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Morton is a retired U. S. Government official and is now an international marketing consultant. Owner of 41 Algers, he also collects Optics and Swifts. He heard of HAS through Antique News.

- PF-734 William R. McMahon  
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William, a judge, is interested in "promoting Alger's stories' themes--that because of our freedom in the U.S. one can accomplish anything he wants to do." He learned of the Alger Society from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. 18 titles are in his collection.

- PF-735 R. R. LaRocca  
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Canfield, Ohio 44406

Owner of 60 Alger books, R. R. is a State Farm Insurance Agent. HAS member Paul Miller told him of the Alger Society.



## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor are welcome, but may be edited or condensed due to space limitations.

119 N. Harper Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
June 6, 1984

Dear Jack, (Professor Jack, I shoulda said!)

The first man who says, "First time in long time no see/hear/write..." must stand in a corner for ten minutes and feel ashamed, eh?

My recollection of your last letter is that you were about to marry some beautiful/rich/talented/understanding and everloving woman, and I hope you did and assuming you are a bright lad and did become a husband, I send you my warmest congratulations on your good taste, wisdom, perspicacity/dim regard for the future and disdain for what your friends advised you. And I hope you're firmly settled in as a housekeeper and know that without detergent the dishes won't wash squeaky clean and that dish towels' most important quality is absorptive power. And don't tell me you don't do the dishes...!!!!

As if it's an excuse, which it never is, I have been a very busy fella, what with my duties as executor of my brother's estate, acting as patriarch of my large family (30) and remembering all birthdays, anniversaries, graduation dates, and other such familial data (a fella really needs a computer). I'm still doing a bit of writing, dusting off my Alger, Tom Swift, and Frank Merriwell collections, and looking askance at people who say Who was Alger, Burt L. Standish and the Stratemeyer Syndicate, and other such silly questions.

Well, now, Jack, as the warming sounds of summer come softly to the ear and thoughts of a needful rest come to mind --and vegetate there--my wife and I are

planning another trip East but now we are going to relax here at home first, before venturing into the skies so dotted with planes, or the rails that the unfriendly r.r. men have pried out of the land because freight service is much more profitable.

Now, sir, I am quite interested in learning what you--all have been doing, thinking, reading, working at, and other such activities you have been involved in.

And yes, I will attend a HA convention--when it is fairly close to Los Angeles. In between the meantime, I enjoy reading about these goings-on.

And what else is new, my friend?

Yours,  
David Soibelman

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503 Avenue G  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
July 18, 1984

Dear Jack,

I was indeed delighted to meet Judy Seddon Barton recently. She presented an unusual opportunity to share a part of her father with all members of HAS through the Newsboy and at the recent Alger convention. Her interest in making her father's collection of valuable and rare titles available to fellow collectors was well received by all. I thank her, once again, for that opportunity.

The excitement and genuine interest generated by each participating individual through written bids and/or in person at the auction further verified this. This proved to be an excellent way of disposing of a private collection of this type. The collection remains in the hands of "collectors" who well appreciate the value; and, hopefully, will keep these titles available sooner or later for other present and future collectors. It provides a financial resource for those inheriting



or for those disposing of a collection privately without the involvement of various outside sources. It is an avenue of finding just the right "home", at the right "time", and for the right "price".

All this enthusiasm and excitement has been drastically dampened and the ability to purchase books at reasonable prices has been damaged by the total lack of discretion used in both the Newsboy and the Dime Novel Round-Up. My overwhelming disappointment lies in the fact that a listing was published. And, once published, the listing of each book with the dollar value was not followed by any further individual description as noted with the pre-auction material. There certainly are better ways of passing on these auction results to those interested parties that were directly involved.

Now every book collector, book dealer, antiquarian and librarian will declare their copy of any published Alger book to be of the same value if not more, regardless of state or condition. It has already happened to me in my dealings this past week with three individuals who just happened to read these two publications. What happens now when this poorly presented material is passed on (as it already has) to book and antique dealers, as well as book collectors, who often, through no fault of theirs, misinterpret and misjudge the overall condition and state of a book? The long term effect is yet untold. The goose that laid the golden egg has been cooked! We, avid but humble collectors, will be priced out of the market place when trying to add to or upgrade our collections. Understandably, on the other side of the coin, we all would like to receive full dollar value for our books but we must all bear in mind that only top condition will bring top money for our collections, even for those rare and hard to find titles.

Our field of collecting does not need any more misinformation. We, above all

others, must and should present information on our field of interest in an intelligent, useful, knowledgeable fashion or we will destroy the art, the challenge, and the fun of buying, selling and collecting books.

The efforts undertaken in the task to evaluate and list the Seddon collection stated that Judy Seddon Barton's privacy be protected. These efforts failed, as apparently no consideration was given to the responsibility of respecting her privacy after the auction. In disposing of my collection, I certainly would strongly object to the publication of such detailed dollar information, but that is a total matter of personal choice which should be taken into account by each individual at the time of disposing of a collection.

The excitement of a dream come true has been turned into a bad dream by the lack of judgement, intelligence, and devotion which were laid aside in a rare moment of HAS history. Let's not forget the obligation to all Partic'lar Friends to encourage the spirit of "Strive and Succeed" and to take a closer look at self preservation with respect for fellow collectors and especially for future collectors to come. Pricing ourselves out of the market place certainly defeats the dreams of such individuals as Forrest Campbell and Ken Butler. I truly believe that they meant this society to be enjoyed by all individuals who are from all walks of life, young and old, rich or poor, and that we all are able to pursue an interest with the same enthusiasm as any one of Alger's heroes would have.

To be able to walk into an old New England bookstore and find an illusive copy of Bertha's Christmas Vision or, any other difficult title for that matter, for \$5.00 is still the dream of every collector. Let's try to keep it that way!

Sincerely,  
Hank Gravbelle

September-October



[Editor's note: Copies of this letter were sent to Brad Chase, Eugene Hafner, Edward LeBlanc, Bob Sawyer, and Jim Thorp].

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2019 SE 8th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50315  
June 28, 1984

Dear Jack,

The Series Book convention was marvelous--very friendly atmosphere. Too much to do, though, but wonderful folks. Margaret Sutton was one of those "grandmotherly" types, very approachable. Goodwin and Epstein were outgoing, also. Funny, but they were at least as excited to meet us as we were they. Hal Goodwin introduced himself to me by saying, "Gil, I've been wanting to meet you," and Margaret Sutton was excited to get Dave Farah to autograph a photo of himself for her. So who were the real celebrities there? I was flabbergasted by the attention Yellowback Library got; guess it has a bigger following than I imagined (due to its contributors, though, more than anything I've done, to be honest). Chenu, Duttar, Randy Cox, Gene Lee--all great folks. I was exhausted afterwards. Took a few photos--will run 'em in YL #22.

Found some old dime novels lately in Des Moines--rarely ever come across 'em in this city. Paperback book store owner has about 4 dozen, most of them Bragin reprints, but some Tip Tops, Buffalo Bill, Beadles in original editions. Only asking \$2.50 each, so I am slowly buying them from him as I get extra cash.

Take care!,  
Gil O'Gara

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June 14, 1984

Dear Jack,

How are you? Fine, I hope. I am

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still moving pretty well at the age of 87 years.

I just returned from a visit to Detroit for 11 days. While I was there I visited Belle Isle, an island park in the center of the Detroit River. They have a ship museum there and a retired sea captain asked me to buy him the post cards of ships that were sold there.

There is a story in the Belle Isle News about the old newsboy organization that hawks papers on the downtown corners so "no kiddie will go without a Christmas." One of the qualifications to be a member is that you were once a newsboy. Toledo has an old newsboy group that also sells papers and probably other cities also.

Also, I wonder if you could help me? I contributed a framed picture of Horatio Alger, Jr. to the 1983 auction. Did our magazine publish a pamphlet giving the results of the auction and the prices received--donor and purchaser? If so, I never received a copy. I would like to know if this picture was sold and the amount it received.

Your friend,  
Harry Lane

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[Editor's note: The following article is from the May/June 1984 issue of the Belle Isle News]:

### Old Newsboys to Rededicate Brady Statue

Sometime in July (the date has not been set), there will be a pilgrimage on Belle Isle -- a pilgrimage to a monument to charity.

Standing tall on that monument is a statue of a tax collector, James J. Brady, who has become a symbol of giving in Detroit. His arm enfold a little girl in tattered clothing, clinging confidently to his coat. In his other hand he holds a newspaper, symbolizing the medium he used to promote his charity.

Every year, the Old Newsboys make a pilgrimage to the monument on the anniversary of the death of Brady, their founder.





From left to right: Frank Brady, Jr., Frank Brady, Sr., Judge Roland Olzark, Judge Harold Hood, Ed Brady, Dianne Edgecomb, Honorable Thomas Gallagher and F. J. Brady.

This year, however, will be a special occasion, the rededication of the monument that had been vandalized. It will be a social occasion, as well as a ceremony in memory of Brady.

The Newsboys are replacing two bronze plaques that were removed from the monument.

One plaque that had to be replaced contained the dedication date of the monument, June 23, 1928. It says that the monument was sponsored by the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit and paid for by public subscription.

The other replaced plaque is the picture that launched the Old Newsboys. Entitled "The Boy He Used to Be," it shows an affluent businessman carrying a basket of gifts and holding the hand of the ghost of the tattered little newsboy he once was. It appeared in the Detroit News in 1914.

A third plaque is a replica of a cartoon which appeared in the Detroit Journal eight years earlier. Entitled "Forgotten," it shows a little girl slumped over a table with an empty Christmas stocking beside her. It launched the Goodfellow campaign for the Christmas season.

Thomas May, editorial cartoonist of the Detroit Journal, started the Goodfellows after he learned of a little

girl who had sat all day on her front steps waiting for a Santa Claus that hadn't come. The organization consisted of a small group of newspaper employees who filled baskets of food and toys for needy families at Christmas.

The Old Newsboys came into being when Burt Thomas, cartoonist for the Detroit News, saw fellow employees filling Christmas baskets. His cartoon "The Boy He Used to Be" inspired Brady, director of the Internal Revenue Service office in Detroit, who had sold papers as a boy to help his family to contact friends who had also been newsboys and the idea was born.

The Goodfellows and Old Newsboys later merged to form the organization which annually sells papers so that "no child will be without a Christmas."

In its tribute to Brady, an inscription on the statue says:

"Because he loved the children of the poor and devoted his life to good works, his friends have caused this monument to be created and erected."

A history of the Goodfellows says:

"Belle Isle is internationally famous for its beauty and, therefore, it is fitting that this bronze and marble memorial should forever stand in such a setting."



NUMBER 20: or, NOSTALGIA IN NASHUA  
by Bob Sawyer  
Immediate Past President

Horatio Alger left an indelible mark on New England; as a result no other section of our country is so conducive to holding a successful Alger Society Convention as the lovely northeastern corner of the United States. Nashua, New Hampshire was the ideal setting for our 20th annual meeting. The beautiful countryside, the numerous book and antique dealers, the wonderful food, and the friendly people made us all feel that they had just been waiting for us to show up.

Jim and Mary Jane Thorp were the perfect hosts and their two daughters, Dee and Deborah, their son Danny, and Mary Jane's mother, Jane Smith, all played important parts in making us feel welcome.

SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY: I arrived on Sunday, April 29th, and was met by "the early birds," Carl and Jean Hartmann, Bill Leitner, Jerry Friedland, and Tracy Catledge. For the next three days we enjoyed each other's company, visited book shops, antique shops, museums and gourmet restaurants. Tracy Catledge, "The Bookscout" from Florida, bought hundreds of boys' and girls' series books. He would let us cream through the books we wanted and then take what was left. What a nice guy! Carl and Jean located some prize post cards and all of us found additions for our particular facet of collecting. It was a most congenial group touring about in Jerry's 1963 car (with air conditioning on the driver's side). When we weren't searching through shops, we were eating in one of Jerry's restaurants. That was an experience--the food was always delicious, and Jerry took great delight in ordering for everyone, usually ending up paying the bill. Another perfect host!!

WEDNESDAY: Tracy and I broke loose from the others and went to Mattapan, Massachusetts for a visit with Morris

Olsen. Morris, PF-106 and a Charter Member, has a house full of books. Here we spent an enjoyable three or four hours. I came away with several nice Algers, Swifts and Rovers in dust jackets, and a complete run of Short-hand Tom as serialized in the 1894 Good News Weekly. As a Swift collector I was delighted. Tracy did very well and came away with his car trunk full. Morris then drove us to Max Goldberg's in Natick. Here we had a wonderful reunion, we talked with Max for some time, called Ida who is in the hospital, and had an uplifting experience. She cheered us all up and showed us what a great lady she is. Later we went out to dinner and enjoyed a fine, relaxing meal as the guests of Morris. Good conversation between four good friends.

THURSDAY: While waiting for the rest of the conventioners to arrive, Tracy, Bill McCord and myself took one last booking search. In Portsmouth, New Hampshire we found a large shop run by a self-professed expert who stated, "I know everything there is to know about Horatio Alger." We got quite a kick out of coming away from his shop with a mint copy of Bertha's Christmas Vision in a Hurst miniature for \$5.00. I guess he didn't know everything; the book is worth \$35/\$50 at least.

By late afternoon most everyone had gathered in the Hospitality Room for a buffet featuring delicious ham furnished by our Montana member, Floyd R. Martin. For the past several conventions, Floyd has been kind to us. His succulent hams are famous throughout the country and are frequently enjoyed on the table of the White House. After this we went to the home of the Thorps for dessert and coffee and to see Jim's fine Alger collection.

FRIDAY: The first order of business was our annual meeting. Gene Hafner, our Vice-President, reported a slight increase in membership. This in spite of the increase in dues during the past year from \$10 per year to \$15. Alex





*The West Front of Belmont*

This is your editor's new home (no, I'm not rich--I rent part of it). Belmont, built in 1761, is a Registered Virginia and U.S. Historic Site and is on the Rappahannock River. I--and my future wife--would love to host a convention in Fredericksburg (home of dozens of antique shops and is self-proclaimed "America's Most Historic City") and have Thursday's get-together here!

Shaner, our Treasurer, reported the finances to be in healthy liquid condition. See a copy of his detailed financial report on the next page.

The Chairmen of the various Awards Committees reported that they were ready to make said awards on Saturday night at the banquet. The Memorial Committee, headed by Brad Chase, reported that the heirs of several members who have passed away recently have been made aware of the availability of our HAS Estate Service. The details of the Dick Seddon Auction, with the help of a committee of Brad, Jim Thorp, and Eddie LeBlanc, was all in readiness for the event that evening. This involved many hours of work on their part in conjunction with Dick Seddon's daughter, Judy Barton, to inventory the books and present them to the membership, first as an auction of the first editions and some rare items; to be followed by three segments of near first, paper backs, Alger mementoes, and other papers. These will be offered through Newsboy on a bid basis. Special commendation went to Chase and his committee, plus thanks to Mrs. Barton for their hard work on behalf of the Society.

Future conventions, reported by Paul Miller, Chairman. It was pointed out that no word has been heard from Brad Alexander regarding his proposed convention in 1985 in Clarkson, New York. It was thereby assumed that Alexander for the present time is not interested in hosting a convention. Several members expressed interest in hosting future conventions: Gilbert K. Westgard II in the Palm Beach area in Florida; Jim Ryberg, the Houston or Galveston area; Jack Bales, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Tracy Catledge, Florida. After some discussion it was voted to accept Gil Westgard's invitation for the 1985, 21st convention. Tentatively the convention will be held in Texas in 1986.

Bill Russell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was unable to attend. He presented the findings of his committee to Jerry Friedland and Owen Cobb by letter. Gene Hafner was presented as incoming President, replacing retiring Bob Sawyer. Sawyer, according to the by-laws, will be on the Board of Directors for the next two years, replacing Past President Brad Chase. Jim Ryberg was proposed as Vice President. Jim Thorp was nominated as a



Board member for a four year term to replace outgoing Dale Thomas. They recommended that Bob Bennett, past President and board member, be honored as Director Emeritus, joining Ralph Gardner and Max Goldberg in that status. Alex Shaner was suggested for another term as Treasurer. These nominations were accepted in regular form and no further nominations were made. Final vote to be made at the annual banquet.

Bob Sawyer reported that the "Collected in Columbus" 1983 convention actually made money. \$200 was turned over to the 1984 convention and \$109.03 was used by President Sawyer for postage and other expenses of his office in 1983-84. Said expenses were duly listed. It was reported that Morris Olsen planned to bring Max Goldberg, Director Emeritus, for a brief visit to the convention. At that time it was planned to present Max with the first Horatio Alger Friendship Award. Meeting was adjourned.

THE DICK SEDDON AUCTION: This was one of the high points of the convention. Mrs. Judy Barton was on hand and after a delicious buffet and an opportunity for everyone to look over the items offered, we were ready for the auction. President Sawyer pointed out that Mrs. Barton could have disposed of the collection in several ways, or kept it in the family. However, after much thought, she decided to do it this way, the idea being to get the beautiful books of our good friend, Dick Seddon, into as many of the hands of his friends in HAS as possible. Bob Bennett did his usual masterful job as auctioneer and in a little over two hours sold everything for an excess of \$12,000. A goodly segment of those present went home proudly carrying some of Dick's treasures. The highest price paid was \$1,000 for Seeking His Fortune. A detailed report will undoubtedly follow in Newsboy. Mrs. Barton expressed delight at the way the sale was handled. She generously gave 15%

of the receipts to the HAS treasury. A letter follows from Mrs. Barton to President Sawyer:

May 16, 1984

Dear Bob,

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the convention. Everyone was wonderful to me and I felt very welcome and "at home." The highlight, of course, was the fact that so many of the books found such good homes. My wishes were more than fulfilled. It was also very moving but enjoyably so, to speak of Dad with so many people who cared so much.

Jim Thorp, Brad Chase, and Ed LeBlanc have my gratitude for all the hours of hard work and support throughout the cataloging process.

I fully understand now why the Society was so important to my Dad. Never have I seen so many caring people in one place. It is a real tribute to the Society.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend the convention.

Fondly,  
Judy Barton

SATURDAY: The morning was highlighted by a brief visit from Max Goldberg, who greeted many old friends and seemed pleased to be the recipient of the first Horatio Alger Friendship Award in recognition of his many past services to the Society. Max's lovely wife, because of illness, was unable to attend. A card was circulated at the banquet to give members a chance to wish her well. Also on Saturday morning was our annual book sale. For several hours books and related Alger items were bought, sold, and traded. The friendly haggling that takes place at this sale is always a fun part of our convention.

Saturday afternoon was free time.



That evening we attended the annual banquet. Our hosts, Jim and Mary Jane Thorp and their family did themselves proud with an attractive setting and delicious meal. A brief few words were given by our founder, Ken Butler. After a tribute to his co-founder, Forrest Campbell, who recently passed away, he expressed pleasure at attending our 20th annual convention, and congratulated the many members responsible for the healthy growth of our organization. Brad Chase introduced Judy Barton and she told us how much she enjoyed taking part in the activities that had meant so much to her father.

The following awards were presented: Luck and Pluck went to our efficient Treasurer, Alex Shaner; the Newsboy Award to Brad Chase for his excellent treatment of the Algers issued by A.L. Burt; the Dick Seddon Award went to Bob Bennett, Alger authority and long-time hard worker for the Society; the Thorps, hosts par excellence, won a special Presidential Award; and Janet Barowski, an industrious news girl and excellent student was selected by Jim Thorp from many candidates for the Strive and Succeed Award. This is a cash award offered by Carl Hartmann, our Secretary, from revenue derived from the sale of his Alger cup plates.

In a brief business meeting the nominations for officers were accepted as proposed in our annual business meeting. The meeting was then turned over to our new President, Gene Hafner. Incidentally, Gene has two jobs now--he is also President of the newly formed Zane Grey Society. Congratulations, Gene!! You will be busy! Following this was our annual "Goodie Auction", as Jim Thorp named it. Bob Bennett and Jerry Friedland did their usual great job. This raised in excess of \$2,500 for the treasury.

One piece of wood sculpture was admired by many and sold to Dale Thomas. It was a beautiful 8" bust of Horatio Alger done in butternut. Several have expressed interest. The carver is Mike

Gaber, 3485 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43214. Tel.: 614-263-7284. Mike is a professional woodcarver, well-known in wood carving circles throughout the country. His price for such a work is \$150 with 60/90 day delivery.

Following this a few good-bys at the Hospitality Room and all too quickly, the friendly folks of the Alger Society were scattering from coast to coast. See you in Florida????

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THE DICK SEDDON AUCTION  
by Gilbert K. Westgard II

The spirited bidding and gasps of surprise and disbelief at the record amounts paid for these fine first editions will long be remembered by those who made the effort to be there. The final results will serve as a guide in establishing beginning points for similar sales in the future, so more than a simple list of prices paid may be of interest to our membership.

It is significant that this is the first sale in which the sole authority for determining a first edition Alger book is Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography, by Bob Bennett. Any collector or dealer not now using this highly dependable work is groping along without the latest information on what determines a true first edition. If you don't already have a copy, order one without further delay!

This was also the broadest spectrum of Alger first editions ever offered in a single sale, with two out of three chances for finding a first of any given title.

In looking at a list of prices paid it is only natural to look for the highest figures, but these do not tell the whole story. An analysis of the sale, giving the base price, the opening (written) bid, its percentage in relation to the established price, the final bid, and a similar percentage relation of the selling



price to the base price, opens the bidding process to analysis.

Written bids took ten items. Four of these books went for only the base price, while the remaining six ranged from 208% to 273% of the base figures. Only one item failed to elicit a written bid, a second copy of Ben's Nugget, and it was sold for a voiced bid of only 100% of the base price.

The \$1,000 paid for Seeking His Fortune tends to attract attention, yet this represents only 267% of the base price. A far greater difference was achieved on Making His Mark, at \$450, 692% of the base.

Written bids ranged from 100% to 313%, while the oral bids went from 100% to 692%. A quarter of the final bids were three or more times the base price. Another quarter held to below twice the base price, while exactly half of the selling prices were between two and three times the base prices.

A few intangible factors may have influenced the bidding. There was a desire expressed by many who knew Dick Seddon to possess a volume once owned by this outstanding member of the Horatio Alger Society. The fact that a percentage of the money went into the HAS treasury helped to squeeze the highest prices from the bidders. Lastly, the excitement of an auction influences one to pay higher amounts than one would willingly pay in a book-seller's shop.

On a few items the bidding achieved the status of a contest between two members who were determined to possess a particular book. Each had his own cheering section to encourage them to up their bids for the coveted volume.

It is to be hoped that the success of this auction will encourage families of deceased members to similarly dispose of collections in such a way that the books will go where they will be

most appreciated, and where the families can receive the greatest financial return. In this area the Horatio Alger Society can be of real benefit, both to our members, and to their families.

(Editor's note: Gil's analysis appears on pages 12 and 13).

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MY OWN OPINION  
by Jack Bales

Few issues can arouse the ire of the diehard Alger collector than the subject of book prices. Should book values be published? Do they inflate the prices asked by bookdealers? Do they hinder the locating of Algers at "acceptable" prices.

Many people have debated the pros and cons of publishing book values, and that is not the subject I wish to address here. Though the Dick Seddon sale was a marvelous opportunity for members to add to their collections, some of the letters I have received since then have raised questions in my mind. A few collectors have exuberantly noted to me that since some of the prices realized were in excess of 100% of the generally accepted value, then now all of their books have doubled in value. REMEMBER... something is "worth" only what someone is willing to pay for it. All right, so someone paid \$1,000 for Seeking His Fortune. That simply does NOT mean that the so-called "value" of Seeking His Fortune is \$1,000, just that it is worth that much TO THAT ONE PERSON. If you take that same book away from a meeting of Alger collectors and display it at a table of Zane Grey enthusiasts, you might get a few bored yawns and that's it (unless our HAS President were there, of course)! To them it has little value. Another collector may have every Alger first edition EXCEPT Seeking His Fortune. To him it may be worth \$2,000 (and may be worth \$200 to a person who has five mint copies of it).

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1. Abraham Lincoln, The Backwoods Boy	\$ 35	\$ 45	129%	\$ 53	151%
2. Adrift in The City	\$ 30	\$ 31	103%	\$ 50	167%
3. Andy Grant's Pluck	\$ 25	\$ 25	100%	\$ 50	200%
4. Ben Bruce	\$ 20	\$ 31	155%	\$ 36	180%
5. Ben Logan's Triumph	\$ 25	\$ 56	224%	\$ 62	248%
6. Ben's Nugget	\$ 35	\$ 62	177%	\$ 70	200%
7. Ben's Nugget	\$ 35	---	---	\$ 35	100%*
8. Bernard Brook's Adventures	\$ 25	\$ 26	104%	\$ 30	120%
9. Bertha's Christmas Vision	\$ 235	\$ 376	160%	\$ 400	170%
10. Bound To Rise	\$ 40	\$ 40	100%	\$ 90	225%
11. Brave and Bold	\$ 40	\$ 61	153%	\$ 80	200%
12. Charlie Codman's Cruise	\$ 65	\$ 106	163%	\$ 120	185%
13. Chester Rand	\$ 40	\$ 65	163%	\$ 100	250%
14. Do and Dare	\$ 35	\$ 75	214%	\$ 105	300%
15. Facing The World	\$ 30	\$ 31	103%	\$ 35	117%
16. Fame and Fortune	\$ 40	\$ 61	153%	\$ 70	175%
17. \$500	\$ 100	\$ 200	200%	\$ 400	400%
18. Forging Ahead	\$ 50	\$ 110	220%	\$ 200	400%
19. Frank and Fearless	\$ 50	\$ 56	112%	\$ 70	140%
20. Frank Fowler, The Cash Boy	\$ 50	\$ 56	112%	\$ 180	360%
21. Frank Hunter's Peril	\$ 30	\$ 65	217%	\$ 75	250%
22. Frank's Campaign	\$ 70	\$ 105	150%	\$ 150	214%
23. From Canal Boy To President	\$ 25	\$ 25	100%	\$ 30	120%
24. From Farm Boy To Senator	\$ 40	\$ 46	115%	\$ 60	150%
25. From Farm To Fortune	\$ 30	\$ 70	233%	\$ 70	233%**
26. Grand'ther Baldwin's Thanksgiving	\$ 100	\$ 222	222%	\$ 222	222%**
27. Hector's Inheritance	\$ 35	\$ 80	229%	\$ 95	271%
28. Helen Ford	\$ 45	\$ 66	147%	\$ 73	162%
29. Helping Himself	\$ 35	\$ 83	237%	\$ 83	237%**
30. Herbert Carter's Legacy	\$ 40	\$ 85	213%	\$ 125	313%
31. Hugo, The Deformed	\$ 15	\$ 36	240%	\$ 36	240%**
32. In a New World	\$ 35	\$ 41	117%	\$ 100	286%
33. In Search of Treasure	\$ 50	\$ 100	200%	\$ 150	300%
34. Jack's Ward	\$ 50	\$ 90	180%	\$ 125	250%
35. Jed, The Poorhouse Boy	\$ 35	\$ 35	100%	\$ 126	360%
36. Joe's Luck	\$ 50	\$ 56	112%	\$ 250	500%
37. Joe, The Hotel Boy	\$ 25	\$ 36	144%	\$ 75	300%
38. Lester's Luck	\$ 35	\$ 46	131%	\$ 80	229%
39. Luck and Pluck	\$ 10	\$ 21	210%	\$ 25	250%
40. Luke Walton	\$ 35	\$ 87	249%	\$ 110	314%
41. Making His Mark	\$ 65	\$ 143	220%	\$ 450	692%
42. Mark Mason's Victory	\$ 20	\$ 20	100%	\$ 60	300%
43. Nelson, The Newsboy	\$ 35	\$ 65	186%	\$ 110	314%
44. Mark Stanton	\$ 70	\$ 175	250%	\$ 300	429%
45. Nothing To Do	\$ 110	\$ 300	273%	\$ 300	273%**
46. The Odds Against Him	\$ 85	\$ 91	107%	\$ 180	212%
47. Out For Business	\$ 30	\$ 75	250%	\$ 100	333%
48. Paul Prescott's Charge	\$ 50	\$ 76	152%	\$ 130	260%
49. Paul, The Peddler	\$ 40	\$ 90	225%	\$ 105	263%
50. Phil, The Fiddler	\$ 85	\$ 85	100%	\$ 85	100%***
51. Ragged Dick (thick edition)	\$ 200	\$ 200	100%	\$ 200	100%***
52. Ragged Dick (thin edition)	\$ 350	\$ 626	179%	\$ 626	179%
53. Randy of The River	\$ 40	\$ 90	225%	\$ 100	250%
54. Risen From The Ranks	\$ 35	\$ 51	146%	\$ 85	243%
55. A Rolling Stone	\$ 30	\$ 75	250%	\$ 83	277%
56. Rufus and Rose	\$ 40	\$ 61	153%	\$ 97	243%



57.	Rupert's Ambition	\$ 35	\$ 75	214%	\$ 110	314%
58.	Seeking His Fortune	\$ 375	\$ 1000	267%	\$ 1000	267% **
59.	Shifting For Himself	\$ 20	\$ 20	100%	\$ 45	225%
60.	Shifting For Himself	\$ 40	\$ 40	100%	\$ 95	238%
61.	Sink or Swim	\$ 40	\$ 40	100%	\$ 40	100% ***
62.	Slow and Sure	\$ 35	\$ 56	160%	\$ 75	214%
63.	The Store Boy	\$ 25	\$ 52	208%	\$ 52	208% **
64.	Strive and Succeed	\$ 40	\$ 61	153%	\$ 70	175%
65.	Strong and Steady	\$ 50	\$ 76	152%	\$ 105	210%
66.	Struggling Upward	\$ 35	\$ 35	100%	\$ 70	200%
67.	Tattered Tom	\$ 75	\$ 106	141%	\$ 140	187%
68.	The Telegraph Boy	\$ 50	\$ 50	100%	\$ 100	200%
69.	Tom Temple's Career	\$ 40	\$ 46	115%	\$ 175	438%
70.	Tom Thatcher's Fortune	\$ 40	\$ 46	115%	\$ 115	288%
71.	Tom Turner's Legacy	\$ 25	\$ 45	180%	\$ 65	260%
72.	Try and Trust	\$ 40	\$ 61	153%	\$ 100	250%
73.	Victor Vane	\$ 40	\$ 125	313%	\$ 135	338%
74.	Wait and Win	\$ 50	\$ 100	200%	\$ 160	320%
75.	The Western Boy	\$ 110	\$ 110	100%	\$ 210	191%
76.	The Young Acrobat	\$ 100	\$ 250	250%	\$ 260	260%
77.	The Young Bank Messenger	\$ 45	\$ 51	113%	\$ 95	211%
78.	The Young Book Agent	\$ 35	\$ 60	171%	\$ 95	271%
79.	The Young Circus Rider	\$ 50	\$ 105	210%	\$ 205	410%
80.	The Young Explorer	\$ 40	\$ 66	165%	\$ 75	188%
81.	The Young Miner	\$ 40	\$ 66	165%	\$ 105	263%
82.	The Young Musician	\$ 20	\$ 20	100%	\$ 60	300%
83.	The Young Outlaw	\$ 30	\$ 56	187%	\$ 80	267%
84.	The Young Salesman	\$ 25	\$ 25	100%	\$ 50	200%

\* No written bid. Sold for base price.

\*\* No oral bid. Written bid in excess of base price.

\*\*\* No oral bid. Written bid at base price level.

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Here's another example. If a book-dealer asks for--and gets--\$25 for a beat-up old New York Book Alger, does that mean that ALL New York Books are "worth" \$25? Not a chance--at least not to most HAS members. Similarly,

then, if someone pays a high sum for a book, the "value" doesn't always change--it all depends upon what someone is willing to pay for that particular item. (And THAT'S what the principle of "supply and demand" is all about)!!



## ATTENDANCE AT HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY CONVENTIONS

LOCATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	HOST
1965 - Mendota, Illinois	14	PF 006 Ken Butler
1966 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin	19	PF 093 Les Langlois
1967 - Des Moines, Iowa	22	PF 101 Jack Row
1968 - New Haven, Connecticut	25	PF 004 Ed Levy
1969 - Kalamazoo, Michigan	10	PF 000 Forrest Campbell
1970 - Revere, Massachusetts	14	PF 264 George Clark
1971 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota	14	PF 014 Judson Berry
1972 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	21	PF 265 Bob Bennett
1973 - Indianapolis, Indiana	30	PF 099 Paul House
1974 - New Philadelphia, Ohio	27	PF 142 Dan Fuller
1975 - Geneseo, New York	36	PF 334 Les Poste
1976 - Rosemont, Illinois	36	PF 024 Gilbert Westgard
1977 - Waltham, Massachusetts	52	PF 324 Dick Seddon
1978 - Jacksonville, Illinois	39	PF 258 Jack Bales
1979 - Cleveland, Ohio	31	PF 315 Dale Thomas
1980 - Windsor, Connecticut	37	PF 412 Brad Chase
1981 - Annapolis Junction, Maryland	38	PF 569 Bob Williman
1982 - Willow Grove, Pennsylvania	47	PF 549 Bill Russell
1983 - Columbus, Ohio	52	PF 455 Bob Sawyer
1984 - Nashua, New Hampshire	44	PF 574 Jim Thorp
1985 - Palm Beach, Florida		PF 024 Gilbert Westgard
1986 - Houston, Texas		PF 533 Jim Ryberg

TWENTY CONVENTIONS

PF 102 - Carl Hartmann, Lansing, Michigan (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

SEVENTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 006 - Ken Butler, Mendota, Illinois (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83-84)  
 PF 053 - Ralph Gardner, New York, New York (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83-84)

FIFTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 265 - Bob Bennett, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

FOURTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 093 - Les Langlois, Brookfield, Wisconsin (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-78-82)  
 PF 315 - Dale Thomas, Garfield Heights, Ohio (71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)  
 PF 710 - Jean Hartmann, Lansing, Michigan (68-69-70-72-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

THIRTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 024 - Gilbert Westgard, Boynton Beach, Florida (65-66-67-68-74-75-76-77-78-79-82-83-84)

ELEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF 099 - Paul House, Indianapolis, Indiana (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75-83)  
 PF 101 - Jack Row, Lutz, Florida (65-66-67-69-71-72-73-74-76-78-79)  
 PF 258 - Jack Bales, Fredericksburg, Virginia (69-71-72-73-75-76-77-78-81-82-83)  
 PF 351 - Paul Miller, Vienna, Ohio (73-74-75-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)



ELEVEN CONVENTIONS (Con't)

PF 376 - Jerry Friedland, Monsey, New York (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)  
 PF 412 - Brad Chase, Enfield, Connecticut (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

TEN CONVENTIONS

PF 175 - Eugene Hafner, Timonium, Maryland (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83-84)  
 PF 360 - Bill McCord, Wurtsboro, New York (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83-84)

NINE CONVENTIONS

PF 015 - Eddie LeBlanc, Fall River, Massachusetts (68-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)  
 PF 455 - Bob Sawyer, Gahanna, Ohio (76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

EIGHT CONVENTIONS

PF 274 - Carl Thieme, Dyersburg, Tennessee (72-73-74-76-78-79-81-82)  
 PF 318 - Evelyn Grebel, Abilene, Texas (72-73-74-75-76-77-78-83)  
 PF 325 - Anne Sharrard, Chelmsford, Massachusetts (75-77-78-80-81-82-83-84)  
 PF 326 - Amos Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana (73-74-75-76-78-81-82-84)  
 PF 339 - Glenn Corcoran, Wilmette, Illinois (75-76-77-78-79-82-83-84)  
 PF 394 - Alex Shaner, San Jose, California (74-77-78-79-80-82-83-84)

SEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF 0A1 - Irene Gurman, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (69-72-73-74-75-76-77)  
 PF 334 - Les Poste, Geneseo, New York (72-73-74-75-76-77-79)  
 PF 348 - Keith Barnes, Paris, Michigan (72-73-74-75-76-77-78)  
 PF 381 - Bill Leitner, Tenafly, New Jersey (77-78-79-80-81-82-84)  
 PF 461 - Brad Alexander, Clarkson, New York (75-77-78-79-80-81-82)  
 PF 537 - John Juvinal, Hinsdale, Illinois (78-79-80-81-82-83-84)

SIX CONVENTIONS

PF 000 - Forrest Campbell, Kalamazoo, Michigan (65-66-67-68-69-78) - Deceased  
 PF 142 - Dan Fuller, New Philadelphia, Ohio (66-67-68-72-73-74)  
 PF 160 - Rohima Walter, Lafayette, Indiana (73-74-76-78-79-83)  
 PF 324 - Dick Seddon, Andover, Massachusetts (74-75-76-77-78-79) - Deceased  
 PF 362 - Marilyn Saurer, Big Prairie, Ohio (73-74-75-77-79-83)  
 PF 473 - Owen Cobb, Cherry Hill, New Jersey (76-77-81-82-83-84)

FIVE CONVENTIONS

PF 008 - Max Goldberg, Natick, Massachusetts (65-68-75-77-84)  
 PF 104 - Herb Risteen, Baraboo, Wisconsin (65-66-69-76-78) - Deceased  
 PF 266 - Ralph Brandt, Bridgeton, New Jersey (70-73-77-80-82)  
 PF 344 - Florence Ogilvie Schnell, Seaford, Delaware (76-77-80-81-82)  
 PF 506 - Neil McCormick, Madison, Wisconsin (78-79-80-81-83)  
 PF 544 - Gil Kapelman, New Canaan, Connecticut (79-80-81-82-84)  
 PF 549 - Bill Russell, Hatboro, Pennsylvania (79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 574 - Jim Thorp, Nashua, New Hampshire (80-81-82-83-84)

FOUR CONVENTIONS

PF 014 - Judson Berry, Howard, South Dakota (65-68-69-71-72-73) - Deceased  
 PF 020 - Milton Salls, Little Falls, New York (68-72-75-77)  
 PF 144 - Ralph Anderson, Grundy Center, Iowa (66-67-68-76)



FOUR CONVENTIONS (Con't)

- PF 368 - Gary Scharnhorst, Dallas, Texas (73-76-81-83)
- PF 487 - Pauline Westgard, Boynton Beach, Florida (76-77-78-79)
- PF 565 - Bea Fortner, Olympia Fields, Illinois (80-81-82-83)
- PF 569 - Bob Williman, Bowie, Maryland (79-80-81-82)
- PF 586 - George Owens, Crozet, Virginia (80-81-82-83)
- PF 697 - Helen Gray, San Francisco, California (76-77-82-83)

THREE CONVENTIONS

- PF 004 - Ed Levy, Woodbridge, Connecticut (68-70-77)
- PF 034 - Blanche Lloyd, Nashville, Tennessee (65-66-73)
- PF 106 - Morris Olsen, Mattapan, Massachusetts (77-80-84)
- PF 135 - Irving Poznan, Ballwin, Missouri (66-67-73)
- PF 156 - Bette Bogue Archer, Saugus, California (66-67-71)
- PF 453 - Mark Preston, Greenham Commons, England (75-77-84)
- PF 494 - Delbert Brandt, Vineland, New Jersey (77-80-84)
- PF 533 - James Ryberg, Houston, Texas (82-83-84)
- PF 557 - Robert Eastlack, Berwick, Pennsylvania (81-82-83)
- PF 603 - Dee Thorp, Nashua, New Hampshire (81-82-84)

TWO CONVENTIONS

- PF 001 - Max Friedman, Kalamazoo, Michigan (66-69)
- PF 153 - Darel Leipold, Long Lake, Minnesota (66-67)
- PF 166 - George Miller, Westchester, Illinois (66-78)
- PF 167 - Cecilia Wild, Mequon, Wisconsin (66-67)
- PF 168 - Joseph Wild, Mequon, Wisconsin (66-67)
- PF 205 - Eddie Westgard, Des Plaines, Illinois (67-68)
- PF 227 - Norman Hanson, Winona, Minnesota (72-73)
- PF 229 - Frank Eisenberg, Minneapolis, Minnesota (68-71) - Deceased
- PF 253 - Robert Banks, Frammingham, Massachusetts (70-84)
- PF 327 - Robert Kasper, Media, Pennsylvania (82-84)
- PF 337 - Donald Erickson, Glen Rock, New Jersey (77-82)
- PF 428 - Harry Lane, Mobile, Alabama (74-76)
- PF 454 - Dick Bowerman, Piqua, Ohio (75-77)
- PF 475 - Linda Neglia, New York, New York (76-77)
- PF 492 - William Baach, Minneapolis, Minnesota (78-83)
- PF 500 - Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78) - Deceased
- PF 501 - Nancy Axelrad, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78)
- PF 502 - David Barton, Lowell, Massachusetts (77-80)
- PF 507 - Tracy Catledge, Fern Park, Florida (83-84)
- PF 531 - Thomas Noonan, West Boylston, Massachusetts (80-84)
- PF 570 - Richard Hoffman, Washington, D.C. (81-82)
- PF 584 - Hank Gravbelle, Redondo Beach, California (82-84)
- PF 589 - Robert Linguiti, Wilton, Connecticut (80-82)
- PF 602 - Rolfe Chase, Las Vegas, Nevada (81-82)
- PF 612 - Wallace Palmer, Independence, Missouri (82-83)
- PF 629 - Jack Schnell, Silver Spring, Maryland (81-82)
- PF 633 - Paul Cripe, Bremen, Indiana (83-84)
- PF 639 - Will Wright, Chillicothe, Ohio (83-84)
- PF 641 - Jon Friedland, Monsey, New York (80-82)
- PF 654 - Frank Jaques, Ada, Oklahoma (83-84)
- PF 668 - Jim Lowe, Colchester, Vermont (83-84)
- PF 706 - Bill Gowen, Mundelein, Illinois (83-84)
- PF 707 - Mary Jo Tschetter, Cleveland Heights, Ohio (83-84)



ONE CONVENTION

PF 035 - Keith Thompson, Bellport, New York (77)  
PF 051 - Ed Reynolds, Thorndike, Massachusetts (70) - Deceased  
PF 063 - Gladys Judson, Montague, Massachusetts (70)  
PF 074 - John Sullivan, Ottawa, Illinois (65)  
PF 090 - Roy Wendell, Medford, Massachusetts (77)  
PF 096 - Hal McCuen, Mansfield, Ohio (68)  
PF 119 - Clyde Willis, Westerville, Ohio (83)  
PF 120 - Frances Henry, Cambridge, Illinois (65)  
PF 121 - George May, Metropolis, Illinois (65)  
PF 122 - Pauline Millen, Des Moines, Iowa (67)  
PF 125 - Paul Alger, Bridgeton, New Jersey (68)  
PF 127 - William Murrell, Dallas, Texas (76)  
PF 131 - Walter Moore, Urbana, Illinois (78)  
PF 148 - Paul Fisher, Green Valley, Arizona (75)  
PF 164 - Steve Press, Poughquag, New York (68)  
PF 169 - Don Shinner, Missouri Valley, Iowa (67)  
PF 170 - Harlan Miller, Des Moines, Iowa (67) - Deceased  
PF 171 - Philip Neufeld, New York, New York (68)  
PF 176 - L.F. Hartsock, Clarion, Iowa (67)  
PF 184 - Norman Peterson, Big Rapids, Michigan (72)  
PF 186 - Jack Barker, Dunwoody, Georgia (77)  
PF 193 - Max Sheldon, Clarion, Iowa (67)  
PF 199 - Jacqueline Steele, Rockport, Maine (68)  
PF 206 - Robert Birkheimer, Burlington, Iowa (67)  
PF 217 - Bill Sausaman, Springfield, Illinois (78)  
PF 220 - Karl Weber, Warsaw, New York (75)  
PF 223 - Sylvester Mangini, Somers, Connecticut (68)  
PF 231 - Stewart McLeish, Everett, Massachusetts (68)  
PF 235 - Russell Dock, Arlington, Virginia (68)  
PF 237 - J. Yale Rubin, Hamden, Connecticut (68)  
PF 264 - George Clarke, Pawtucket, Rhode Island (70) - Deceased  
PF 270 - George Blackburn, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)  
PF 271 - William DiCarlo, Revere, Massachusetts (70)  
PF 278 - Donald Dowling, New Hampton, New York (80)  
PF 290 - Edna Banks, Framingham, Massachusetts (70)  
PF 297 - Joseph Festa, Revere, Massachusetts (70)  
PF 300 - Maurice Royar, Fort Worth, Texas (78)  
PF 313 - Gary Lemon, Bellingham, Washington (73)  
PF 320 - Keith Allen, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)  
PF 321 - Al Sukut, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (71)  
PF 328 - Bill Henderson, Yonkers, New York (73)  
PF 345 - Wallace Robinson, Meadville, Pennsylvania (74)  
PF 347 - Benjamin McAdoo, Seattle, Washington (77) - Deceased  
PF 350 - Joseph Kellas, West Seneca, New York (75)  
PF 352 - Alan Quick, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)  
PF 369 - Donald Elder, Chelsea, Massachusetts (77)  
PF 372 - Robert Anstey, Natick, Massachusetts (77)  
PF 374 - Bob Fertig, Canandaigua, New York (75)  
PF 378 - Bob Walters, Columbus, Ohio (83)  
PF 380 - Carroll Holt, Mansfield, Massachusetts (77)  
PF 382 - J. Boyd Mullan, Rochester, New York (75)  
PF 387 - Alta Bonk, Des Moines, Iowa (73)  
PF 404 - Philip Atkins, Calvert, Texas (74)  
PF 407 - Ira Marshall, Greenville, Ohio (74)  
PF 408 - Robert Camp, East Hampton, Connecticut (77)  
PF 427 - Lloyd Merrill, Rochester, New York (75)



ONE CONVENTION (Con't)

- PF 438 - Ada Chase, Taunton, Massachusetts (80)
- PF 445 - Bob Bickel, Geneseo, New York (75)
- PF 463 - Dick Bales, Geneva, Illinois (78)
- PF 469 - Herbert Mayes, New York, New York (77)
- PF 474 - David Mills, Silver Spring, Maryland (80)
- PF 499 - Robert Jennings, Dudley, Massachusetts (77)
- PF 508 - Harry Smith, Long Beach, California (81)
- PF 509 - John Beirne, Jacksonville, Florida (77)
- PF 511 - John Dizer, Utica, New York (84)
- PF 524 - Bernard Biberdorf, Indianapolis, Indiana (83)
- PF 525 - Nancy Schmidt, La Mesa, California (79)
- PF 566 - Philip Block, Newington, Connecticut (80)
- PF 593 - Walter White, Lima, Ohio (83)
- PF 608 - Donald Choate, Weston, Massachusetts (84)
- PF 619 - Ema Harrington, Oelwein, Iowa (81)
- PF 626 - Charles Murphy, York, Pennsylvania (81)
- PF 642 - Vicki Duncan, Crofton, Maryland (81)
- PF 662 - Leo Kiley, Morristown, New Jersey (82)
- PF 665 - Ray Leight, West Point, Pennsylvania (82)
- PF 666 - Hobart Grazier, Glenside, Pennsylvania (82)
- PF 692 - Charles Schissel, Amesbury, Massachusetts (84)
- PF 700 - R.B. Orr, Greenfield, Indiana (83)
- PF 703 - Earl Unzicker, Washburn, Illinois (83)
- PF 704 - Karen Wickliffe, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 705 - Mike Overall, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 709 - Katie Grunweld, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 714 - Paul North, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 715 - Al White, Three Rivers, Michigan (84)

THANKS GO TO BOB BENNETT FOR PREPARING THIS

DETAILED LIST EACH YEAR!



HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY  
Treasurers Report  
May 4, 1984

1983-1984

1982-1983

CASH BALANCE	\$ 477.14	\$ 466.42
RECEIPTS <sup>1</sup> FOR THE YEAR		
Dues <sup>2</sup>	\$3,375.00	2,316.00
Auction <sup>2</sup>	2,864.00	2,688.00
Book Sales	164.85	438.55
Patches, Tiles, Pins, Misc	151.85	113.00
Price Lists, Back Issues	60.14	112.50
Donations & Misc.	69.50	297.34
Advertising	78.00	141.00
	<u>6,763.34</u>	<u>6,106.39</u>
TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE	7,240.48	6,572.81
DISBURSEMENTS		
Printing <sup>3</sup>	2,459.87	3,339.08
Postage, Envelopes	1,389.38	2,455.93
Purchases for Resale	0.00	0.00
Awards <sup>4</sup>	253.38	0.00
Publishing Expenses	600.00	169.36
President's Communication <sup>5</sup>	0.00	131.30
	<u>4,702.63</u>	<u>6,095.67</u>
BALANCE ON HAND MAY 4, 1984	\$2,537.85	\$ 477.14

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## FOOTNOTES

1. Dues increase offset falloff in resale of books and other collectibles.
2. Auction net collected
3. Printing down due to bi-monthly issues.
4. Awards includes dinners for non-member recipients.
5. The President paid his expenses plus donated \$200.00 for the current convention from the proceeds of the Columbus convention. A job well done.



## NUMBER 20; OR, NOSTALGIA IN NASHUA

## Convention Attendees

JERRY FRIEDLAND	ANN SHARRARD	OWEN COBB
BILL GOWEN	GEORGE SHARRARD	DELBERT BRANDT
RUTH MILLER	MARK PRESTON	HANNAH BRANDT
PAUL MILLER	GAIL PRESTON	JANET BAROWSKI
EDWARD LEBLANC	MORRIS OLSEN	MARIETTE BAROWSKI
FLORENCE LEBLANC	BEVERLY OLSEN	BOB BENNETT
GENE HAFNER	TRACY CATLEDGE	RALPH GARDNER
WYONNE HAFNER	GLENN CORCORAN	PAUL CRIPE
BILL MCCORD	LORRAINE CORCORAN	BOB BANKS
AMOS SMITH	MARY JO TSHETTER	AL WHITE
BILL LEITNER	JILL TSHETTER	DONNA WHITE
FRANK JAUQUES	GIL KAPELMAN	TOM MCANDREWS
NAN JAUQUES	LYN KAPELMAN	ROBERT KASPER
JIM RYBERG	JIM LOWE	JANE SMITH
BOB SAWYER	JOHN DIZER	DAN THORP
KEN BUTLER	MARIE DIZER	DEE THORP
CHARLES SCHISSEL	WILL WRIGHT	DEBORAH THORP
RITA SCHISSEL	NELL WRIGHT	MARY JANE THORP
BRAD CHASE	CARL HARTMANN	JIM THORP
HANK GRAVBELLE	JEAN HARTMANN	TOM NOONAN
ELAINE GRAVBELLE	ALEX SHANER	RUTH NOONAN
DALE THOMAS	JUDY BARTON	JOHN JUVINALL
MARY ELLEN THOMAS	GILBERT K. WESTGARD II	MAX GOLDBERG

## CONVENTION NOTES

Of 63 reservations, 59 attended, plus 2 banquet-only guests and 4 guests of the host.

43 guests visited the hosts on Thursday night. We certainly enjoyed this part of the convention and are happy we did it, despite our own early doubts.

58 members and guests attended the "Seddon Auction" on Friday night. 64 members and guests attended the Saturday night festivities. 45 members attended the convention, taking part in some or all of the convention activities.

Mary Jane and I enjoyed Number 20 and hope that everyone else did also.

--Jim Thorp

(EDITOR'S NOTE: CONGRATULATIONS, JIM, ON A FINE CONVENTION)!!