, and Mr. Paul Miller, who gave me my first Loring. Also, thanks to my mother, for driving 800 miles just to get me there. I am very thankful to these people."

HAS member Amos Smith, who with his wife co-edits The Hoosier Voice of Fellowship, devoted the first one and one half pages of the May 28, 1975 issue to an account of the Geneseo Convention. Amos said that the article has sparked some interest in Alger, and that we may have one or two new members soon. Thanks very much, Amos!

The Fall, 1974 issue of the Journal of Popular Culture contained an article I had written on the Mayes hoax. As a result, Carl Hartmann has received numerous requests for the January-February, 1974 Newsboy, which detailed the hoax. One of the more recent ones was from the John F. Kennedy-Institut Fur Amerikastudien in Berlin, Germany.