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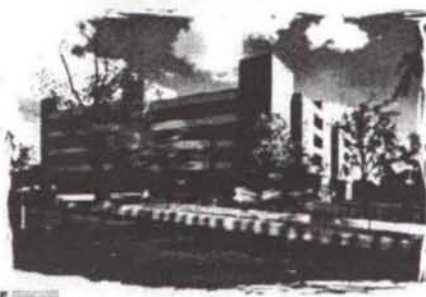
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President's column

I did not comprehend the full weight of the Horatio Alger Society presidency until *Newsboy* editor Bill Gowen called me recently with a reminder that I will need to write six columns in the coming year, and that the first one was due in five days! so here goes.

I want to convey, first of all, my appreciation to former President Carl Hartmann for his commitment to the organization last year. Carl has contributed significantly to the Society for more than three decades, and we are all in his debt. Sam Huang, Mark Williams, and I wish to thank everyone who attended the "Dash to DeKalb" convention at Northern Illinois University. We had fun preparing for the meeting and trust that you all had a good time. Also, thanks to everyone who took that extra moment to let us know. The many great snapshots produced by Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524) and Doug Fleming (PF-899) reproduced in this and subsequent issues will enhance the historical record.

The convention had a very busy auction schedule, and I would like to express kudos to Ed Mattson, Tom Davis, Bill Gowen and Rob Kasper for their assistance with the special collection auction. Ed spent many weeks preparing this auction, including the list of books made available to all members in *Newsboy* prior to the convention. Also, Ed and Tom were personally responsible for transporting this large collection to DeKalb.

The consignment and donation auctions were ably conducted by Jerry Friedland and Larry Rice. I would like to make a very special acknowledgment to Margaret Baach for her splendid donation of behalf of her late husband, William Baach (PF-492), to the Horatio Alger Society. Proceeds to the Society from all auctions (which are summarized on Pages 12-17) exceeded \$4,000, a welcome infusion into the treasury.

Our two principal speakers, Randy Cox and Nicholas Basbanes, regaled us with insights into the worlds of the dime novel and the "gently mad" book collector. Anyone want to admit to the latter?

Vice President Carol Nackenoff conducted a productive Board of Directors meeting and the general business session of the Society. Brad Chase briefed the Board of Directors on his comprehensive research on the current state of the Society's by-laws, together with some proposals for updating the by-laws. His report begins on Page 18; please take time to read it thoroughly and make your comments and sugges-

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- Publication Formats of the 59 Stories by Horatio Alger, Jr. as Reprinted by the John C. Winston Co.*, by Bob Sawyer (PF-455) and Jim Thorp (PF-574).
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- Horatio Alger Books Published by M.A. Donohue & Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
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A glance at the 1999 Horatio Alger Society Convention

By William R. Gowen (PF-706)

Horatio Alger, Jr. died in July 1899, and the Horatio Alger Society honored the father of "strive and succeed" at the centennial H.A.S. convention, "Dash to DeKalb," hosted by Northern Illinois University on May 13-16, 1999. Eighty-five Particular Friends, family members and other guests registered for the convention, considered by most attendees the most successful in recent memory.

The guest hotel at NIU's Holmes Student Center started bursting with H.A.S. activity several days before the official start of the convention with the arrival of several attendees as early as Sunday and Monday.

Room 243 was the official hospitality suite, and with the beginning of official registration on Thursday, that room became the main location for renewing old friendships and meeting first-time convention attendees.

The hospitality room later on Thursday became the site of video showings of two extremely rare early feature films: Ralph Henry Barbour's "The Half-Back," and J. Raymond Elderdice's "T. Haviland Hicks, Freshman." Both were adapted from popular boys' books, the Barbour title first published in 1899 and the Elderdice in 1915, both published by D. Appleton and Co.

Available at registration, along with the traditional convention souvenirs, were full-scale prints of the two winning "Dash to DeKalb" posters, the result of a contest sponsored by Northern Illinois University open to NIU art design students (see related article on Page 5).

Annual Board of Directors meeting

The first official event on the weekend's agenda was

the annual H.A.S. Board of Directors meeting, held in the Holmes Student Center's Heritage Room.

Vice President Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) presided over the meeting in place of President Carl Hartmann (PF-102). The first item of business was Nackenoff's announcement to the board that Carl had resigned as President because of health reasons, and that he was also unable to attend the convention. In sending his regrets,

he thanked the directors and officers for their support during the past year.

The board's agenda covered the following items:

1. Future conventions. Vice President Carol Nackenoff reported plans for the 2000 convention to be held in the Brandywine Valley region of southeastern Pennsylvania, which she is co-hosting with Tom Davis (PF-



President Arthur Young presents a framed "Dash to DeKalb" poster to Strive and Succeed Award winner David Wennemar of Sycamore, Ill.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

976), were progressing smoothly. After a considerable search, excellent accommodations were found at the West Chester, Pa., Holiday Inn, for \$69 per night per room (single or multiple-occupancy). "This is a very reasonable rate for this part of the country," Nackenoff said, noting that other hotels were quoting prices in the \$85-\$95 range. "Also, this hotel has meeting rooms that will fill our needs."

Nackenoff added that the Brandywine Valley area is full of historic locales (Revolutionary War, etc.) and has many used-book stores and antique shops within an hour's drive.

In turning to future convention locations, Doug Fleming (PF-899) reported to the board that his plans for hosting the 2001 convention in the Ottawa, Canada, area were moving ahead pending a thumbs-up from the

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Editor's notebook

A recent headline in the newspaper for which I work said "Another local landmark falls to progress." The accompanying article discussed the closing of Ethel's Place, the local fruit and vegetable stand. Ethel Dahm, 78, decided it was time to retire after a developer made the classic "offer she couldn't refuse," to build yet another shopping/office complex, including a 20-screen movie theater, on the former farm property.

"I cried a lot of tears when I signed that paper," said Ethel, who, along with her son, Tony, carried on the family business after her husband died in 1991. "It was terrible. When you're there your whole life and you know there's going to be a shopping center there, it's bad."

So what does this little story have to do with our book-collecting hobby? A lot. On a recent tip to New England, I stopped at a New Hampshire book shop, only to see the owner, a delightful Scotsman named Anthony Tufts, cleaning out the barn. This was a very good shop, which just a year ago yielded a first edition of *Paul Prescott's Charge* for a very reasonable price.

"The book shop is closed," Tufts said. "We're moving back into town and will run the shop on the Internet. For the first time in 10 years, we'll make money."

Ah, the Internet. Book-hunting at the touch of a button in the name of progress. So convenient. So boring.

Yes, I buy from the Internet, as do most members of the Horatio Alger Society who have access to computers. It saves a lot of gasoline, long trips in the car to out-of-the-way places. Yet, the romance of "the hunt" is missing. In my recent weekend trip, I visited about 20 stores and came away with numerous "treasures," completing four (non-Alger) series. Even a store that claimed "we don't do much in children's books" had an unusual Edward Stratemeyer reprint by H.M. Caldwell (*A Young Inventor's Pluck*).

But it's obvious the days of entering a book shop and finding desirable titles is becoming more and more difficult. Many retail dealers also operate on the Internet, either on the book sales sites or eBay or other auction services. The store's shelves often contain the leftovers.

But there are exceptions. In a Massachusetts shop I found a copy of *Bound to Rise*, in the 1900 Mershon first printing. No, not Horatio Alger's *Bound to Rise*, but the Stratemeyer ("Allen Chapman") version, the original title of *Boys of Spring Hill* — for four dollars. In the fall of 1992, a copy of the same book was found in a Maine book barn. It was unpriced, and the shop's owners refused to sell the book "until we do some research." The book was

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tions known to Brad before the end of the summer.

Our goal is to have a revised set of by-laws available to the membership in sufficient time to ratify at the 2000 convention in West Chester, Pa. Share your views with Brad and help us ensure the best possible set of procedures for governing the affairs of the Society.

I look forward to serving as your president this year, and to do whatever I can to enable the Society to prosper and to serve the needs of its members.

Your partic'lar Friend,
Arthur P. Young (PF-941)
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subsequently offered for sale at the Plymouth, Mass., series book conference in early 1993 — for \$100! It didn't sell, and besides, the back cover was damp-stained.

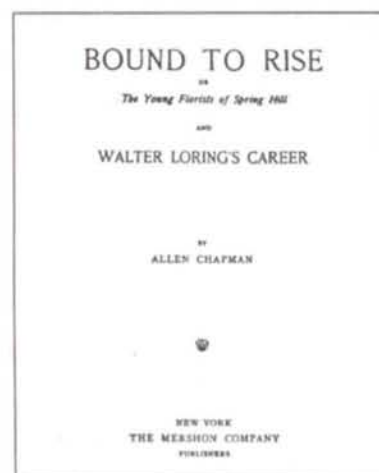
While surfing the Internet the other day, I noticed these dealers still had the book for sale (give them credit, they describe the damp-stain) and the price is still \$100. It's

now nearly seven years later, and the dealers still have the book (not worth close to their "researched" asking price). Meanwhile, I now own a better-condition copy for \$4 — bought the old-fashioned way.

Kenneth Dorn of Johnstown, N.Y., was one of my favorite book dealers since my college days in the 1960s. He died

last October in his mid-80s, while still active in the bookselling field. A more friendly, kind gentleman I have never met in the book business, and we are much poorer for his passing ("That's marked eight dollars, but you can have it for four," he would say). How did he make money that way? Instead of holding out for big bucks (see *Bound to Rise*, above), he believed in turning over his inventory, regularly wholesaling books to other dealers in order to restock his shelves.

We may label it "progress," but when I must buy "fresh" produce from the supermarket instead of a family-run farmstand, or books over the Internet instead of from Ken Dorn's shop, it's sad indeed.



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Society. Discussion on a possible return to the Scottsdale, Ariz. area in 2002 was also held. Nackenoff announced that the official vote on these sites would be made at Friday's annual business meeting.

2. Membership Report. The next item on the Directors' agenda was the membership status report, compiled by Executive Secretary Robert E. Kasper (PF-327). Nackenoff presented the report, which showed 22 new members joined during the past year, with a subtraction of 25 members due to death or other reasons. As of April 30, 1999, total H.A.S. membership was 227.

3. Advertising and Marketing. Tom Davis volunteered to head marketing and advertising initiatives proposed at last year's convention in Scottsdale. Nackenoff appointed him to chair a marketing committee, with its other members to include herself, Arthur Young and *Newsboy* editor Bill Gowen.

4. H.A.S. Internet Site Update. Michael Morley gave the directors an update on the official H.A.S. Web site, discussing the use of a "guest book" and other means to make the home page more interactive. Suggestions included the publishing of a template of the official membership application form, the use of downloadable text pages and other possibilities. Morley explained the pros and cons of these various changes, and the cost involved. Nackenoff referred these issues to the recently formed Advertising and Marketing Committee.

5. Newsboy Editor's Report. Bill Gowen gave his annual *Newsboy* status report to the directors. He noted that printing costs have held steady, and that the ongoing arrangement with Lansing Printing has been excellent. Also, the new postal rate increase of one cent for the first ounce of first class, actually offers us a savings since the second and subsequent ounces are now 22 cents instead of 23 cents.

The Adopt-a-*Newsboy* program was reviewed, with mailing costs of only two of the six issues sponsored during the past year. It was stressed that this tax-deductible donation is strictly voluntary, and that it had helped immeasurably in solving our short-term financial crunch in 1997-98 with all six issues in that span "adopted." The Directors voted to continue the program on a more low-key basis, with an invitation to be published in future *Newsboy* issues for Adopt-a-*Newsboy* donations.

6. Financial Report. Treasurer Chris DeHaan (PF-773) presented the annual financial report, copies of which were passed out to the Directors. The report would be presented to the full membership at Friday's annual business meeting.

7. Long-Range Planning Committee. Chairman John Cadick (PF-858) gave the report of his Long Range Plan-

Dashing posters

The poster designs on the front cover of this issue are co-winners of a special competition held by Northern Illinois University in honor of the centennial Horatio Alger Society convention, "Dash to DeKalb."

The poster at upper left with the large portrait of Horatio Alger was designed by Alan Porterfield of DeKalb; and the poster at lower right featuring Founders Memorial Library was designed by Ka-Wai Lee of Woodridge, Illinois. The judges determined that these two entrants should share first place based on artistic and topical merit. Full-sized color prints of each poster were provided to each registrant as convention souvenirs.

Second place went to Dan Caldwell of Kingston, Illinois (not pictured).

All entrants in the competition were students in the Studio Art Design program at NIU. The competition was part of the Advanced Visual Communications class (Art 412).

ning Committee, handing out to the Directors a quantified table listing the 27 suggestions made to the committee, ranked according to priority. Nackenoff asked the Directors to study the report and prepare to discuss it in detail at their Friday morning breakfast meeting.

8. By-Laws Committee Report. Brad Chase, head of the By-Laws Committee, reported on his findings on the current status of the official H.A.S. By-Laws and what should be done to bring them up to date. His findings were listed in a printed handout for all the Directors. Chase agreed to write an article for *Newsboy* (Editor's note: The article is on Page 18 of this issue), asking for responses from the full membership in time for a fall workshop to rewrite and update the By-Laws.

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The remainder of Thursday was spent greeting arriving members in the hospitality suite and dinner on the town in DeKalb.

Friday began officially for the Directors at the annual breakfast meeting in the Blackhawk East Room on the lower level of Holmes Student Center. The main item of business was a continuation of discussion of the Long-Range Planning Committee Report, including which items were worthy of implementation, those which should be tabled for further discussion or simply were unworkable or inappropriate. Michael Morley agreed to write a short article for a future issue of *Newsboy* summarizing

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MEMBERSHIP

New members

Juanita L. Knorr (PF-1027)

2130 S. Vaughn Way, #206

Aurora, CO 80014 (303) 368-1696

Juanita, who also lists crafts, photography and antique shopping as her other interests, is a technical writer just getting started with Alger. She learned about the Horatio Alger Society from David Collier (PF-943) through the Internet auction site, eBay.

William C. O'Heaney (PF-1028)

186 Commonwealth Ave.

Boston, MA 02116 (617) 267-1377

Thomas K. Arnold (PF-1029)

616 Riverside Drive, NE

St. Cloud, MN 56304 (320) 252-4993

Tom, who just attended his first H.A.S. convention, works in computer services and also lists computers and the Internet among his hobbies. He currently has 115 Alger books in his collection.

Ronald G. Klein (PF-1030)

230 Forsythe Lane

DeKalb, IL 60115 (815) 758-8457

Dan, an attorney, lists book collecting and walking as

his hobbies. He currently owns three Algers. He learned about the Society from the NIU library.

John Eidukonis (PF-1031)

155 New Boston St., Suite 139

Woburn, MA 01801-6227 (781) 932-6299

John, a sales trainer and motivational speaker, is a fan of "success" stories, and thus is drawn to Alger. He learned about the Society on his computer from our home page on the Internet.

Norman A. Jones (PF-1032)

12670 Shore Place

Nanjemoy, MD 20662 (301) 246-4104

E-mail: Rvrsider@Erols.com

Norman, whose other book collecting interest is youth aviation novels published through 1946, learned about the Horatio Alger Society from fellow collector Tom Davis (PF-976).

Change of address

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Dan Voges (PF-1012)

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Peter C. Walther (PF-548)

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the findings of the committee and actions taken by the Board of Directors.

Because the Long-Range Planning Committee was formed as an *ad hoc* committee and thus wrapped up its assigned task with the filing of the current report, it was recommended that the President, at his/her discretion, would be empowered to reactivate the Long-Range Planning Committee in the future as needed.

The convention's major event for Friday morning was the special consignment Alger auction, which was organized and run by Ed Mattson, with assistance from Tom Davis, Marc Williams and others. Held in the Holmes Student Center's Regency Room, the auction included 185 single lots. The high point was the first edition of *The Young Salesman* in original dust jacket. New member Tom Arnold was the winning bidder at \$1,000 and the total sales from the auction were \$9,528.50, of which \$1,429.28 went to the Society as commission.

During the auction, a brief buffet-style lunch break was taken in the other side of the Regency Room.

At the conclusion of the auction, members had some free time available for visits to the H.A.S. Repository on the fourth floor of Founders Memorial Library. Also, from 2 to 3 p.m., book archivist Virginia Plemons gave a workshop in book care and restoration in the Holmes Student Center's Heritage Room.

Annual Business Meeting

Vice President Carol Nackenoff presided at the annual H.A.S. business meeting, held Friday afternoon in the Heritage Room.

■ Five Partic'lar Friends attending their first convention introduced themselves: J. Randolph Cox (PF-598) of Dundas, Minn., and editor of *Dime Novel Round-Up*; Steven Sutton (PF-998) of S. Lancaster, Mass., the Society's youngest member; Lee Switzer (PF-882) from Fridley, Minn.; Tom Arnold (PF-1029) from St. Cloud, Minn.; and Carl Wulff (PF-900) from Racine, Wis.

■ The Horatio Alger Society's outgoing Directors, just completing three-year teams, were introduced: Robert R. Routhier (PF-889) of Swartz Creek, Mich.; Arthur P. Young (PF-941) of Sycamore, Ill.; and Robert G. Collmer (PF-866) of Waco, Texas.

■ Samuel Huang reported on the H.A.S. Repository, noting that in 1998 the library had acquired all known Ph. D. dissertations on Horatio Alger, Jr., published in the United States; and the addition of two major collections: the dime novel collection of Edward T. LeBlanc (PF-015) and Alger serializations from the collection of Paul F. Miller (PF-351).

Huang reported that the H.A.S. Repository Endow-

ment stood at \$18,790, including \$765 in interest income; and that recent gifts had been received from Raymond L. Murray (PF-546) and Brad Chase (PF-412).

■ Treasurer Chris DeHaan officially presented the annual financial report to the membership, and Nackenoff presented the membership report, both approved earlier by the Board of Directors.

■ Chase and Nackenoff briefed the membership on the By-Laws Committee's ongoing work, and that the committee's goal is to have updated and revised H.A.S. By-Laws drafted for ratification at next May's convention.

■ Long-Range Planning Committee chairman John Cadick also reported the directors' ongoing work at accepting or rejecting various suggestions made to the Committee over the past year, and that an article will appear in a future issue of *Newsboy* on this subject.

■ Future convention sites were presented to the membership and ratified, as follows: 2000 Convention, at West Chester, Pa. (Carol Nackenoff and Tom Davis, co-hosts); 2001 Convention at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Doug Fleming, host); and 2002 Convention at Scottsdale, Ariz. (Janice and Michael Morley, hosts).

■ Jerry Friedland (PF-376), chairman of the Nominating Committee — the other members being John Juvinall (PF-537) and Bill Leitner (PF-381) — reported out the following slate of candidates:

President (for one year, to finish the term of Carl Hartmann): Arthur P. Young.

Directors (three-year terms): Doug Fleming (PF-899) of Pakenham, Ontario; Ralph Carlson (PF-955) of Taylorsville, Utah; and Marc Williams (PF-958) of League City, Texas. A brief discussion followed, no other nominations were put forward, and the slate was approved by the membership in attendance.

Carol Nackenoff then officially turned the meeting over to new President Art Young, who thanked the members for their support and pledged to carry on in the tradition of Carl Hartmann and his predecessors. He then adjourned the meeting.

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Following the business meeting, members prepared for Friday night's dinner at the nearby Kishwaukee Country Club.

The 1999 Horatio Alger Society awards were presented. The first award, presented by 1998 recipient Michael Morley, was the **Newsboy Award**, given annually to the person who makes a notable contribution to the "publication of original research on the work of Horatio Alger, Jr. and other American authors of juvenile literature." The 1999 recipient was John T. Dizer (PF-511) for his critically acclaimed book *Tom Swift, The Bobbsey Twins and Other Heroes of American Juvenile Literature*.

The 1999 **Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award** was

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Lee T. Allen (PF-977) Stone Mountain, Ga.	Thomas B. Davis (PF-976) Newark, Del.	Robert G. Huber (PF-841) Madison, Wisc.	Janice Morley (PF-957) Fremont, Calif.
Betsy Allen Stone Mountain, Ga.	Christine DeHaan (PF-773) Wayland, Mich.	John R. Juvinal (PF-537) Hinsdale, Ill.	Michael Morley (PF-934) Fremont, Calif.
Tom Arnold (PF-1029) St. Cloud, Minn.	Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) Omaha, Neb.	Robert Kaiser (PF-901) Groveland, Ill.	Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) Swarthmore, Pa.
Margaret Baach (PF-492) Edina, Minn.	Milton F. Ehlert (PF-702) Grand Rapids, Mich.	Diana Kaiser Groveland, Ill.	Bart J. Nyberg (PF-879) Downers Grove, Ill.
Nicholas Basbanes North Grafton, Mass.	Carol Ehlert Grand Rapids, Mich.	Robert E. Kasper (PF-327) Richmond, Va.	Virginia Plemons DeKalb, Ill.
Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524) Fishers, Ind.	Jeff Escue (PF-1023) Bloomington, Ill.	Robert Kersch (PF-946) Great River, N.Y.	Gordon Rasmussen (PF-1010) DeKalb, Ill.
Marcy Biberdorf Fishers, Ind.	Douglas Fleming (PF-899) Pakenham, Ontario	Kent Kiesow (PF-953) Beloit, Wis.	Lawrence R. Rice (PF-757) Maine, N.Y.
John Cadick (PF-858) Garland, Texas	Jerry B. Friedland (PF-376) Monsey, N.Y.	Dennis Lamereaux Hinsdale, Ill.	Vivian R. Rice Maine, N.Y.
Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955) Taylorsville, Utah	Jonathan Friedland (PF-641) Highland Park, Ill.	Edward LeBlanc (PF-015) Fall River, Mass.	Robert Routhier (PF-889) Swartz Creek, Mich.
Bradford S. Chase (PF-412) Enfield, Ct.	Michele Friedland Highland Park, Ill.	Rita LeBlanc Fall River, Mass.	Jeanette L. Routhier Swartz Creek, Mich.
Ann V. Chase Enfield, Ct.	Alvin Funderburg (PF-1025) Kettering, Ohio	Murray Levin (PF-851) Jenkintown, Pa.	Percy Seamans (PF-405) Lake Delton, Wis.
Rolfe B. Chase (PF-602) Tucson, Ariz.	Ruth Funderburg Kettering, Ohio	Van Daele Mabrito (PF-883) San Antonio, Texas	Arthur Seybert (PF-850) Baraboo, Wis.
Kitty Chase Tucson, Ariz.	John Gayden DeKalb, Ill.	Rauzia Nell Mabrito San Antonio, Texas	Ann Sharrard (PF-325) Gainesville, Fla.
Alys Collmer (PF-956) Waco, Texas	William R. Gowen (PF-706) Lake Zurich, Ill.	Ed Mattson (PF-067) Baltimore, Md.	George Sharrard Gainesville, Fla.
Robert Collmer (PF-866) Waco, Texas	Samuel T. Huang (PF-963) DeKalb, Ill.	Ivan McClymont (PF-722) Varna, Ontario	Arthur W. Smitter (PF-952) Grand Rapids, Mich.
J. Randolph Cox (PF-598) Dundas, Minn.	Corinna Huang DeKalb, Ill.	Marg McClymont Varna, Ontario	Linda Smitter Grand Rapids, Mich.
Donald L. Cripe (PF-919) Bremen, Ind.	Gordon Huber (PF-843) Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Ethel Mertz Beloit, Wis.	Steven Sutton (PF-998) South Lancaster, Mass.
Paul A. Cripe (PF-633) Bremen, Ind.	Jeanne Huber Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Neil McCormick (PF-506) Madison, Wis.	Jeannette Baxendale South Lancaster, Mass.

Lee Switzer (PF-882)
Fridley, Minn.

Marc Williams (PF-958)
League City, Texas

Gaylene Switzer
Fridley, Minn.

Mark A. Williams
DeKalb, Ill.

Angelo Sylvester (PF-928)
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Carl Wulff (PF-900)
Racine, Wis.

Mary Sylvester
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Esther Wulff
Racine, Wis.

Jim Thorp (PF-574)
Nashua, N.H.

Arthur P. Young (PF-941)
Sycamore, Ill.

Peter C. Walther (PF-548)
Millersville, Md.

Patricia Young
Sycamore, Ill.

David Wennemar
Sycamore, Ill.

TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 85
H.A.S. MEMBERS: 56



Current Dime Novel Round-Up editor J. Randolph Cox (PF-598) gets together with former Round-Up editor Eddie LeBlanc (PF-015) during the convention.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

I JUST PURCHASED SEVERAL MAJOR COLLECTIONS:

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING TO TRADE:

In dust jacket complete sets of the following:

Tuffy Bean
Trigger Berg
Andy Blake
Jerry Hicks

Numerous runs of the following series in DJ:

Many Hal Keen, ie Doom, Amazon, Swamp etc.
Most Poppy Otts and Jerry Todds
lots of early Edgar Rice Burroughs, TARZAN,
Venus, Mars etc.
X-Bar-X high numbers, Don Sturdy
Hancock - Invasion of the US in dj (and applique)
Beverly Gray - Worlds Fair
Horatio Alger Jr.

Non - DJ books:

1st edition early Oliver Optics

many other single books in DJ and w/out DJ
Verrill - Deep Sea Hunters
Wycoff - A L Burt editions
Adventures in the Unknown - Claudy
Ralph of the RR, Great Marvel
Square Dollar Boys
early Stratemeyer authored books
etc etc.

I WANT BOOKS FROM THE FOLLOWING SERIES AND WILL BUY OR TRADE FOR THEM:

To a large degree these are books from my childhood that were
printed from the 50's - 70's picture cover illustrated boards
AND dustjacketed versions are both desired.

Rick Brant by John Blaine
Ken Holt by Bruce Campbell
Chip Hilton by Clair Bee
Alfred Hitchcocks Three Investigators, various authors
Brains Benton by Verral or Wyatt
Christopher Cool by Jack Lancer
Dig Allen by Joseph Greene
Mike Mars by Donald Wolheim
Judy Bolton by Margaret Sutton
Tom Swift Jr. by Victor Appleton II
Tom Corbett by Carey Rockwell
Rocky McCune by Wilfred McCormick
Bronc Burnett by Wilfred McCormick
Biff Brewster by Andy Adams
Lone Ranger by Fran Striker

also interested in:

Sue Barton by Boylston
Trixie Belden by Campbell or Kenny including paperbacks

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Dash to DeKalb

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presented by 1998 recipient Angelo Sylvester to Samuel Huang, whose untiring efforts on behalf of the H.A.S. Repository and as organizer of the 1999 convention, were in the true spirit of longtime Executive Secretary and former President Carl Hartmann.

The **Dick Seddon Award**, given to the member whose "admirable qualities and warm companionship best exemplify the spirit of the late Dick Seddon," was presented by 1998 winner Bob Huber to Doug Fleming, who will host the Society's 2001 Convention.

There were two speakers, with new President Arthur Young presenting the convention's keynote address.

"We are fortunate to be celebrating a twin centennial this year—the centennial of Northern Illinois University's birth and the centennial of Alger's death," Young said, commenting on the importance of Alger's "strive and succeed" philosophy as our enduring symbol in his talk, titled "Alger Ages — But Not Much."

Dime Novel Round-Up editor Randy Cox then presented a discussion (with color slides) titled "The Life and Times of Nick Carter," going into great detail about the growth and enduring popularity of this dime novel detective hero, and methodology of how the Nick Carter stories were produced by the venerable Street & Smith firm of New York.

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Saturday, May 15, began with the traditional members' book sale, held in the staff lounge at Founders Memorial Library, with free breakfast served on the site. One of the big events at the sale was the official release of Brad Chase's new book, *Horatio Alger Books Published by The New York Book Company*. Chase had a special display of this and his other books, and was available to inscribe copies for Partic'lar Friends.

After completion of the book sale came the annual consignment auction, held in the Holmes Student Center's Regency Room with Jerry Friedland the auctioneer. Immediately following this sale, it was announced that Margaret Baach of Edina, Minn., had donated the Alger collection (along with other boys' books) of her late husband, William Baach (PF-492) to the Society. Rather than hold the books for a future date, it was decided to auction the collection immediately after the members' scheduled bus tour of historic DeKalb and lunch hosted by Corinna and Samuel Huang.

Saturday's lunch was a multi-course, oriental-style buffet served poolside at the Huangs' home. All who attended listed it as a major highlight of the convention.

Following lunch, those interested in bidding on the Baach collection returned to the Regency Room, where 72 lots of books were auctioned, with Jerry Friedland and Ed Mattson alternating as auctioneers on each lot. The sale generated \$1,840 for the Society.

Saturday night's annual H.A.S. banquet was held in the Skyroom, located atop the Holmes Student Center.

A major highlight of the evening was the **Strive and Succeed Award**, presented each year to a high school student who exemplifies Alger's heroes by overcoming adversity in true "strive and succeed" tradition.

The recipient was David James Wennemar, son of Martha and James Wennemar of Sycamore, Ill., a National Honor Society student at Sycamore High School who will attend Northern Illinois University this fall to pursue a major in graphic design.

In his introductory remarks, President Arthur Young commented: "This past fall, David was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He underwent six hours of surgery in December. His speech and comprehension were affected for a short time because of the location of the tumor and surgical trauma. The prognosis is excellent and no additional treatment is planned. He returned to school and continued to pursue his goals in his usual quiet manner, which has won the admiration of the faculty and his friends."

The evening's speaker was Nicholas A. Basbanes, book review editor of the Worcester, Mass., **Star-Telegram** until 1991, columnist for the late and lamented **Biblio** magazine and author of *A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes and the Eternal Passion for Books*.

Basbanes' talk included the escapades of Stephen Blumberg, "an accomplished bibliokleptomaniac," who bills himself as the "greatest book thief of the 20th century." Blumberg's cache in a large house in Ottumwa, Iowa, totaled tens of thousands of books.

The evening concluded with the annual members' donation auction, with auctioneer Jerry Friedland handling a vast assortment of books and other memorabilia, a total of 96 lots which raised \$1,133 for the Society.

The remainder of Saturday night was saved for further socializing, with Sunday morning's traditional "farewell breakfast" giving Partic'lar Friends an opportunity to say "hope to see you next year in West Chester, Pennsylvania!"



Nicholas Basbanes discusses the "gentle madness" of book collecting.



Arthur Seybert (PF-850) receives his "Dash to DeKalb" posters and other convention souvenirs from Samuel Huang during registration.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Winning bidder Tom Arnold, left, proudly holds *The Young Salesman* following the Hank Gravbelle special auction. Joining him are Elaine Gravbelle and auctioneer Ed Mattson (PF-067). Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Jim Thorp (PF-574), left, is given a tour of the Horatio Alger Repository by Mark Williams of the rare books/special collections department of Northern Illinois University Libraries.

Photo by Doug Fleming



From left, Lee Switzer (PF-882), Steven Sutton (PF-998), Jeannette Baxendale and Gaylene Switzer enjoy their first H.A.S. convention. Photo by Doug Fleming

H.A.S. special consignment auction results

<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. Bertha's Christmas Vision	Hurst	Robert Kaiser	35.00	42. From Canal Boy to President	Anderson (1st)	Carol Nackenoff	25.00
2. Jerry the Backwoods Boy	G&D	Robert Kaiser	35.00	43. Charlie Codman's Cruise	Loring	Lee Switzer	65.00
3. The Nugget Finders	Shaw	Robert Routhier	100.00	44. Paul Prescott's Charge	Loring	Tom Arnold	65.00
4. Andy Grant's Pluck	Coates (1st)	Larry Rice	85.00	45. Luck and Pluck	Loring	Arthur Smither	65.00
5. Rough and Ready	Loring (1st)	Tom Arnold	70.00	46. The Backwoods Boy	Berkeley	Marvin Brady	55.00
6. Bernard Brook's Adventures	Burt (1st)	Lee Switzer	60.00	47. From Farm Boy to Senator	S&S	Marvin Brady	65.00
7. Joe the Hotel Boy	C&L (1st)	Tom Arnold	90.00	48. Fame and Fortune (1st)	Loring	Paul Cripe	95.00
8. Phil the Fiddler	Loring (1st)	Paul Cripe	60.00	49. Rough and Ready (1st)	Loring	Robert Routhier	75.00
9. Nelson the Newsboy	G&D	Douglas Fleming	30.00	50. Tom Brace	McKay	Lee Switzer	190.00
10. Lost at Sea	G&D	Michael Morley	100.00	51. Erie Train Boy	S&S	Robert Routhier	85.00
11. Falling in With Fortune	Mershon	Marvin Brady	35.00	52. The Backwoods Boy	McKay	Robert Routhier	85.00
12. From Farm Boy to Senator	Ogilvie (1st)	Robert Routhier	100.00	53. The Young Acrobat	McKay	Robert Routhier	60.00
13. From Farm to Fortune	G&D	Steven Sutton	30.00	54. Strive and Succeed	Loring	Tom Arnold	25.00
14. Five Hundred Dollar Check	S&S	Robert Routhier	75.00	55. Wait and Win	Burt	Robert Routhier	210.00
15. Dean Dunham	Caldwell	Ronald Klein	75.00	56. From Canal Boy to President	Anderson (1st)	Carol Nackenoff	45.00
16. Young Outlaw	Loring	Paul Cripe	75.00	57. Paul the Peddler	Loring	Ralph Carlson	60.00
17. Randy of the River	G&D	Lee Switzer	95.00	58. Young Captain Jack	G&D	Lee Switzer	20.00
18. Five Hundred Dollar Check	S&S	Brad Chase	85.00	59. Out for Business	G&D	Percy Seamans	7.50
19. Dean Dunham	S&S	Jerry Friedland	95.00	60. Mark Mason's Victory	Burt (1st)	Lee Switzer	50.00
20. From Canal Boy to President	McKay	Robert Routhier	35.00	61. Bound to Rise	Loring (1st)	Lee Switzer	45.00
21. Tom Tracy	McKay	Brad Chase	125.00	62. Jed the Poorhouse Boy	Coates (1st)	Paul Cripe	75.00
22. New York Boy	McKay	Robert Routhier	120.00	63. Ben Logan's Triumph	C&L (1st)	Marc Williams	200.00
23. New York Boy	S&S	Robert Routhier	140.00	64. Erie Train Boy	Berkeley	Lee Allen	85.00
24. Nelson the Newsboy	G&D	Michael Morley	100.00	65. Digging for Gold	P&C (1st)	Michael Morley	50.00
25. A Rolling Stone	T&T (1st)	Tom Arnold	130.00	66. Nelson the Newsboy	G&D	Marvin Brady	35.00
26. Slow and Sure	Mershon	Michael Morley	55.00	67. From Canal Boy to President	Anderson (1st)	John Cadick	20.00
27. From Farm to Fortune	G&D	Lee Switzer	55.00	68. A Boy's Fortune	Winston	Brad Chase	70.00
28. Ragged Dick	Loring	Tom Arnold	65.00	69. Lester's Luck	Winston	Tom Arnold	95.00
29. Rufus and Rose	Loring	Tom Arnold	55.00	70. Lost at Sea	Mershon (1st)	Robert Huber	270.00
30. Luck and Pluck	Loring (1st)	Paul Cripe	160.00	71. Ben Bruce	Burt (1st)	Paul Cripe	110.00
31. Out for Business	Mershon (1st)	Michael Morley	90.00	72. Ben the Luggage Boy	Loring	Tom Arnold	35.00
32. Falling in With Fortune	G&D	Ronald Klein	20.00	73. Young Captain Jack	Mershon (1st)	Lee Switzer	10.00
33. Jerry the Backwoods Boy	G&D	Arthur Smither	45.00	74. The Young Acrobat	S&S	Robert Routhier	45.00
34. Joe the Hotel Boy	G&D	Marvin Brady	25.00	75. Dean Dunham	McKay	Brad Chase	140.00
35. Mark Stanton	McKay	Brad Chase	120.00	76. In Search of Treasure	Burt (1st)	Tom Arnold	300.00
36. Adventures/Telegraph Boy	McKay	Robert Routhier	95.00	77. Sink or Swim	Loring (1st)	Paul Cripe	95.00
37. From Canal Boy to President	S&S	Robert Routhier	40.00	78. Helen Ford	Winston	Lee Switzer	15.00
38. From Farm Boy to Senator	McKay	Robert Routhier	70.00	79. Young Circus Rider	Winston	Marvin Brady	75.00
39. Walter Griffith	S&S	Jerry Friedland	240.00	80. Western Boy/Tom Bootblack	T&T	Lee Switzer	75.00
40. Tom Tracy	McKay	Robert Routhier	120.00	81. Dan the Newsboy	Burt	Steven Sutton	15.00
41. From Canal Boy to President	Anderson (1st)	Ronald Klein	20.00	82. Joe's Luck	Burt	Tom Arnold	12.50

H.A.S. special consignment auction results

<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
83. Tony the Hero	Burt	Lee Switzer	15.00	124. The Young Adventurer	P&C	Michael Morley	20.00
84. Tom Temple's Career	Burt	Tom Arnold	20.00	125. The Young Explorer	Coates	Larry Rice	22.50
85. The Train Boy	Burt	Steven Sutton	17.50	126. The Young Miner	P&C	Larry Rice	42.50
86. Frank Fowler the Cash Boy	Burt	Tom Davis	20.00	127. Ben's Nugget	P&C	Larry Rice	25.00
87. The Errand Boy	Burt	Steven Sutton	15.00	128. The Young Adventurer	P&C	Robert Routhier	17.50
88. Tom the Bootblack	Burt	Tom Arnold	15.00	129. Tattered Tom	P&C	Steven Sutton	60.00
89. Tom Temple's Career	Burt	Larry Rice	17.50	130. Slow and Sure	P&C	Lee Switzer	10.00
90. Tom Turner's Legacy	Burt	Robert Kaiser	25.00	131. Phil the Fiddler	P&C	Larry Rice	5.00
91. The Errand Boy	Burt	Lee Switzer	10.00	132. Ben the Luggage Boy	P&C	Lee Switzer	12.50
92. The Train Boy	Burt	Tom Arnold	15.00	133. The Store Boy	P&C (1st)	Robert Routhier	50.00
93. Frank Fowler the Cash Boy	Burt	Tom Arnold	20.00	134. Julius Street Boy Out West	P&C	Robert Routhier	25.00
94. Joe's Luck	Burt	Tom Arnold	15.00	135. Wait and Hope	P&C	Marvin Brady	15.00
95. Ben Bruce	Burt	Arthur Smither	25.00	136. Brave and Bold	P&C	Ralph Carlson	17.50
96. Dan the Newsboy	Burt	Bernie Biberdorf	20.00	137. Sink or Swim	P&C	Larry Rice	15.00
97. A Debt of Honor	Burt	Marvin Brady	22.50	138. Try and Trust	P&C	Larry Rice	15.00
98. Shifting for Himself	Burt	Ivan McClymont	15.00	139. The Young Explorer	P&C	Larry Rice	20.00
99. The Errand Boy	Burt	Marc Williams	15.00	140. Ben's Nugget	P&C	Percy Seamans	5.00
100. Tom Thatcher's Fortune	Burt	Marvin Brady	17.50	141. Frank's Campaign	Coates	Murray Levin	40.00
101. Try and Trust	Burt	Ivan McClymont	22.50	142. Paul Prescott's Charge	Coates	Murray Levin	30.00
102. Bernard Brooks' Adventures	Burt	Arthur Smither	15.00	143. Charlie Codman's Cruise	Coates	Murray Levin	32.50
103. Fame and Fortune	Coates	Arthur Smither	15.00	144. Ragged Dick	Winston	Larry Rice	15.00
104. Mark the Match Boy	P&C	Marvin Brady	20.00	145. Phil the Fiddler	Winston	Jerry Friedland	30.00
105. Rufus and Rose	Coates	Robert Routhier	17.50	146. Wait and Hope	Winston	Steven Sutton	10.00
106. Ben the Luggage Boy	Coates	Robert Routhier	35.00	147. Rufus and Rose	Winston	Arthur Smither	27.50
107. Rough and Ready	P&C	Robert Routhier	27.50	148. Ben the Luggage Boy	Winston	Ralph Carlson	17.50
108. The Young Adventurer	Coates	Ivan McClymont	10.00	149. Erie Train Boy	Caldwell	Arthur Smither	35.00
109. Bob Burton	Coates	Carol Nackenoff	22.50	150. From Canal Boy to President	Caldwell	Lee Allen	27.50
110. Ben's Nugget	Coates	Lee Switzer	20.00	151. A New York Boy	Caldwell	Lee Allen	75.00
111. Hector's Inheritance	Coates	Ralph Carlson	22.50	152. The Young Acrobat	Caldwell	Lee Switzer	15.00
112. The Young Explorer	Coates	Bernie Biberdorf	12.50	153. Frank Fowler the Cash Boy	Burt	Steven Sutton	7.50
113. Luke Walton	Coates	Steven Sutton	12.50	154. Tom the Bootblack	Burt	Arthur Smither	10.00
114. The Young Outlaw	Coates	Robert Routhier	10.00	155. Tom Temple's Career	Burt	Arthur Smither	12.50
115. The Telegraph Boy	Coates	Arthur Young	35.00	156. Joe's Luck	Burt	Steven Sutton	5.00
116. Slow and Sure	Coates	Steven Sutton	5.00	157. Joe's Luck	Burt	Marc Williams	12.50
117. Paul the Peddler	Coates	Lee Allen	12.50	158. Tom Thatcher's Fortune	Burt	Percy Seamans	4.00
118. Phil the Fiddler	Coates	Robert Routhier	17.50	159. Paul Prescott's Charge	Coates	Ivan McClymont	27.00
119. Strong and Steady	P&C	Steven Sutton	12.50	160. Charlie Codman's Cruise	Coates	Alys Collmer	40.00
120. Sink or Swim	P&C	Mary Ann Ditch	12.50	161. Strive and Succeed	S&S	Lee Switzer	15.00
121. Risen from the Ranks	Winston	Robert Routhier	7.50	162. Strong and Steady	S&S	Bernie Biberdorf	17.50
122. Bound to Rise	P&C	Larry Rice	22.50	163. The Store Boy	Winston	Larry Rice	10.00
123. Herbert Carter's Legacy	P&C	Bart Nyberg	28.00	164. Luke Walton	Coates	Bart Nyberg	5.00

H.A.S. special consignment auction results

<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot No. and Title</u>	<u>Pub.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
165. Do and Dare	Winston	Steven Sutton	5.00	176. Adrift in the City	Coates	Larry Rice	62.50
166. Luke Walton	Coates	Jerry Friedland	10.00	177. Forging Ahead	Penn	Robert Kersch	42.50
167. Bob Burton	P&C	Lee Switzer	10.00	178. Frank Hunter's Peril	Winston	Ralph Carlson	22.50
168. The Young Outlaw	P&C	Larry Rice	17.50	179. In a New World	P&C	Lee Switzer	12.50
169. Bound to Rise	P&C	Larry Rice	22.50	180. From Farm to Fortune	Stitt	Lee Switzer	20.00
170. Phil the Fiddler	Coates	Larry Rice	27.50	181. Out for Business	Stitt	Alys Collmer	12.50
171. Tom the Bootblack	McLoughlin	Robert Routhier	32.50	182. Nelson the Newsboy	Mershon	Lee Switzer	12.50
172. Five Hundred Dollar Check	American	Arthur Smither	13.00	183. Jerry the Backwoods Boy	Mershon	Robert Routhier	12.50
173. Bound to Rise	Consolidated	Douglas Fleming	6.00	184. Phil the Fiddler	S&S	Lee Switzer	5.00
174. Paul the Peddler	T&T	Arthur Smither	25.00	185. The Young Salesman	Coates (1st, d/j)	Tom Arnold	1,000.00
175. Shifting for Himself	Mershon	Arthur Smither	28.00				

Total lots: 185

Total bids: \$9,528.50

Commission to H.A.S. (15%): \$1,429.28

Annual H.A.S. convention consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
"Phil the Fiddler" (Donohue, d/j)	Milt Ehlert	Jim Thorp	\$15.00	1 Stitt & 1 Donohue Algers	Ralph Carlson	Steven Sutton	2.20
Four Value Books Algers	Milt Ehlert	Robert Kersch	8.00	1 C-P, 1 Mershon & 1 Burt Algers	Ralph Carlson	Steven Sutton	8.50
"Canal Boy to President" (2nd issue)	Milt Ehlert	Arthur Young	40.00	Three Winston Algers	Ralph Carlson	Lee Switzer	15.00
Ladies Home Journal, Nov. 1890	Milt Ehlert	Tom Arnold	45.00	Four A.L. Burt Algers	Ralph Carlson	Lee Switzer	10.00
Three N.Y. Book Co. Algers	Alvin Funderburg	Robert Kersch	2.00	Four Hurst Algers	Ralph Carlson	Brad Chase	11.00
"Julius the Street Boy" (P&C)	Alvin Funderburg	Marvin Brady	6.00	Three Hurst Algers	Ralph Carlson	Donald Cripe	6.00
Four Winston Algers	Alvin Funderburg	Marvin Brady	10.00	Four Winston Algers	Ralph Carlson	Donald Cripe	8.00
Four Donohue Algers	Alvin Funderburg	Marvin Brady	30.00	Four Winston Algers	Ralph Carlson	Donald Cripe	8.00
Five Hurst Algers	Alvin Funderburg	Marvin Brady	16.00	Three Winston Algers	Ralph Carlson	Tom Arnold	10.00
Three A.L. Burt Algers	Alvin Funderburg	Ivan McClymont	15.00	"Brave and Bold" (S&S)	Michael Morley	Steven Sutton	1.00
"Ragged Dick" (Collier) and				"Ben's Nugget" (P&C, 1st. ed.)	Michael Morley	Lee Switzer	21.00
"Silas Snobden" (Doubleday)	Alvin Funderburg	Marc Williams	5.00	"Ben Bruce" (A.L. Burt, 1st. ed.)	Michael Morley	Robert Kaiser	15.00
Three Donohue Algers	Alvin Funderburg	D. Lamoreaux	5.00	"Tom Tracy" (S&S)	Michael Morley	Lee Switzer	40.00
"Robinson Crusoe"	Alvin Funderburg	Tom Arnold	7.00	"The Backwoods Boy" (2nd issue)	Rolfe Chase	Lee Switzer	20.00
P.T. Barnum Biography	Alvin Funderburg	Tom Arnold	17.00	"Wren Winter's Triumph" (Donohue)	Bernie Biberdorf	Ralph Carlson	40.00
"F.W. Dixon" framed letter	Gary Chase	Tom Davis	13.00	"The Young Book Agent" (G&D)	Bernie Biberdorf	Marvin Brady	54.00
"R. Raymond's Heir" (Lupton pb)	Brad Chase	Steven Sutton	5.00	R. Gardner Alger bio. (1st. ed.)	Bernie Biberdorf	Robert Kaiser	25.00
"T. Swift Chest of Secrets" d/j	Brad Chase	Marc Williams	21.00	Two Winston Algers	Bernie Biberdorf	Arthur Smither	32.00
"Patchwork Girl of Oz"	Brad Chase	Marc Williams	12.00				
"The Road to Oz"	Brad Chase	Marc Williams	10.00				
"Argosy," Vol. 9, 1889-90	Brad Chase	Tom Arnold	260.00				
Four Winston Algers	Ralph Carlson	Marvin Brady	5.00				
Four A.L. Burt Algers	Ralph Carlson	Ivan McClymont	10.00				
Three Donohue Algers	Ralph Carlson	Steven Sutton	7.50				

Total lots: 41

Total bids on consigned items: \$891.20

Commission to H.A.S. (20%): \$178.24

William Baach (PF-492) estate donation auction

<u>Lot No., Title</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot No., Title</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Misc. boys' books:			40. Four misc. Crown titles	Douglas Fleming	7.50
1. "Young Auctioneers" (Stratemeyer)	John Cadick	\$22.50	41. Two misc titles (Hurst, P&C)	Marvin Brady	40.00
2. "The Young Bridge Tender" (Stratemeyer)	Ed Mattson	15.00	42. "From Canal Boy to President" (Anderson)	Michael Morley	8.00
3. "A Young Inventor's Pluck" (Stratemeyer)	Lee Switzer	3.50	43. "G. Baldwin's Thanksgiving" (Westgard)	Lee Switzer	45.00
4. "To Alaska for Gold" (Stratemeyer)	John Cadick	20.00	44. "Tom Turner's Legacy" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	8.00
5. "Bob the Photographer" (Winfield)	John Cadick	11.00	45. "Timothy Crump's Ward" (Westgard)	Marvin Brady	35.00
6. "Larry the Wanderer" (Stratemeyer)	Tom Davis	12.00	46. "Helping Himself" (A.L. Burt)	Lee Switzer	17.00
7. "Joe the Surveyor" (Stratemeyer)	John Cadick	5.00	47. "Tom Tracy"/"Number 91" (Westgard)	Steven Sutton	30.00
8. "Last Cruise of the Spitfire" (Stratemeyer)	Tom Davis	9.00	48. "Making his Mark" (Westgard)	Steven Sutton	27.00
9. "Dave Porter at Star Ranch" (Stratemeyer)	Tom Davis	8.00	49. "Seeking his Fortune" (Conv. souvenir)	Steven Sutton	7.50
10. "D. Porter and his Classmates" (Stratemeyer)	Bart Nyberg	16.00	50. "Tony the Hero" (Hurst)	Arthur Smitter	15.00
11. "Richard Dare's Venture" (Stratemeyer)	Tom Davis	5.00	51. "A New York Boy" (Street & Smith)	Tom Arnold	65.00
12. Three "Motor Boys" books (Young)	Marc Williams	7.00	52. "A Debt of Honor" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	25.00
13. Two "Dave Porter" books (Stratemeyer)	Marc Williams	5.00	53. Three misc. A.L. Burt titles	Steven Sutton	25.00
14. Two "Circus Boys" books (Darlington)	Robert Kaiser	5.00	54. "From Farm to Fortune" (G&D)	Arthur Smitter	8.00
15. Four Frank Webster books	Alvin Funderburg	13.00	55. Three misc. A.L. Burt titles	Percy Seamans	5.00
16. Three misc. boys' books	Marc Williams	5.00	56. "Ben's Nugget" (Porter & Coates)	Larry Rice	2.00
Alger titles (publisher):			57. "From Farm Boy to Senator" (S&S)	Persy Seamans	10.00
17. "Walter Griffith" (Street & Smith)	Robert Routhier	90.00	58. Three A.L. Burt, one N.Y. book titles	Tom Arnold	5.00
18. Four misc. Winston titles	Tom Arnold	10.00	59. Two Winston, three Hurst titles	Tom Arnold	16.00
19. "Ned Newton" (McKay)	Robert Kaiser	180.00	60. "Adrift in New York" (World Synd.)	Brad Chase	10.00
20. Six misc. Hurst titles	Tom Arnold	15.00	61. Four misc. Winston titles	Percy Seamans	15.00
21. "Joe the Hotel Boy" (C&L)	Marc Williams	55.00	62. Four misc. Winston titles	Lee Switzer	36.00
22. "Dean Dunham" (Street & Smith)	Robert Routhier	85.00	63. Two misc. Hurst titles	Donald Cripe	9.00
23. "Tom Brace" (Street & Smith)	Robert Kaiser	120.00	64. Three misc. M.A. Donohue titles	Arthur Smitter	8.00
24. "Randy of the River" (G&D)	Robert Routhier	60.00	65. Six titles, misc. publishers	Percy Seamans	6.00
25. Two H.T. Coates titles	Tom Arnold	15.00	66. Three A.L. Burt, one Hurst titles	Ivan McClymont	8.00
26. "Nelson the Newsboy" (G&D)	Ralph Carlson	30.00	67. "Herbert Carter's Legacy" (M.A. Donohue)	Lee Switzer	6.00
27. "The Young Circus Rider" (H.T. Coates)	Tom Arnold	135.00	68. (One Federal, one Stitt, 2 A.L. Burt titles	Percy Seamans	8.00
28. "The Young Adventurer" (H.T. Coates)	Bernie Biberdorf	35.00	69. Three misc. M.A. Donohue titles	Marvin Brady	8.00
29. "Falling in with Fortune" (Mershon)	Dennis Lamereaux	10.00	70. Seven titles, misc. publishers	Rolfe Chase	1.00
30. "Joe's Luck" (A.L. Burt)	Arthur Smitter	10.00	71. Four misc. M.A. Donohue titles	Douglas Fleming	7.00
31. "Lost at Sea" (G&D)	Marvin Brady	75.00	72. Four misc. M.A. Donohue titles	Marvin Brady	12.00
32. "Facing the World" (A.L. Burt)	Ivan McClymont	10.00			
33. "Jerry, the Backwoods Boy" (G&D)	Ralph Carlson	25.00			
34. "Bob Burton" (Coates/Winston)	Bart Nyberg	25.00			
35. "Out for Business"/"Young Capt. Jack" (G&D)	Marc Williams	10.00			
36. "Tom Thatcher's Fortune" (A.L. Burt)	Larry Rice	13.00			
37. "Mark Stanton" (Pratt's Library)	Robert Kaiser	60.00			
38. "Tom Temple's Career" (A.L. Burt)	Robert Kasper	50.00			
39. "Ben Logan's Triumph" (G&D)	Marvin Brady	25.00			
			Total lots: 72		
			Total bids		\$1,840.00
			(100 percent to H.A.S.)		

Annual H.A.S. convention fund-raising auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Horatio Alger carved bust	Margaret Baach	Jeanette Routhier	\$95.00	Sports magazines, 1973-81	Chris DeHaan	Larry Rice	4.00
Canadian maple syrup	Ivan McClymont	Jeanette Routhier	10.00	Two rose ashtrays	Anon.	Larry Rice	1.00
Engineering reference book	Tom Davis	Jeanette Routhier	16.00	Miniature newsboy statue	Brad Chase	Vivian Rice	7.00
Engineering reference book	Tom Davis	Lee Allen	16.00	Three A.L. Burt Algers	Rolfe Chase	Larry Rice	10.00
Engineering reference book	Tom Davis	Michael Morley	16.00	"Kids Say the Darndest Things"	Tom Davis	Betsy Allen	2.00
Engineering reference book	Tom Davis	Bernie Biberdorf	16.00	Book on rifles and shotguns	Brad Chase	Betsy Allen	5.00
Engineering reference book	Tom Davis	John Cadick	16.00	Book: "Pastoral"	Bernie Biberdorf	Lee Allen	4.00
"Practical Electrical Wiring"	Tom Davis	Lee Allen	10.00	Drawer pull/bracket asst.	Anon.	Lee Allen	10.00
"Finish Carpenter's Manual"	Tom Davis	George Sharrard	4.00	Two Whitman Algers	Anon.	Betsy Allen	2.00
"Rough Frame Carpentry"	Tom Davis	Mark Williams	5.00	Terra cotta vessel	Anon.	Betsy Allen	3.00
"Carpentry for Residences"	Tom Davis	George Sharrard	3.00	Tip Top Weekly #623	Anon.	Lee Allen	5.00
Carved newsboy statue	Margaret Baach	Jerry Friedland	100.00	Tip Top Weekly #300	Anon.	Lee Allen	5.00
Bottle of wine	Michael Morley	Marc Williams	7.00	Tip Top Weekly #139	Anon.	Janice Morley	10.00
Sheet music	Larry Rice	Marc Williams	7.00	Wide-Awake Weekly #6	Anon.	Lee Allen	5.00
Sheet music	Larry Rice	Jerry Friedland	10.00	"Platform School Dialogues"	Robert Kersch	Michael Morley	10.00
Sheet music	Larry Rice	Betsy Allen	5.00	"Adrift in New York"	Murray Levin	Michael Morley	15.00
"From Canal Boy to President"	Brad Chase	Jeanette Routhier	6.00	Fruit box, newsboy motif	Elaine Gravbelle	Janice Morley	5.00
Jewel box	Larry Rice	Jeanette Routhier	10.00	Cigarette box	Larry Rice	Janice Morley	10.00
Tiddly winks game	Marc Williams	Jerry Friedland	36.00	Seventeen magazine	Anon.	Randy Cox	5.00
American history book	Chris DeHaan	Jerry Friedland	7.00	Three Alger paperbacks	Murray Levin	Arthur Smither	35.00
Jelly serving set	Samuel Huang	Jerry Friedland	75.00	Old French binoculars	Brad Chase	Bernie Biberdorf	15.00
Butterfly pin	Samuel Huang	Jerry Friedland	60.00	Old envelopes	Anon.	Alys Collmer	3.00
Gold first day cover	Michael Morley	Doug Fleming	4.00	8 "Suspense" shows, 1954	John Juvinall	Bob Collmer	10.00
Gold first day cover	Michael Morley	Arthur Smither	4.00	8 "Suspense" shows, 1950-57	John Juvinall	Tom Davis	12.00
Alger commem. cup plate	Margaret Baach	Doug Fleming	10.00	8 "Fibber McGee/Molly," 1952	John Juvinall	Robert Kaiser	15.00
"Diamond Dick" dime novel	Anon.	Mark Williams	5.00	"The Hunting Rifle"	Brad Chase	Alys Collmer	20.00
Canadian souvenir pen	Ivan McClymont	Marc Williams	1.00	Boys of '76 No. 378	Anon.	Alys Collmer	5.00
Canadian souvenir pen	Ivan McClymont	Mary Ann Ditch	1.00	Dancer how-to book	Tom Davis	Alys Collmer	5.00
Canadian souvenir pen	Ivan McClymont	Carol Nackenoff	1.00	Two first day covers	Michael Morley	Ivan McClymont	3.00
Celebrity pin	Ralph Carlson	Marc Williams	2.00	Two first day covers	Michael Morley	Ivan McClymont	3.00
"I Love Horatio Alger" T-shirt	Brad Chase	Chris DeHaan	2.00	Souvenir nail clipper & pen	Ivan McClymont	John Cadick	4.00
Four Nancy Drew books	Lee Switzer	Chris DeHaan	5.00	Official '74 baseball scorecard	Anon.	Milt Ehlert	2.00
Habanera jelly	Marc Williams	Marc Williams	5.00	Hardy Boys: "Flying Express"	Anon.	Milt Ehlert	7.00
Jelly	Marc Williams	Betsy Allen	5.00	"Two Young Lumbermen"	Bernie Biberdorf	Milt Ehlert	5.00
Blueberry jelly	Marc Williams	Janice Morley	8.00	Teddy Bears on a Bench	Arthur Smither	Milt Ehlert	130.00
Pickled beets	Jeanette Routhier	Marc Williams	8.00	Three Saalfeld Algers	Anon.	Brad Chase	1.00
Pickled beets	Jeanette Routhier	Janice Morley	8.00	Two NY Book, 1 Hurst Algers	Anon.	Brad Chase	1.00
Crabapple jelly	Jeanette Routhier	George Sharrard	5.00	Bowl	Anon.	George Sharrard	7.00
Crabapple jelly	Jeanette Routhier	Mark Williams	5.00	Alger playing cards	Brad Chase	Steven Sutton	5.00
Cup and saucer	Anon.	Vivian Rice	2.00	"Bridges of Madison County"	Bernie Biberdorf	Steven Sutton	3.00
Cup and saucer	Anon.	Arthur Smither	2.00	1899-P U.S. quarter	Arthur Smither	Steven Sutton	8.00

By-laws for the new millennium

A critical appraisal . . . proposals for the future

By Bradford S. Chase (PF-412)

During the spring of 1998, then-president Carl Hartmann asked me to review the Horatio Alger Society by-laws to see if they were up-to-date, to see if they included all appropriate actions passed at our annual meetings and to make sure they were relevant to existing and emerging H.A.S. activities.

To date, I have reviewed annual meeting reports for the past 33 years as have appeared in *Newsboy*, studied the by-laws as printed in past membership rosters (when included) and reviewed several sets of by-laws from other comparable organizations. From this work, I developed a series of findings and an updated version of our by-laws. I reported these results to the Board of Directors at the recent DeKalb convention.

After brief but good discussion there, the Board asked me to summarize my findings in an article to appear in *Newsboy* as soon as possible and solicit reactions from members. This is that article. I am then to report any reactions I receive back to the Board at its interim November directors' meeting. The directors plan to have a workshop of H.A.S. by-laws at that meeting. The clear intention of the Board is to uncover and resolve relevant by-law issues and to develop a revised set of by-laws which better reflect current H.A.S. goals and objectives. A new set of H.A.S. by-laws may be presented for review and comment in a subsequent *Newsboy* and may possibly become a proposed action at next year's annual meeting.

Below, I have summarized my findings into five general areas, followed by a printed set of what I consider to be the current H.A.S. by-laws.

1. H.A.S. by-laws were originally adopted in 1965, just after the Society incorporated. Subsequent by-law updating was undertaken by Jack Bales, Bob Bennett and periodically by Carl Hartmann over the years. Some updating was incomplete.

2. No complete set of minutes exists of all actions taken at our 33 annual meetings. *Newsboy* reports of actions taken at annual meetings are uneven and inconsistent except for recent years.

3. Some by-laws are not being followed, such as these examples:

- The Executive Secretary shall keep minutes of each annual meeting (due to the absence of the Executive Secretary at some meetings, this has not

been done consistently).

- In 1994, the Board of Directors appointed Robert E. Kasper as Executive Secretary; the by-laws state the President appoints the Executive Secretary for a three-year term.

- No active membership committee exists as required.

- Historian activities are not currently being undertaken.

- Only dues-paying members who attend the annual meeting can vote on actions (I doubt that this is being enforced).

- There is no by-law tie to the official H.A.S. repository at Northern Illinois University.

4. I think Society by-laws need at least the following additional, major changes not included now in order to be clarified:

- A dissolution clause should be added (i.e., what happens to our assets and files if we dissolve).

- A better way to distinguish by-law changes from routine actions. The existing fuzziness between *by-law actions* and *operating Board of Directors' actions* is a major cause of confusion at annual meetings. A distinct differentiation should exist between *Society policy* (general and goal-oriented, i.e., by-laws on membership) and *Board of Directors' policy* (specific and implementation-oriented; i.e., convention host duties, annual dues amounts, estate service standards and procedures, etc.).

5. Wording of the basic purpose of the Horatio Alger Society should perhaps be broadened beyond a total focus on Alger to reflect current interests that many members have in other children's book authors.

These are my comments as of this point. What follows on the next two pages is a copy of the current by-laws as voted at the May 1991 annual meeting, plus a few changes I have made. My changes reflect those by-law level changes approved either before 1991 and not included in the 1991 approved version of the by-laws, or voted at subsequent annual meetings, and which I have determined to be by-law level changes.

As you review these current by-laws, see what you think about them, jot down any reactions and thoughts you may have from your experience with other small organizations and send them along to me. Whatever I get, I will share with the Board of Directors in the fall.

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By-Laws of the Horatio Alger Society

The Horatio Alger Society was organized at Mendota, Illinois, May 22, 1965, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois on July 27, 1965, recorded in LaSalle County, Certificate No. 1278.

The Registered Office of the Horatio Alger Society shall be 820 North County Line Rd., Hinsdale, Illinois, and its Registered Agent shall be John R. Juvinall of the same address.

Its purposes as set forth in Articles of Incorporation are:

To promote interest in and knowledge of the eminent American author, Horatio Alger, Jr. and his works; to make annual awards to authors whose works best exemplify Alger and the American dream; to revive interest in the reading of Alger's stories, including stocking these books again in American libraries; to publish a monthly newsletter among its members; to issue a membership roster; to publish a bibliography of Alger's works and other literature bearing on the subject; and to generally promote respect for, and knowledge of, this famed author of stories for young people.

ARTICLE I — Membership and Dues

Section 1. There shall be three classes of membership in the Horatio Alger Society.

A. Regular membership: Any natural person interested in Horatio Alger, Jr. and/or his works, may, upon proper application to the Secretary and approval of the Membership Committee, and payment of dues of \$25 (\$20 for seniors) per year, become a regular member.

B. Sustaining Membership: Any natural person interested in Horatio Alger, Jr., and/or his works may, upon proper application to the Secretary and approval of the Membership Committee, and payment of dues of \$50 per year, become a sustaining member.

C. Life Membership: Any natural person interested in Horatio Alger, Jr. and/or his works, may become a Life Member upon application to the Secretary and approval of the Membership Committee, and payment of twenty (20) times the yearly dues if paid with the application or twenty-two (22) times the yearly dues if paid in yearly installments, becomes such member, annual installments to be paid in addition to the regular dues.

Section 2. The benefits and obligations of the memberships shall be identical as set forth in these By-Laws.

Section 3. Membership shall be on a yearly basis to start from time dues are received.

Section 4. Of each member's dues, not less than six dollars (\$6.00) shall be described as a subscription price for the official publication which shall be received by each member, and used to defray cost of its publishing and mailing.

Section 5. Club roster, bibliography, edition evaluation, index, and other club literature may be printed and circulated

to members, as income permits. Also, all members with 100 or more titles are eligible for the *100 Club*, for which they are sent an engraved plate for their Alger Society plaque.

All members with 100 or more first editions are eligible for the *Super 100 Club*, for which they are sent an engraved plate for their Alger Society plaque.

ARTICLE II — Meetings.

Section 1. There shall be one Annual meeting which shall include a meeting of the Board of Directors. If necessary, other meetings may be called by the officers. The Annual Meeting shall be held between May and October each year. Bids for the place the time of the Annual Meeting for the following year shall be tendered in writing to the Executive Secretary and acted upon at the Annual Meeting by the membership in attendance.

Section 2. The purpose of the Annual meeting shall be as follows:

- A. To elect and install officers for the following year.
- B. To receive reports from officers and committee chairpersons.
- C. To present Horatio Alger Society awards.
- D. To conduct H.A.S. Estate Service auctions.
- E. To discuss any other matters pertaining to the Society.

ARTICLE III — Voting.

Section 1. Only members in good standing [current dues paid] and in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2. All matters involving the policies of the Society, selection of the convention city, amendments to the By-Laws and election of officers shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting for vote.

Section 3. A simple majority of the votes of members present at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary to amend the By-Laws and to pass resolutions. In the election of officers, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes for any given office shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE IV — Officers (Trustees).

Section 1. The officers of the Horatio Alger Society shall consist of the following:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Board of Directors (Trustees)

ARTICLE V — Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall perform the usual duties of such office. The President shall preside at the Annual Business Meeting. It shall further be the duty of the President to secure desirable invitations for the Annual meeting as prescribed elsewhere in these By-Laws. He/she shall serve for a two-year term.

Section 2. The Vice President shall aid and assist the President in any way possible. The Vice President shall assume the office of president during the absence of the latter, or at his/her written request, or in the event of his/her death or resignation. He/she shall serve a two-year term.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall serve for a two-year term.

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The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

A. Keep a record of all funds received and funds paid out by the Society.

B. Balance the books and prepare a written financial report for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

C. The financial reports shall be arranged as to show separately the transactions of each fiscal year. The fiscal year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

D. The Treasurer shall be Chairperson of the Financial Committee.

E. Set up such depository bank accounts as he/she feels required for the convenience of those persons such as Editor of *Newsboy*, who will have occasion to draw on such accounts.

F. All disbursements of the Society shall be made by the Treasurer by check upon receipt of an invoice, properly approved by the person responsible for the expenditure. Persons authorized to make miscellaneous expenditures out of personal funds may be reimbursed in a similar manner.

Section 4. The Board of Directors (Trustees) shall consist of the following:

A. The President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and nine [9] Directors.

B. Three [3] of the nine [9] Directors shall serve for a three-year staggered term. The ninth [9th] Director shall be the immediate past President.

C. It will be the duty of the Board of Directors to formulate Society policy which in turn will be presented to the membership for vote. The Board has responsibility for the H.A.S. Estate Service.

D. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, once at the Annual meeting and once not less than three [3] months nor more than nine [9] months from the Annual meeting.

Section 5. Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary is appointed by the President for a term of three [3] years. He/she is not an officer of the Society and has no vote.

The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be as follows:

A. Keep minutes of the Annual meeting and of any other meetings of the Society.

B. Sign, countersign or attest all official papers and perform the usual duties of a Secretary.

C. Handle all the everyday working details such as tax returns, new membership information, ordering of supplies, prospective member follow-ups, and all other matters relating to the H.A.S.

Section 6. Historian. The Historian is appointed by the President for an indefinite term of years. He/she is not an officer of the Society and has no vote.

The duties of the Historian are as follows:

A. Compile and keep a scrapbook[s] of newspaper clippings, photographs, etc., that relate to Horatio Alger, Jr., and/or the Horatio Alger Society. This/these will be on display at all Annual Conventions.

B. Revise the By-Laws when amended by the Board of Directors or the Annual convention.

C. Keep the Horatio Alger Society history up to date.

D. Do research as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI — Standing Committees.

Section 1. The Chairperson of any committee shall have the power to replace any member of his/her committee who does not satisfactorily perform the duties required of him/her.

Section 2. The standing committees of the Society and their duties shall be as follows:

A. The Editorial Committee for *Newsboy* shall consist of the Editor, appointed by the president; and such members as the Editor may deem necessary.

B. The Membership Committee shall be headed by the Vice President as Chairperson. He/she may appoint such other members as he/she deems necessary.

The functions of this committee shall be:

1. To increase membership in the Society.
2. To secure adequate publicity for the Society.
3. To generally promote good public relations.
4. To promote interest in Horatio Alger, Jr., and his works.

C. The **Financial Committee** shall be headed by the Treasurer and consist of all the elected officers of the Society.

D. The **Nominating Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson and two members to be appointed by the President to examine, submit, and nominate candidates for the elected offices of the Society.

E. The **Strive and Succeed Award Committee** shall consist of the Convention Chairperson and members and/or non-members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. They may select a boy or girl to receive the Strive and Succeed Award who conforms to the standards described by Horatio Alger, Jr., and should be a typical Alger hero.

F. The **Newsboy Award Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson and two members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. The Chairperson shall be a member of the Society appointed by the President. The Newsboy Award Committee shall select that person [not necessarily a member of the Society], or organization, that has done the most to add to the image of Horatio Alger, Jr.

G. The **Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson and two members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. The Chairperson shall be that member of the Society appointed by the president. The Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award Committee shall select that member of the Society who served the Society in an outstanding manner during the past year.

H. The **Richard Seddon Award Committee** shall consist of the President and any other person he/she may choose. The Richard Seddon Award Committee shall select that member of the Society who best emulates the qualities and comradeship possessed by Dick Seddon, and so admired by those who knew him.

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Tom Davis looks for bids on a first edition of *Andy Grant's Pluck* during the special consignment auction.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Brad Chase inscribes a copy for Doug Fleming of his latest book, *Horatio Alger Books Published by The New York Book Company*, during Saturday's members book sale.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Vice President Carol Nackenoff passes the gavel to new President Art Young during the annual business meeting.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Rita LeBlanc, right, and Murray Levin fill their plates during Saturday's outdoor buffet lunch at the home of Corinna and Samuel Huang.

Photo by Doug Fleming

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

William R. Gowen, Editor
Horatio Alger Society

Dear Bill:

I would like to take a moment to thank you and all the members of the Horatio Alger Society for their kind words and acts of sympathy since Hank's passing. The turnout for the special auction was indeed beyond my expectations and I now better understand Hank's decision that he made last year at the convention in Scottsdale. Hank was truly blessed by all of the many friendships and the camaraderie shared with all the HAS members.

I would like to personally thank Ed Mattson once again for all of his efforts and hope that his marlin catches have improved since we last saw him! A special thank-you goes out to Christine DeHaan, Tom Davis, Art Young, Bob Kasper, Marc Williams, Bill Gowen, and Carol Nackenoff for their personal efforts in handling other aspects of the auction. You all did a terrific job!

Lastly but more importantly, I would like to thank each person who now owns a piece of nostalgia in the form of an Alger title that once graced the shelves of Hank's wonderful book collection. It was his hope that you would all find the same joy in owning these titles that he did! Enjoy and thanks once again!

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I thought the following might possibly be of interest to H.A.S. members.

I am past president of, and now produce the newsletter for our local historical society. In the course of research for an article, I came across a tape of what might have been the last speech Lowell Thomas ever gave.

Thomas, who was 90 when he died in 1981, was perhaps the most renowned news commentator of the 20th Century. He was the only reporter with Lawrence of Arabia during the Arab revolt against the Turks. He authored over 50 books, produced the most listened to radio news program in history, pioneered television news and Cinerama and visited almost every place on the planet during his 30-some trips around the world.

Thomas was an atypical Horatio Alger hero, as most real-life people who have worked their way to the top

from humble beginnings are. Although he was not a rags-to-riches type, as his parents were upper middle-class, Thomas did make his own way through life, starting his career as a newsboy in the Cripple Creek gold mining district of Colorado and ending up as one of the most honored and respected people of the century. Here, in his own words, given in a speech in Colorado Springs less than two weeks before his death, are his comments on his newsboy days, and of a meeting to honor real-life Horatio Alger heroes, at which he was a guest speaker:



Lowell Thomas

"I had a newspaper route, where I had to get up about three o'clock in the morning and the red light district was part of my area, and I got a little education out of that. Not that I really knew anything about what it was all about, but occasionally, as I was going along the row, a door would open and some miner would come bursting out of it, with a woman in a nightgown, with a bottle that she threw at him. That's the kind of education I got out of that.

"Well, anyhow, I delivered papers and sold them in the saloons, because every other room was — every other place uptown was — a saloon or gambling hall in those early days.

"Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is the head of an organization that honors Horatio Alger, and every year they have a big banquet and they present Horatio Alger plaques to men who got a start in life. Sometimes fellows who have started as newsboys and then became heads of great corporations, and so on . . . or whatever they did that was important.

"Well, they made me the last speaker at the banquet, and I had to listen to a whole lot of eminent men tell out their Horatio Alger careers, and how they owed so much to their dear old mother and their father, and so on, and it kind of got me down. And by the time they got around to me, I was in a mood to do something a little different. And, anyhow, I said at one of these banquets that . . . there's always an audience of young people, and I said to the young people: *I don't want to advocate that you go to jail, but don't be too disturbed if you do, because you may encounter some very interesting people there. And it may have a good influence on your life.*

"It had on mine. For instance, I went to jail once in Ohio. It was over some little thing that I had done, and the

man who arrested me that night remained my friend all his life, until he died.

"Another time, I was arrested at the frontier in Italy, during the First World War, because of having some papers that were not just quite in order, and the result of it was that, although I was arrested, it all came out perfectly, because I, as a result of getting into this jam, I met the prime minister of Italy and he assigned me one of his top people to be with me for the rest of the time that I was with the Italian Army.

"And then I was arrested again once, later on, at the end of the First World War, when I crawled through the lines and was captured in Switzerland. But you sometimes get great opportunities that come out of going to prison. So don't be alarmed if you do.

"That is the kind of advice I gave to the Horatio Alger crowd. Dr. Peale never told me whether he approved of it."

It should be noted that Thomas began his career as a newsboy about the year 1900, when the Cripple Creek District had a population of 70,000 and its red light district was then known as the wildest in the world. Thomas once had Texas Guinan as his Sunday school teacher. Guinan later became perhaps the most notorious woman of the prohibition era, operating a speakeasy in New York, where she greeted each customer with a loud "Hello, Sucker!" as they walked in the door of her establishment.

Thomas, after attending college in Chicago, where he picked up degrees in journalism and law, returned to Cripple Creek and became the editor of its leading newspaper before he departed the district for larger fields. In his 90th year, Thomas was still skiing, had a daily radio program and a television show, was involved in the day-to-day operations of a major news media corporation and, besides his almost non-stop speaking and travel schedule, was making a movie. He died peacefully in his sleep at his home in New York on Aug. 29, 1981.

Sincerely,
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Editor's note: Lowell Thomas was honored by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, the organization to which he refers in his interview, in 1971.

Dear Mr. Gowen:

I was happily reading my latest issue of *Newsboy* as usual, when I was shocked and dismayed as I began to read "Ragged Dick in the '90's" on Page 9. Was this really *Newsboy*?

Let me now begin with a quote from Lenin: "First, we will take Eastern Europe; then the masses of Asia. Then we will encircle the United States of America, which will be the last bastion of capitalism. We will not have to attack it; it will fall like an overripe fruit

into our hands." The first half of that strategy has been carried out; and although the U.S.S.R. has fallen, the rest is still being worked on. And we are ripe. This issue itself is a classic example: the author of the offensive article is in a high position, one of key importance in the future of our nation: that of a teacher. A teacher will shape the minds of our upcoming generations, either for good or evil. This instance clearly shows the infiltration we already are experiencing.

It has now become my duty, as an American, a Christian, and a member of H.A.S., to oppose the printing of such articles in *Newsboy*. Some may say, "But just brush aside the first part; the rest is interesting." To them I reply: yes, the statistics are interesting, though the tone of the whole article is Marxist; and it should be obvious that no one could survive today as Ragged Dick did. But that brings up two questions: 1. Why did this communist teacher (communism and Marxism are synonymous) bring this up? and 2. Why couldn't one live and rise that way today?

Here are the answers: by bringing this up at the beginning of the school year, this teacher makes it appear that capitalism has failed miserably, thus paving the way easily for her "solution": communism. But just why couldn't one live and rise in exactly the same way Ragged Dick did? Because of the very same ideologies Marxists and Democratic Socialists propose as the answer.

Our society and government have been gradually becoming more and more Socialist for about 100 years, though it really took off with the New Deal of socialist-leaning FDR. And in proportion as we become more socialistic, with government bureaucracy, control, and over regulation; and less capitalistic, our economy worsens. (Another factor, however, is Darwinian capitalism — as opposed to true capitalism — which runs according to evolutionary principles, and thus replaces "free enterprise" with "survival of the fittest" mentality in business).

Marxism is not just another erroneous philosophy. It is diametrically opposed to all that we Americans stand for, and thus we must always stand against it. It is my sincere desire that all who read this letter will realize its dangers, and stand for what is right.

P.S.: Carol Loranger described herself as a "mild-mannered Marxist." I don't propose to lengthen a long letter by commenting upon that. However, I will say that communism, as founded by Marx, calls for the violent overthrow of non-communist governments.

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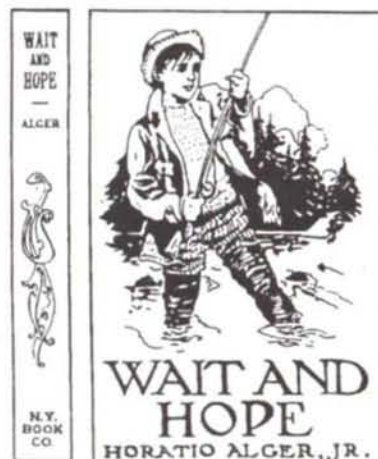
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