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The Lees Inn, site of the Horatio Alger Society convention in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

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President's column

The 2007 convention is now in the books. And I do mean in the books — there were more high-quality books available at this convention than I recall seeing since the 2000 convention in West Chester, Pa.

I believe everybody attending found at least one book for his or her collection, including our redoubtable **Newsboy** editor, who got a scarce Stratemeyer title that yours truly found in an Illinois antique mall the day before the convention opened. All convention logistics went well, and even a hotel ownership change during the middle of the convention wasn't a problem.

Many thanks to Bob and Wendy Sipes for all their work in making the convention run smoothly. For me, the highlight was Bob and Wendy's open house, where Bob's impressive book collection was on display. Bob's techniques in book shelving and display merit a separate article, but I'll mention one here that I will emulate myself: using a 2x4 with a platform to build up a 4.75-inch sub-shelf on a 12-inch wide shelf. This allows you to double-stack books and still be able to read the spines of all the books. You can see how Bob implemented this sub-shelf concept at www.thehoratioalgersociety.org/conv2007.html/bs_lib5.jpg.

Lynne Thomas, the head of Rare Books and Special Collections at Northern Illinois University, attended the convention with her family. Lynne gave an informative and entertaining presentation concerning the current state of the Horatio Alger Society Repository at NIU.

Please feel free to contact Lynne directly at lmthomas@niu.edu if you have questions about accessing the very useful online catalog (select "Online Catalog" from www.ulib.niu.edu/rbsc/), or if you have any other issues or questions regarding the Alger repository.

I'd also like to again thank humorist and writer Dick Wolfsie for his highly entertaining after-dinner talk on humor (what else?) at the Saturday night banquet. After the talk, Dick signed copies of his books for us (and the restaurant staff).

Janice and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the Shelbyville convention and agreed that hosting a convention after this one would be a hard act to follow. So, we agreed to do just that: Janice and I will host the 2008 Horatio Alger Society convention "Finding a Fortune in Carson Valley" from May 15-18 in Gardnerville/Minden, Nevada. We will have a sub-page devoted to coordinat-

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2007 convention report

'Seeking Fortune in Shelbyville'

By William R. Gowen (P0F-706)

For the Horatio Alger Society, it was "Back Home Again in Indiana" after an absence of 16 years, when the annual convention returned for the first time since Bernie and Marcy Biberdorf hosted "Indiana Bound, Hoosier Edition" in 1991 in Greenwood, just south of Indianapolis.

For 2007, Bob and Wendy Sipes were our most gracious hosts for "Seeking Fortune in Shelbyville" on May 17-20. One of Indiana's most historic towns, Shelbyville is located about a half-hour drive southeast of Indianapolis.

Continuing a long tradition, several Partic'lar Friends arrived a day or two early at the Lees Inn, located just off Interstate 74. President Mike Morley (PF-934) and his wife, Janice (PF-957) were among the early arrivals, for the second year in a row bringing along their Hurricane Rita rescue dog, Holly, who gained many Partic'lar Friends of her own within the Society during last year's gathering in Omaha, Nebraska.

When your editor arrived Wednesday afternoon, Mike and Janice were waiting, and Mike soon disclosed he had picked up an Edward Stratemeyer book at an antique mall in central Illinois. It proved to be one this collector had been searching for without success more than 25 years: *The Missing Tin Box*, in the hard-to-find W.A. Allison first hardcover edition. A very generous cash offer was accepted and the book now completes that segment of my Stratemeyer collection. Mike commented that a quick glance indicated the story's plot was very similar to Alger's *The \$500 Check*, which was what piqued his interest in the book. I promised to do a comparative study of the two stories for a future issue of *Newsboy*.

Later Wednesday, Bob Sipes dropped by the hotel to say hello and bring us up to date on how many Partic'lar Friends were expected to show up the following day. We enjoyed dinner at one of the nearby local restaurants.

Thursday, May 17

As it turned out for the entire weekend, the official opening day of the convention was warm and sunny, and members began arriving by late morning. Shortly after noon, Wendy Sipes arrived to open the hospitality room, bringing a wide variety of fruits, soft drinks and other snacks.

A complication arose when a significant number of members were left waiting in the lobby, unable to com-



John Juvinal is presented a restaurant gift certificate by President Mike Morley to honor Juvinal's 30th consecutive convention. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

plete their hotel registration because that very day the Lees Inn had been sold and the computer network was being updated. The wait lasted several hours before key cards were handed out and rooms were made available.

The annual Board of Directors meeting began a few minutes past its scheduled 4:30 p.m. start, in the hotel's large meeting room adjacent to the hospitality room. Agenda items included the Treasurer's Report, Executive Director's Report and *Newsboy* Editor's Report, followed by the report of the nominating committee, chaired by past President Bob Routhier. Nominees for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors, for three-year terms through 2010, were Bob Petitto, Barry Schoenborn and Mary Ann Nyberg. The nominees were ratified by the directors and forwarded to the following day's annual business for a vote by the membership.

Future convention sites were debated, with the board discussing the offer of Mike and Janice Morley to host

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Editor's notebook

Here, at last, is the 2007 convention issue, a little late because of the work involved in assembling all the various elements, not the least of which were the SIX pages of auction results, reporting what turned out to be a record H.A.S. auction, in terms of number of lots sold and total money bid.

First, I want to thank our auctioneers, Bob Routhier, Larry Rice and Bob Huber, for seemingly doing the impossible — moving briskly and efficiently through some 360 items. I'll admit to being pessimistic that we could accomplish what we did in the time available, but it all worked out.

Another major key to our success was convention host Bob Sipes having entered the three major collections into an Excel spreadsheet file well in advance of the convention, allowing not only the auction to proceed at a quick pace, but vastly simplifying the bookkeeping end of the equation. With only a couple minor glitches, we were able to process the purchasers' payments with speed and accuracy. I was also able to use Bob's Excel file as the basis for this issue's auction summary reports on Pages 10-15, saving much retyping.

I also want to thank Bernie Biberdorf, Barry Schoenborn and Juanita Durkin for supplying digital photos for use in this issue, along with the upcoming July-August issue, which hopefully, will be in your hands prior to Labor Day. If you visit our Web site at www.thehoratioalgersociety.org, you'll find a selection of Barry's convention photos.

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Moving on to interesting Internet tidbits, did you notice the Hardy Boys book that recently sold on eBay for nearly \$5,400? I happened to be home that evening (I usually work nights), and stumbled upon this auction, which was sitting at around \$2,000 with just under an hour and a half to go. I decided to become a spectator, and when I checked in with about 20 minutes remaining, the price had jumped to about \$3,300.

Then, the real fun began. In the final 18 seconds, a flurry of bids drove the price up an additional two grand!

This was a first edition of *The Tower Treasure* in a nice dust jacket. While the final bid of \$5,359 did not approach the \$7,700 winning bid for the very scarce first edition of the 11th Hardy Boys title, *While the Clock Ticked* (red binding with d/j) five or six years ago, it was

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ing travel arrangements from the Reno airport and train station to Gardnerville, as well as a page with sightseeing and activity suggestions. Please check the H.A.S. Web site's convention page (www.thehoratioalgersociety.org/convention.html) frequently for updates.

A generous selection of 2007 convention pictures are up on the Web site convention page. I tried to include at least one photo of all members and guests present. Please have a look at www.thehoratioalgersociety.org/conv2007.html and let me know if you want your photograph removed from the Web page.

Here in Gardnerville, we are now in wildfire season, which is this region's natural hazard of choice. I am still amazed at how much brush and debris can be removed from a 1.05-acre lot.

Janice and I wish you a safe, pleasant, and productive summer.

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Janice Morley gives an introduction to Gardnerville, Nevada, where she and husband Mike will host the 2008 H.A.S. convention.
Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

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the 2008 convention in Gardnerville, Nevada, on May 15-18, 2008. After a lengthy discussion of this and other potential locations, the Morley's offer was approved for presentation to the membership the following day.

Several other items of old and new business were discussed, with Executive Director Robert E. Kasper's complete report on the Board of Directors meeting reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, members headed to nearby restaurants (several within walking distance of the hotel) for dinner on their own.

Thursday evening was the annual auction "classification and sorting" get-together. This year, Bob Sipes had brought the process into the 21st century by previously organizing on his computer the three major collections, from Ann Sharrard and the families of Ella Ree' Wiggins and Carl Hartmann. Those collections totaled well over 200 lots for this auction, with a portion of the Carl Hartmann Legacy Collection held over to next year.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to adding into Bob's computer the auction materials brought to the convention by individuals, either as consignments or donations. These totaled more than 100 lots, which were organized and sorted by Sipes and his *ad hoc* group of volunteers, including Rob Kasper, Bart Nyberg and your editor, all being entered into the spreadsheet with lot number, along with a bid card attached to each item. This "meeting" lasted until after 11 p.m., with most of wondering how we were going to be able to auction more than 360 lots — a convention record — over the next two days.

Friday, May 18

The hospitality room opened early for late-arriving convention registrants, with the Board of Directors walking across the parking lot to Denny's Restaurant for their annual breakfast meeting. Other members had the option of visiting Denny's or partaking of the hotel's free continental breakfast.

At 9 a.m., everyone gathered in the large meeting room with host Bob Sipes welcoming all to Shelbyville.

The annual presentations followed immediately, starting with Lynne Thomas, curator of rare books and special collections at Northern Illinois University, giving a PowerPoint presentation on the current state of the Horatio Alger Society Repository. This was an update on Lynne's presentation to the Directors at DeKalb, Illinois last November, and it emphasized topics such as "What is a



Convention host Bob Sipes with his daughter Sofia at the annual banquet. Photo by Barry Schoenborn

A message from our convention hosts

Wendy and I would like to thank everyone who attended "Seeking Fortune in Shelbyville." We enjoyed the camaraderie, great discussions, books, food and entertainment, and it would not have been fun without all of you! We also thank those who helped us in any way during the convention. A successful convention cannot be hosted and run by two people; it is a joint effort, and we thank you for helping to make it a success.

To those who registered and at the last minute were unable to attend, we missed you, we appreciate your generosity, and we hope you are doing well. We are already making plans for Gardnerville and hope to see all of you there!

Bob and Wendy Sipes

catalog and what is a bibliography?" Another topic was the annual Horatio Alger research fellowship, and how it works, with Lynne also discussing the H.A.S. endowment fund, her department's budget for acquisitions, how gifts of books are handled and how once acquired (accessioned), books become state of Illinois property and face strict restrictions on their withdrawal from the collection.

Lynne promised to assist any member of the Society doing Alger research, with her telephone number (815) 753-0255 and E-mail, lmthomas@niu.edu.

The second presentation was made by Matthew Hirshberg of Columbia University in New York, who is researching a book on the place of Horatio Alger in American popular culture. Matthew found out about the Horatio Alger Society through our Web site a few

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'Seeking Fortune in Shelbyville' – Registration List

Ken Broadie (PF-1053) Fort Worth, Texas	Thomas P. Kline (PF-1054) Cedar Falla, Iowa	Barry Schoenborn (PF-1087) Nevada City, Calif.
Bradford S. Chase (PF-412) Enfield, Conn.	Robert L. Kersch (PF-946) Great River, N.Y.	Lynda Straus Nevada City, Calif.
Ann Chase Enfield, Conn.	Jeff Looney (PF-903) Charlottesville, Va.	Bob Sipes (PF-1067) Shelbyville, Ind.
Kathy Edwards (PF-1074) Yorktown, Ind.	Janice Morley (PF-957) Gardnerville, Nev.	Wendy Sipes Shelbyville, Ind.
William Gowen (PF-706) Lake Zurich, Ill.	Michael Morley (PF-934) Gardnerville, Nev.	Gerald Sipes Shelbyville, Ind.
Matthew Hirshberg New York, N.Y.	Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) Swarthmore, Pa.	Arthur Smither (PF-952) Grand Rapids, Mich.
Gordon Huber (PF-843) Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Bart J. Nyberg (PF-879) Omaha, Neb.	Linda Smither Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jeanne Huber Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Mary Ann Nyberg (PF-861) Omaha, Neb.	Lynne Thomas DeKalb, Ill.
Robert G. Huber (PF-841) Madison, Wisc.	Lawrence R. Rice (PF-757) Maine, N.Y.	Michael Thomas DeKalb, Ill.
John R. Juvinal (PF-537) Hinsdale, Ill.	Vivian R. Rice Maine, N.Y.	Dave Yarrington (PF-1050) Grand Rapids, Mich.
Juanita Durkin (PF-1096) Justice, Ill.	Robert R. Routhier (PF-889) Swartz Creek, Mich.	Maybelle Yarrington (PF-1084) Grand Rapids, Mich.
Robert E. Kasper (PF-327) Richmond, Va.	Jeanette Routhier (PF-1055) Swartz Creek, Mich.	TOTAL: 35 H.A.S. MEMBERS: 24

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Marc and his wife, Michelle, hosted our highly successful 2003 convention, "Adrift in Space City." In additon to Alger, he collects "Oz" books and books by author Michael Hague.

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Matthew Hirshberg of Columbia University discusses his research for an upcoming book on Horatio Alger's place in American popular culture. Photo by Barry Schoenborn

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months ago and decided to attend the convention after receiving a personal invitation from our host, Bob Sipes.

The third presentation, by Bill Gowen, was titled "Games People Play (and Young Readers, too)." Using PowerPoint slides, it offered a history of recreational board games dating back to ancient Babylonian, Syrian and Egyptian cultures and moving to the present and the era of computer games.

Featured was a lengthy discussion of such Golden Age board games as "Ben, the Luggage Boy," "The Errand Boy" and "Game of the Messenger Boy," all of interest to Alger enthusiasts, along with the move into the modern era, sparked by Howard R. Garis' "Uncle Wiggily Game" in the late 1920s, and moving into the 1950s with games inspired by such Stratemeyer Syndicate series as the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew.

A brief coffee break followed, with the room rearranged for the annual business meeting, which began at about 11 a.m. The meeting was accompanied by a buffet lunch catered by a favorite Shelbyville restaurant, Fat Daddy's.

President Mike Morley called the business meeting to order, with the first item on the agenda the report of the nominating committee. The slate of three directors, Barry Schoenborn, Bob Pettito and Mary Ann Nyberg, was presented, for three-year terms serving through 2010. The floor was opened to other nominees, and there were none, with the slate elected overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

The second item on the agenda was the site for the 2008 convention. Mike Morley reported the approval by the

directors of Gardnerville, Nevada, on May 15-18, where he and Janice would serve as hosts. Mike noted that the directors discussed several other options, but for various reasons, the other proposed locations were not practical for 2008, but remain possibilities for the future.

Janice Morley discussed Gardnerville and the Lake Tahoe area in detail, including the climate, with the third weekend in May chosen for the convention because in that high-altitude area, it warms up later in the month than our traditional first weekend. Janice also discussed hotel accommodations (with one tentatively selected, with a very reasonable nightly rate).

Transportation by air into Reno — not too far from Gardnerville — was offered as the logical option. Because "getting there" is likely to be an issue for those living on the East Coast or in the Midwest. Janice said that transportation information will be posted on the H.A.S. Web site and reported in Newsboy.

A show of hands was called for, and the membership approved Gardnerville, Nevada, as site of the 2008 convention.

Mike Morley discussed the new Web site, using a different Internet provider and with a name more reflective of the Horatio Alger Society and its mission. With his and Janice's move to Gardnerville from California, he said he'll have more time to upgrade the new site and keep it up to date. Already, he has added additional hyperlinks to related sites of interest to Alger collectors. He noted that the new site would for a short time be accessible by redirection from the old IHOT site, but that you should immediately bookmark the new URL.

Other items of business included the **Strive and Succeed Award**, and that the Board of Directors had authorized an award of \$1,000 to this year's recipient. The board expressed its desire to keep it at that level as long as the fund will support it.

The meeting was adjourned by President Morley shortly before noon, with members finishing their meals and taking a brief break, while the room was re-arranged for the auction.

The big question about the auction was whether more than 360 lots could be efficiently sold within the allotted time periods of three and a half hours on Friday and a possible two additional hours on Saturday. Thanks to the great job by our auctioneers, Bob Routhier, Larry Rice and Bob Huber, the proceedings were kept on track, with a short refreshment break in the afternoon. By 4 p.m. Friday, more than two-third of the lots were sold. Highlights included a Gardner first edition of *Ragged Dick* from the Ella Ree' Wiggins consignment, that drew a top bid of \$500 from Executive Director Rob Kasper; a framed Alger signature from the Ann Sharrard collection, won by Mike Morley for \$225, plus Alger's *Nothing*

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Horatio Alger Society Board of Directors Meeting

Shelbyville, Indiana
May 17, 2007

In Attendance:

Michael Morley, President
Larry Rice, Vice President
Robert E. Kasper, Executive Director
William R. Gowen, Editor
Chris DeHaan, Treasurer
Robert R. Routhier, Past President
Brad Chase, Director
Robert G. Sipes, Director
Ken Broadie, Director
Thomas Kline, Director
Bernard Biberdorf, Director
Carol Nackenoff, Director
Kyoko Amano, Director

Absent:

Lee Switzer, Director
Milt Ehlert, Director

Michael Morley, President, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Chris DeHaan, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report. Gross income for the previous 12 months was \$6,653.76 and expenses were \$7,476.51, resulting in a net loss of \$822.75 for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2007. Total cash on hand includes \$1,313.80 in checking deposits and \$7,860.52 in a certificate of deposit for a total of \$9,174.32. Interest earned on the funds in the certificate of deposit was \$114.96. The deficit for the year was caused by lower auction proceeds, reduced membership dues and a small overrun from the 2006 convention. (Editor's note: The May 2006-April 2007 Treasurer's Report is reproduced on Page 16).

It was noted that approximately \$36 was received by the Treasurer from MissionFish from eBay auctions. MissionFish is a mechanism for nonprofits to enhance fundraising by receiving a percentage of each sale on eBay as designated by the seller.

Robert E. Kasper, Executive Director, reported total membership at 162. This includes 128 Regular members, one Sustaining member, 11 Life, 12 Honorary and 10 Libraries. There were eight new members added during the previous 12

months and 12 drops for a net loss of four members. One new member and two current members renewed their memberships online (via PayPal). There were no *Strive & Succeed* donations made online. One deceased member has bequeathed his Alger collection to the society and will be made available after the will is probated.

The **Newsboy** Report was given by William R. Gowen, Editor. The print run for **Newsboy** is currently 225 issues and may be reduced later considering the current membership level. The recent postage rise will increase mailing costs for individual issues from \$0.87 to \$1.14; however, this will not dramatically affect costs due to our declining membership. A discussion regarding making **Newsboy** available electronically was tabled for later action.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Bob Routhier, Committee Chairman. Nominees for the three directors are Bob Petitto, Barry Schoenborn and Mary Ann Nyberg. The directors serve three-year terms.

Michael and Janice Morley offered to host the 2008 convention in Gardnerville, Nevada. Tentative convention dates will be May 15-18, 2008. The board voted to present this offer to the members at the business meeting lacking any other viable venues.

The *Strive & Succeed Award* fund balance totaled \$1,116.89. This included approximately \$500 left over from last year and \$615 in donations received during the past 12 months. The board voted to award \$1,000 to this year's recipient. In order to augment the *Strive & Succeed* fund, the possibility of allocating the proceeds from specific auction items was discussed.

President Morley informed the board of member John Juvinal's perfect convention attendance for 30 years. It was decided that John's commitment to the society would be recognized by a gift certificate and card of thanks.

The society's new domain name became active in March (www.thehoratioalgersociety.org). The logistics of switching the billing from Michael Morley to the Society were discussed as were the need to setup a PayPal account linked directly to our checking account. Also discussed were the feasibility of selling society merchandise on the website and making the membership application available online. The practicality of making the membership roster accessible online was tabled for later action.

The appointment of a new position — Web site manager — was discussed due to the importance of the Web site to attract and retain members. The details of this position and its responsibilities were delegated to the Executive Director.

President Morley adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Kasper

Executive Director

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to Do (\$700 to Morley) and a first edition of *Andy Grant's Pluck* (\$400 to Kasper) from the Carl Hartmann Legacy Collection.

With the first day's auction finished, we had about an hour to relax in the hospitality room and get freshened up for the evening's meal in nearby Morristown, Indiana.

The 25-minute drive to the Kopper Kettle Inn was accomplished with car pools, and upon our arrival we found a beautifully restored 19th century roadside inn converted into one of the most critically acclaimed restaurants in central Indiana. The food (a choice of chicken or fish) was served family-style, with all the extras (salad, dessert, etc.).

A highlight of the evening was one of the longtime convention traditions, begun in the 1960s by the late Ralph Gardner: the "Alger Quiz," modeled after the Baker Street irregulars' "Sherlock Holmes Quiz," of which Gardner was very familiar. Bob Routhier had revived the quiz at the 2005 convention during our visit to the DeHaan farm, and 2007 host Bob Sipes again brought it back.

The winner, as predicted by many, was Rob Kasper, who answered 18 of 19 questions correctly; his prize a copy of Professor Fred Erisman's new book, *Boys' Books, Boys' Dreams, and the Mystery of Flight*. Incidentally, this book will be reviewed in an upcoming issue of *Newsboy*.

Following dinner, the entire group returned to Shelbyville, with the hospitality room remaining open past 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

Following breakfast on our own, the first event Saturday morning was the annual book sale, which was followed in mid-morning by the completion of the auction, which took a little over two hours. A complete listing of the auction results from both days can be found on pages 10-15.

The record net proceeds to the Society of \$6,352 included the donation of the Hartmann collection, commission from the Sharrard and Wiggins collections, along with commissions the donations from books and other items placed into the auction by members attending the convention. As mentioned, because of the large size of the Hartmann collection, a portion has been carried over and will be auctioned at the 2008 convention.

Shortly after 1 p.m. we all headed into town to visit the home of our hosts, Bob and Wendy Sipes. We spent the better part of the afternoon there, enjoying the wonderful buffet-style meal (the meatball sandwiches were delicious!), and the Sipes' various collections. Bob's books (several thousand) were a major attraction in his basement library, not only Horatio Alger but compre-



2006 convention hosts Mary Ann and Bart Nyberg are presented the Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award by President Mike Morley. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

hensive collections of the works of William T. Adams ("Oliver Optic"), Edward Ellis, Harry Castlemon, Frank Converse and many other authors.

Following our return to the hotel, we had an hour or so to get ready for the annual H.A.S. banquet, located just down the street in Shelbyville's historic Fiddler's Three Restaurant.

With our buffet-style dinner drawing to a close, President Mike Morley made a few introductory remarks for the Society's annual awards.

First, the Richard Seddon Award was presented, in absentia, to Jean H. Hartmann (PF-710), to be forwarded to her son, Stanley Hartmann, to be presented on behalf of the Society.

The Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award was presented to our 2006 convention hosts in Omaha, Nebraska: Mary Ann and Bart Nyberg, with Bart remarking that "this was probably the first award going to a host who didn't attend his own convention." Bart was hospitalized with pneumonia during the entire convention.

Morley then made a special presentation to John Juvinall (PF-537) of Hinsdale, Illinois, who was attending his 30th consecutive convention. John received a card, along with a gift certificate from his favorite restaurant.

The major presentation of the evening was the Society's Strive and Succeed Award, made annually to a deserving high school student. This year's recipient, Hollie Evans, from Shelbyville High School, received a check for \$1,000, a certificate and a vintage copy of Alger's *Strive and Succeed*. For more details on Hollie and her future plans, read convention host Bob Sipes' accompa-

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Special consignment auction summary

Ann Sharrard collection

Title	Publisher	Buyer	Price	Title	Publisher	Buyer	Price
<i>Facing the World</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Thomas Kline	\$40.00	<i>Shifting For Himself</i>	P&C (brown berry)	Ken Broadie	\$9.00
<i>In a New World</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$10.00	<i>Slow and Sure</i>	P&C (brown apple)	Bob Sipes	\$15.00
<i>Struggling Upward</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	<i>Phil the Fiddler</i>	P&C (brown apple)	Arthur Smither	\$3.00
<i>From Canal Boy to Pres.</i>	J.R. Anderson (1st ed., 2nd state)	Mike Morley	\$2.00	<i>Hugo, the Deformed</i>	Westgard	Mike Morley	\$8.00
<i>The Backwoods Boy</i>	J.R. Anderson (1st ed., 2nd state)	Bob Sipes	\$40.00	<i>The New Schoolma'am</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$8.00
<i>Adrift in the City</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$130.00	<i>Making his Mark</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>A Rolling Stone</i>	T&T (1st ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$60.00	<i>Number 91</i>	Westgard	Mike Morley	\$8.00
<i>Rupert's Ambition</i>	H.T. Coates	Bart Nyberg	\$55.00	<i>Wait and Win</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>Jed, the Poorhouse Boy</i>	H.T. Coates (1st ed.)	Bart Nyberg	\$210.00	<i>Gardner: Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era</i>			
<i>Digging for Gold</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$60.00		Wayside Press, w/DJ, signed by Ralph Gardner		
<i>The Young Outlaw</i>	Loring (1st ed.)	Mike Morley	\$70.00			Gerald Sipes	\$11.00
<i>Slow and Sure</i>	Loring	Carol Nackenoff	\$25.00	<i>Mayes: Alger Biography</i>	Macy-Masius	Barry Schoenborn	\$15.00
<i>Grit</i>	Hurst	Thomas Kline	\$1.00	<i>Hoyt: Horatio's Boys</i>	Chilton, w/DJ	Arthur Smither	\$1.00
<i>In a New World; L. Walton</i>	Winston (stand. boy)	Bob Kersch	\$17.00	<i>Four misc. Algers</i>	S&S (Alger Series)	Ken Broadie	\$14.00
<i>Frank Fowler, The Cash Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Mike Morley	\$15.00	<i>Four misc. Algers</i>	Value Books	Thomas Kline	\$5.00
<i>Helping Himself</i>	H.T. Coates	Mike Morley	\$15.00	<i>Three misc. Algers</i>	Value Books	Bart Nyberg	\$1.00
<i>Making His Mark</i>	Penn	Carol Nackenoff	\$50.00	<i>Three misc. Algers</i>	Superior	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>Digging for Gold</i>	Winston, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	<i>The Errand Boy</i>	S&S (Alger Series)	Bob Routhier	\$11.00
<i>The Young Acrobat</i>	A.L. Burt, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$35.00	<i>Lost at Sea</i>	S&S (Alger Series)	Bob Routhier	\$11.00
<i>Bertha's Christmas Vision</i>	Hurst (miniature)	Mike Morley	\$60.00	<i>Hector's Inheritance</i>	S&S (Medal Library)	Bob Sipes	\$3.00
<i>Facing the World</i>	Hurst (miniature)	Arthur Smither	\$15.00	<i>Two misc. Algers</i>	Arthur Westbrook	Thomas Kline	\$2.00
<i>Bound to Rise</i>	Winston	Arthur Smither	\$25.00	<i>Harper's Mag. Vol. XXVIII (two Alger stories)</i>		Bob Sipes	\$3.00
<i>Bob Burton</i>	Winston	Arthur Smither	\$15.00	<i>Student & Schoolmate, 1869 ("Rufus and Rose")</i>		Kyoko Amano	\$20.00
<i>W. Sherwood's Probation</i>	Winston (Library Ed.)	Bob Sipes	\$7.00	<i>Student & Schoolmate, 1870 (two Alger stories)</i>		Bob Routhier	\$31.00
<i>Three Winston Algers (full applique)</i>		Arthur Smither	\$18.00	<i>Munsey's Mag. Vol. VI ("A Fancy of Hers")</i>		Mike Morley	\$20.00
<i>Three Winston Algers (full applique)</i>		Arthur Smither	\$5.00	<i>Harper's New Monthly Vol. 18 ("An Affair of Honor")</i>		Ken Broadie	\$25.00
<i>Tom the Bootblack</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$15.00	<i>Harper's New Monthly, Dec. 1863 ("Job Warner's Christmas")</i>		Barry Schoenborn	\$6.00
<i>Joe's Luck</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$5.00			Ken Broadie	\$100.00
<i>Frank Fowler, The Cash Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$5.00	<i>Gleason's Literary Companion, 1867 (with 6 or 7 Alger stories)</i>			
<i>The Errand Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (gold tulip)	Bob Sipes	\$40.00			Bob Sipes	\$115.00
<i>The Errand Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$5.00	<i>Gleason's Monthly Companion (Sept. 1874)</i>		Ken Broadie	\$20.00
<i>Tom Thatcher's Fortune</i>	A.L. Burt (gold tulip)	Bob Sipes	\$45.00	<i>Gleason's Monthly Companion (Nov. 1874)</i>		Barry Schoenborn	\$7.00
<i>Tom Thatcher's Fortune</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$10.00	<i>Golden Days, March-May 1881 ("Andy Gordon")</i>		Thomas Kline	\$25.00
<i>Dan the Newsboy</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Brad Chase	\$6.00	<i>Golden Days, 1880 (loose issues, 2 Alger stories)</i>		Kyoko Amano	\$20.00
<i>Tom Temple's Career</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Arthur Smither	\$10.00	<i>Gleason's Pictorial (5 issues, w/Alger material)</i>		Barry Schoenborn	\$22.00
<i>Tom Temple's Career</i>	A.L. Burt (fez)	Mike Morley	\$28.00	<i>Frank Leslie's Illustrated, Dec. 3, 1864</i>		Barry Schoenborn	\$22.00
<i>Ben, the Luggage Boy</i>	P&C (green wreath)	Gerald Sipes	\$4.00	<i>Sunshine for Youth ("Young Captain Jack")</i>		Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>Fame and Fortune</i>	P&C (green wreath)	Bob Huber	\$2.00	<i>Framed Alger signature (last page of a letter)</i>		Mike Morley	\$225.00
<i>Rufus and Rose</i>	P&C (green wreath)	Bob Huber	\$5.00	<i>Berch & LeBlanc: Alger short stories biblio.</i>		Ken Broadie	\$30.00
<i>Mark the Match Boy</i>	P&C (green wreath)	Lynda Straus	\$7.00	<i>Argosy, June 1973 ("Silas Snobden's Office Boy")</i>		Bob Sipes	\$7.00
<i>Ragged Dick</i>	P&C (green wreath)	Richard Hoffman	\$16.00	<i>Horizon Mag., Summer 1970 (Alger article)</i>		Bob Sipes	\$6.00
<i>Ragged Dick</i>	P&C (brown apple)	Bob Sipes	\$25.00	<i>Address by Horatio Alger, Sr. (13th H.A.S. Convention souvenir, published by Gilbert K. Westgard II)</i>		Ken Broadie	\$1.00
<i>Helen Ford</i>	P&C (Alta Edition)	Mike Morley	\$12.00				
<i>Jack's Ward</i>	P&C (tan berry)	Bob Routhier	\$40.00				
<i>Strive and Succeed</i>	P&C (brown berry)	Bob Sipes	\$13.00				
<i>Luck and Pluck</i>	P&C (brown berry)	Ken Broadie	\$15.00				

Lots: 85

Total bids: \$2,208.00

Commission to H.A.S.: \$441.60

Special consignment auction summary

Ella Ree' Wiggins collection

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>Ragged Dick</i>	Loring (Gardner 1st)	Rob Kasper	\$500.00	<i>The Tin Box</i>	A.L. Burt (format 30)		
Gardner: <i>Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era</i>	Wayside Press w/DJ	Gerald Sipes	\$2.00	<i>Phil, the Fiddler</i>	A.L. Burt (format 30)		
Gardner: <i>Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era</i>	Arco	Dave Yarrington	\$2.00	<i>Mark Mason's Victory</i>	A.L. Burt (format 30)*	Gerald Sipes	\$3.00
Gardner: <i>Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era</i>	Arco w/DJ	Bob Kersch	\$2.00	<i>Rbt. Coverdale's Struggle</i>	A.L. Burt (1st HB)	Dave Yarrington	\$5.00
Hoyt: <i>Horatio's Boys</i>	Chilton w/DJ	John Juvinall	\$1.00	<i>*A Debt of Honor</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)		
Scharnhorst/Bales: <i>The Lost Life Of Horatio Alger, Jr.</i>	U. of Indiana (PB)	Larry Rice	\$11.00	<i>Risen From The Ranks</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)		
<i>Struggling Upward and Other Works</i>	Crown w/DJ	Arthur Smutter	\$2.00	<i>Wait and Win</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)		
<i>Silas Snobden's Office Boy</i>	Doubleday w/DJ	John Juvinall	\$1.00	<i>Bob Burton</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)		
<i>A Fancy Of Hers/The Disagreeable Woman</i>	Reinhold w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$15.00	<i>Brave and Bold</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)		
<i>Strive and Succeed/Julius/The Store Boy</i>	Winston (1967) w/DJ	John Juvinall	\$1.00	<i>Ben Bruce</i>	A.L. Burt (format 33)*	Gerald Sipes	\$20.00
<i>Cast Upon The Breakers</i>	Doubleday w/DJ	Jeff Looney	\$3.00	<i>Tom, the Bootblack</i>	A.L. Burt (gold tulip)	Arthur Smutter	\$2.00
Westgard: <i>Alger Street</i>	Canner w/DJ	Bob Routhier	\$20.00	<i>Frank Fowler</i>	A.L. Burt (gold tulip)	Lynda Straus	\$7.00
<i>Dean Dunham</i>	Aeonian	Bob Kersch	\$2.00	<i>The Errand Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (gold tulip)	Bob Sipes	\$6.00
<i>From Canal Boy to Pres.</i>	J.R. Anderson			<i>The Train Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (red triangle)	Ken Broadie	\$135.00
<i>Walter Griffith</i>	Street & Smith	Richard Hoffman	\$25.00	<i>Driven From Home</i>	A.L. Burt (diamond)	Mike Morley	\$10.00
<i>Mark Stanton</i>	Street & Smith	Ken Broadie	\$50.00	<i>Frank Fowler</i>	A.L. Burt (diamond)	Richard Hoffman	\$10.00
<i>The Backwoods Boy</i>	David McKay	Bernie Biberdorf	\$12.00	<i>Mark Manning's Mission</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Dave Yarrington	\$20.00
<i>Making His Mark</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$5.00	<i>Dan the Newsboy</i>	A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Arthur Smutter	\$7.00
<i>Tom Tracy</i>	Westgard	Bary Schoenborn	\$5.00	<i>Joe's Luck</i>	A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Ken Broadie	\$1.00
<i>Hugo, the Deformed</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$3.00	<i>Tom Temple's Career</i>	A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Mike Morley	\$8.00
<i>Number 91</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$7.00	<i>Tom Turner's Legacy</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Mike Morley	\$50.00
<i>Timothy Crump's Ward</i>	Westguard	Richard Hoffman	\$7.00	<i>Tom Turner's Legacy</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Richard Hoffman	\$35.00
<i>The Young Boatman</i>	Penn (silver rope)	Mike Morley	\$35.00	<i>The Train Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (fez II)	Arthur Smutter	\$8.00
<i>The World Before Him</i>	Penn (Bennett 1st)	Bary Schoenborn	\$80.00	<i>Tony The Hero</i>	A.L. Burt (fez II)	Arthur Smutter	\$5.00
<i>Joe, The Hotel Boy</i>	G&D	Bob Routhier	\$22.00	<i>*The Telegraph Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (pathway II)		
<i>*Jerry, the Backwoods Boy</i>	G&D			<i>Adrift In New York</i>	A.L. Burt (red tent)		
<i>Out For Business</i>	G&D			<i>Facing The World</i>	A.L. Burt (torchest)		
<i>Lost At Sea</i>	G&D*	Bary Schoenborn	\$10.00	<i>Do And Dare</i>	A.L. Burt (red triangle)*	Ken Broadie	\$10.00
<i>The Young Book Agent</i>	Chatterton-Peck	Ken Broadie	\$50.00	<i>*W. Sherwood's Probation</i>	A.L. Burt (capped head boat)		
<i>Young Captain Jack</i>	Mershon (Bennett 1st)	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	<i>B. Brooks' Adventures</i>	A.L. Burt (capped head thief)*	Arthur Smutter	\$20.00
<i>Nelson The Newsboy</i>	Mershon	Richard Hoffman	\$5.00	<i>*Sam's Chance</i>	A.L. Burt Burt (green helmet)		
<i>From Farm To Fortune</i>	G&D (green)	Kathy Edwards	\$23.00	<i>Strive and Succeed</i>	A.L. Burt (green helmet)		
<i>Falling In With Fortune</i>	Mershon	Richard Hoffman	\$5.00	<i>The Young Outlaw</i>	A.L. Burt (weave)		
<i>*A Cousin's Conspiracy</i>	A.L. Burt (format 32)			<i>Only An Irish Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (brown cap)*	Ken Broadie	\$40.00
<i>Andy Grant's Pluck</i>	A.L. Burt (format 32)*	Thomas Kline	\$5.00	<i>The Young Acrobat (Hurst minature)</i>		Ken Broadie	\$40.00
<i>*Luke Walton</i>	A.L. Burt (format 31)			<i>Sink or Swim (Hurst miniature)</i>		Ken Broadie	\$15.00
<i>Grit</i>	A.L. Burt (format 31)*	Gerald Sipes	\$6.00	<i>Andy Gordon (Hurst miniature)</i>		Arthur Smutter	\$8.00
<i>*The Young Acrobat</i>	A.L. Burt (format 30)			<i>Julius The Street Boy (Hurst miniature)</i>		Ken Broadie	\$15.00
<i>Strong and Steady</i>	A.L. Burt (format 30)			<i>The Telegraph Boy</i>	Loring	Ken Broadie	\$25.00
				<i>Slow and Sure</i>	Loring	Mike Morley	\$55.00
				<i>Tattered Tom</i>	Loring	Bob Sipes	\$35.00
				<i>*Tattered Tom</i>	P&C (brown)		
				<i>Helping Himself</i>	H.T. Coates (green sporting)*	Lynda Straus	\$4.00
				<i>*Frank's Campaign</i>	Winston (standing boy)		
				<i>The Young Salesman</i>	Winston (standing boy)		

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Special consignment auction summary

Ella Ree' Wiggins collection

Title	Publisher	Buyer	Price	Title	Publisher	Buyer	Price
Adrift In The City	Winston (standing boy)*	Lynda Straus	\$9.00	Five Hundred Dollars	Hurst, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$45.00
Risen From The Ranks	Winston (oval applique)	Arthur Smmitter	\$6.00	*Erie Train Boy	Hurst (telegraph boy applique)		
The Young Adventurer	Winston (oval applique)	Mike Morley	\$10.00	Paul Prescott's Charge	Hurst (telegraph boy applique)		
Fame and Fortune	Winston (green wreath)	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	Hector's Inheritance	Hurst (telegraph boy applique)		
Rufus and Rose	P&C (green wreath)	Ken Broadie	\$7.00	Jack's Ward	Hurst (telegraph boy applique)*	Dave Yarrington	\$10.00
Struggling Upward	Winston (skyline)	Arthur Smmitter	\$22.00	*Tom Thatcher's Fortune	Hurst (business boy applique)		
Bob Burton	H.T. Coates (skyline)	Arthur Smmitter	\$6.00	In Search Of Treasure	Hurst (business boy applique)*	Ken Broadie	\$21.00
The Young Circus Rider	H.T. Coates (skyline)	Richard Hoffman	\$10.00	*Andy Gordon	Hurst (fisher boy applique)		
Mark, the Match Boy	Winston	(boy protecting girl)	Arthur Smmitter	Ralph Raymond's Heir	Hurst (train boy applique)		
Ben, the Luggage Boy	Winston	(boy protecting girl)	Arthur Smmitter	The Store Boy	Hurst (young captain applique)*	Arthur Smmitter	\$12.00
In A New World	P&C (1st ed.)	Dave Yarrington	\$40.00	*The Cash Boy	Hurst (Telegraph Boy)		
Digging For Gold	P&C	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	Making His Way	Hurst (telegraph boy)		
Luck and Pluck	Winston (Library Ed.)	Richard Hoffman	\$13.00	Tony The Tramp	Hurst (newspaper boy)*	Lynda Straus	\$4.00
Frank and Fearless	Winston (Library Ed.)	Richard Hoffman	\$13.00	Work and Win	New Werner Co.		
Wait and Hope	Winston (Library Ed.)	Mike Morley	\$5.00	Mark Mason's Triumph	New York Book	Mike Morley	\$1.00
Victor Vane	Winston (Library Ed.)	Kathy Edwards	\$4.00	*The Young Musician	M.A. Donohue (hunter applique)		
Rough and Ready	Winston (Library Ed.)	Lynda Straus	\$6.00	The Young Explorer	M.A. Donohue (runner applique)		
Mark, The Match Boy	Winston (Library Ed.)	Lynda Straus	\$5.00	Harry Vane	M.A. Donohue (books and candle)		
Farm Boy To Senator	Am. Pub. (Berkeley)	Mary Ann Nyberg	\$20.00	Shifting For Himself	M.A. Donohue (boy waiting for train)*	Gerald Sipes	\$8.00
*Jed, the Poorhouse Boy	Winston (full applique)			Wait and Hope	S&S (Medal Library)	Bob Sipes	\$17.00
Herbert Carter's Legacy	Winston (full applique)*	Arthur Smmitter	\$3.00	The Backwoods Boy	S&S (Bound to Win Library)	Ken Broadie	\$75.00
*Try and Trust	Winston (telegraph boy)			The Young Adventurer	S&S (Alger Series)	Bob Sipes	\$8.00
Sink or Swim	Winston (telegraph boy)			Tom Brace	S&S (Alger Series)	Mike Morley	\$15.00
Bound To Rise	Winston (telegraph boy)*	Arthur Smmitter	\$10.00	*Bound To Rise	S&S (Alger Series)		
Chester Rand	Winston (telegraph boy)			The Young Outlaw	Superior	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
Frank Hunter's Peril	Winston (telegraph boy)			*Golden Argosy, No. 213, 214, bound together in paper wraps			
Lester's Luck	Winston (telegraph boy)*	Gerald Sipes	\$9.00	Golden Argosy, No. 289			
Ragged Dick	Winston (telegraph boy)			Golden Argosy, No. 290		Bob Sipes	\$5.00
The Young Miner	Winston (telegraph boy)			Good News. No. 94		Barry Schoenborn	\$28.00
Ben's Nugget	Winston (telegraph boy)			Gleason's Pictorial: 4 issues w/Alger material		Bob Sipes	\$25.00
Charlie Codman's Cruise	Winston (telegraph boy)*	Arthur Smmitter	\$5.00	Julius, The Street Boy Out West	Loring	Bob Sipes	\$90.00
*Helen Ford	Winston (telegraph boy)			Note: Items grouped between two asterisks * ... * were sold as lots.			
A Boy's Fortune	Winston (telegraph boy)			Lots: 102		Total bids: \$2,182.00	
Rupert's Ambition	Winston (telegraph boy)			Commission to H.A.S.: \$436.40			
Young Bank Messenger	Winston (telegraph boy)*	Gerald Sipes	\$8.00				
A Rolling Stone	T&T (1st ed.)	Bob Huber	\$1.00				
The Western Boy	T&T	Ken Broadie	\$10.00				
				Net proceeds to H.A.S.			
				from all auctions \$6,352.00			

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from all auctions \$6,352.00**

H.A.S. special donation auction summary

The Carl T. Hartmann Legacy Collection

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>A Cousin's Conspiracy</i>	M.A. Donohue, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$51.00	<i>A New York Boy</i>	S&S (Medal Library)	Bob Sipes	\$15.00
<i>The Young Book Agent</i>	G&D, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$110.00	<i>Both Sides/Continent</i>	S&S (Alger Series)	Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>Only An Irish Boy</i>	A.L. Burt, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$110.00	<i>Poems By Gertrude Alger</i>	Beacon Press	Rob Kasper	\$150.00
<i>Rupert's Ambition</i>	Winston, w/DJ	Ken Broadie	\$40.00	<i>I Love Books</i> (Snider)	Review and Herald	Bob Sipes	\$6.00
<i>Lester's Luck</i>	Winston, w/DJ	Mike Morley	\$75.00	<i>Nothing To Wear</i>	Rudd & Carleton		
<i>W. Sherwood's Probation</i>	Hurst, w/DJ	Brad Chase	\$30.00	<i>Nothing To Do</i>	Wiley & Halstead (not Alger)		
<i>Five Hundred Dollars</i>	Hurst, w/DJ	Brad Chase	\$40.00	<i>Nothing To Do</i>	Wiley & Halstead (not Alger)		
<i>The Young Salesman</i>	Hurst, w/DJ	Mike Morley	\$60.00	<i>Nothing To Eat</i>	Dick & Fitzgerald		
<i>In Search of Treasure</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$50.00	<i>Nothing To Eat</i>	Dick & Fitzgerald		
<i>Frank Hunter's Peril</i>	H.T. Coates (1st ed.)	Bob Sipes	\$55.00	<i>Nothing To Say</i>	Rudd & Carleton		
<i>Brave and Bold</i>	P&C (berry)	Ken Broadie	\$75.00	(all in clamshell box)		Ken Broadie	\$350.00
<i>Bertha's Christmas Vision</i>	Hurst	Bob Routhier	\$20.00	<i>S. Snobden's Office Boy</i>	Doubleday	Barry Schoenborn	\$25.00
<i>Brave and Bold</i>	P&C (lion)	Arthur Smither	\$22.00	<i>Lost Tales Of H. Alger</i>	Acadia	Jeff Looney	\$16.00
<i>Wait and Hope</i>	P&C (lion)	Arthur Smither	\$13.00	<i>Mayes: Alger Biography</i>	Macy-Masius	Jeff Looney	\$55.00
<i>Jack's Ward</i>	P&C (lion)	Arthur Smither	\$15.00	<i>Bennett: Alger Biblio.</i>	Flying Eagle	Dave Yarrington	\$15.00
<i>Adrift in the City</i>	H.T. Coates (sunburst)	Arthur Smither	\$35.00	<i>Revere 100 Years 1871-1971</i>		Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>Victor Vane</i>	H.T. Coates (sunburst)	Larry Rice	\$40.00	<i>The Young Economists</i> by Forrest Campbell			
<i>Andy Grant's Pluck</i>	H.T. Coates (1st ed.)	Rob Kasper	\$400.00	<i>The Young Philanthropist</i> by Forrest Campbell			
<i>Luke Walton</i>	P&C (bee hive)	Arthur Smither	\$60.00	<i>The Young Stable Boy</i> by Forrest Campbell			
<i>Bob Burton</i>	P&C (bee hive)	Arthur Smither	\$25.00	<i>A Young Boston Boy</i> by Forrest Campbell			
<i>The Store Boy</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Bary Schoenborn	\$70.00	(Sold as a lot, along with a personal wallet used to carry Alger information			
<i>Hector's Inheritance</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Bary Schoenborn	\$115.00	belonging to Forrest Campbell)		Bob Sipes	\$105.00
<i>Do and Dare</i>	P&C (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$40.00	Dauguerrotype case w/facsimile photo of Alger		Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>Rufus and Rose</i>	Loring	Kyoko Amano	\$25.00	Carl Hartmann's "Collected in Columbus" 1983 convention handout			
<i>Risen from the Ranks</i>	Loring	Mary Ann Nyberg	\$10.00	with Alger Stamp napkin		Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>Risen from the Ranks</i>	Loring (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$190.00	Jean Hartmann's "Collected in Columbus" 1983 convention handout			
<i>Ben The Luggage Boy</i>	Loring	Ken Broadie	\$150.00	with Alger Stamp napkin		Ken Broadie	\$51.00
<i>Bound to Rise</i>	Loring (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$55.00	H.A.S. vanity license plate		Doug DeHaan	\$15.00
<i>The Young Explorer</i>	Loring (1st ed.)	Bary Schoenborn	\$100.00	H.A.S. "100 Club" plaque		Mike Morley	\$25.00
<i>Fame and Fortune</i>	Loring	Kyoko Amano	\$30.00	Wooden "Western Boy" plaque		Dave Yarrington	\$17.00
<i>W. Sherwood's Probation</i>	Hurst (miniature)	Arthur Smither	\$22.00	Wooden bust of Alger by M. Gaber (1984)		Ken Broadie	\$110.00
<i>Shifting For Himself</i>	Hurst (miniature)	Arthur Smither	\$30.00	Wooden bookshelf with "My Favorite Algers" carved along the base			
<i>Nothing To Do</i>	French (1st ed.)	Mike Morley	\$700.00	and a portrait of Horatio Alger carved as a top centerpiece			
<i>Dean Dunham</i>	Street & Smith	Carol Nackenoff	\$45.00			Ken Broadie	\$75.00
<i>Ned Newton</i>	Street & Smith	Bob Kersch	\$40.00	Simulated wood look newsboy figurine		Brad Chase	\$20.00
<i>Finding A Fortune</i>	Penn (1st ed.)	Mike Morley	\$375.00	Two newsboy figures (one plastic, one pewter)		Bob Sipes	\$20.00
<i>The Young Musician</i>	Penn (1st ed.)	Bob Sipes	\$50.00	"The Inland" 1885-1985 (pewter newsboy figurine)		Brad Chase	\$35.00
<i>Making His Mark</i>	Penn (1st format)	Bob Sipes	\$20.00	"Park News" pewter newsboy figurine		Brad Chase	\$52.00
<i>Mark Mason's Victory</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Thomas Kline	\$20.00	"The Connecticut Conclave" (1980 convention souvenir):			
<i>B. Brooks' Adventures</i>	A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Arthur Smither	\$60.00	Painted metal newsboy figurine		Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>The Train Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Arthur Smither	\$25.00	Painted newsboy figurine		Brad Chase	\$20.00
<i>Tony the Hero</i>	A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Arthur Smither	\$25.00				
<i>The Backwoods Boy</i>	J. R. Anderson (1st ed., 2nd state)						
		Bob Sipes	\$50.00				
<i>Ralph Raymond's Heir</i>	F. M. Lupton	Barry Schoenborn	\$20.00				
<i>Out For Business</i>	Mershon (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$25.00				
<i>Falling in With Fortune</i>	Mershon (1st ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$25.00				
<i>Driven From Home</i>	S&S (Medal Library)	Bob Sipes	\$5.00				

Lots: 72

Donation to H.A.S.: \$4,910.00

Note: Additional items in the Carl T. Hartmann Legacy Collection will be auctioned at the 2008 convention.

Annual H.A.S. consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>Victor Vane</i> , P&C (1st ed.)	Bernie Biberdorf	Bob Sipes	\$100.00	<i>Paul the Peddler</i>			
<i>Victor Vane</i> , P&C (1st ed.)	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$20.00	P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Carol Nackenoff	\$10.00
<i>Mark Manning's Mission</i>				<i>Mark, the Match Boy</i>			
A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Bob Routhier	Mike Morley	\$50.00	P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>Hector's Inheritance</i>				<i>Charlie Codman's Cruise</i>			
P&C, 1st ed.	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	P&C (tan apple)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie<>	\$37.00
<i>Slow and Sure</i>				<i>Struggling Upward</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$15.00	P&C (1st ed.)	Dave Yarrington	Thomas Kline	\$28.00
<i>Strive and Succeed</i>				<i>Jack's Ward</i>			
P&C (flying wheel)	Bob Routhier	Bernie Biberdorf	\$8.00	Coates (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$18.00
<i>From Farm Boy to Senator</i>				<i>Brave and Bold</i>			
Berkeley edition	Bob Routhier	Barry Schoenborn	\$10.00	Coates (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$10.00
<i>Tom Tracy</i>				<i>Brave and Bold</i>			
David McKay	Bob Routhier	Brad Chase	\$40.00	Coates/Winston (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>Walter Griffith</i>				<i>Brave and Bold</i>			
David McKay	Bob Routhier	Bob Kersch	\$27.00	P&C (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$100.00
<i>Nelson The Newsboy</i>				<i>Shifting For Himself</i>			
Grosset & Dunlap	Bob Routhier	Barry Schoenborn	\$20.00	Coates (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$22.00
<i>Five Hundred Dollar Check</i>				<i>Shifting for Himself</i>			
Vickery & Hill	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	P&C (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Richard Hoffman	\$25.00
<i>The Western Boy</i>				<i>Jack's Ward</i>			
Thompson & Thomas	Bob Routhier	Larry Rice	\$25.00	P&C (lion)	Dave Yarrington	Non Huber	\$1.00
<i>Mark Manning's Mission</i>				<i>Rough and Ready</i>			
A.L. Burt (1st ed.)	Bob Routhier	Carol Nackenoff	\$60.00	P&C (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$15.00
<i>Golden Days for Boys & Girls</i>				<i>Mark, the Match Boy</i>			
Vol. IX, 1888	Bob Routhier	Bob Sipes	\$20.00	Coates (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$1.00
<i>Charlie Codman's Cruise</i>				<i>Mark, the Match Boy</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Richard Hoffman	\$30.00	P&C (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$15.00
<i>Rufus and Rose</i>				<i>Ragged Dick</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Mike Morley	\$25.00	P&C (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Bob Huber	\$1.00
<i>Bob Burton</i>				<i>Rough and Ready</i>			
P&C (1st ed.)	Dave Yarrington	Dave Yarrington	\$55.00	Coates (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Richard Hoffman	\$6.00
<i>Paul Prescott's Charge</i>				<i>Rufus and Rose</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Larry Rice	\$32.00	Coates (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$10.00
<i>Fame and Fortune</i>				<i>Fame and Fortune</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Bob Sipes	\$15.00	Coates (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$12.00
<i>Julius, the Street Boy Out West</i>				<i>Ben, the Luggage Boy</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Larry Rice	\$4.00	Coates (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$13.00
<i>Young Miner</i>				<i>Ben, the Luggage Boy</i> , Coates / Winston (transitional)			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$50.00	(green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Bob Routhier	\$26.00
<i>Telegraph Boy</i>				<i>Fame and Fortune</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Rob Kasper	\$20.00	Winston (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>Phil the Fiddler</i>				<i>Fame and Fortune</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Mike Morley	\$7.00	P&C (green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$8.00
<i>The Young Outlaw</i>				<i>Ragged Dick</i> , Coates / Winston (transitional)			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Mike Morley	\$20.00	(green wreath)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>The Young Adventurer</i>				<i>Tattered Tom</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Bob Huber	\$1.00	P&C (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$23.00
<i>The Young Explorer</i>				<i>Phil the Fiddler</i>			
P&C (brown apple)	Dave Yarrington	Larry Rice	\$27.00	Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smutter	\$1.00

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>The Young Outlaw</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smitter	\$10.00	<i>Sam's Chance</i> P&C (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$5.00
<i>The Young Outlaw</i> P&C (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smitter	\$12.00	<i>Julius, the Street Boy</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthus Smitter	\$10.00
<i>Tattered Tom</i> Winston (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$30.00	<i>Tattered Tom</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Larry Rice	\$32.00
<i>Slow and Sure</i> P&C (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Ken Broadie	\$10.00	<i>Paul the Peddler</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthur Smitter	\$10.00
<i>Slow and Sure</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Arthus Smitter	\$5.00	<i>The Telegraph Boy</i> Coates (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Carol Nackenoff	\$10.00
<i>Julius, The Street Boy</i> Winston (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Lynda Straus	\$3.00	<i>The Fool of the Family</i> , by Bracebridge Hemyngham Street & Smith (PB)	John Juvinall	Bob Sipes	\$7.00
<i>Phil The Fiddler</i> , Coates spine / P&C title page (transitional) (Tattered Tom)	Dave Yarrington	Bob Routhier	\$17.00				
				Lots: 64	Commission to H.A.S.: \$265.00		

Annual H.A.S. 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>
<i>Hector's Inheritance</i> P&C (brown apple)	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	\$42.00	<i>The Youth's Companion</i> Jan, 5, 1882	Bob Routhier	Bob Sipes	\$1.00
<i>From Canal Boy to President</i> , J.R. Anderson 1st ed, 2nd state	Bob Routhier	Bob Kersch	\$5.00	<i>Paul, the Peddler</i> Hurst (miniature)	Carol Nackenoff	Arthur Smitter	\$10.00
<i>Luke Walton</i> P&C, 1st ed. no title page	Bob Routhier	Thomas Kline	\$5.00	Nackenoff: <i>The Fictional Republic</i> (inscribed for buyer)	Carol Nackenoff	Ken Broadie	\$18.00
<i>Ben, the Luggage Boy</i> P&C (brown apple)	Bob Routhier	Richard Hoffman	\$10.00	Alger stamp, 1st-day cover	John Juvinall	Bob Routhier	\$4.00
Oliver Optic: <i>Living Too Fast</i> Lee & Shepard	Bob Routhier	Bob Sipes	\$7.00	Mint folder, space stamps	John Juvinall	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>Tom Thatcher's Fortune</i> A.L. Burt (green tulip)	Bob Routhier	Arthuir Smitter	\$7.00	Apollo-Soyuz stamps	John Juvinall	Sipes, Bob	\$5.00
<i>Slow and Sure</i> Thompson & Thomas	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	Commem. stamps, 1989	John Juvinall	Routhier, Bob	\$9.00
<i>The Argosy</i> Vol. 18, 1894	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$20.00	20 pack, cassette tapes	John Juvinall	Larry Rice	\$5.00
<i>Harper's Magazine</i> Vol. 39, 1869	Bob Routhier	Bob Sipes	\$3.00	16 pack, cassette tapes	John Juvinall	Jeanette Routhier	\$10.00
<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> Vol. 18, 1866	Bob Routhier	Bob Huber	\$3.00	Valerie Martin: <i>Mary Reilly</i>	John Juvinall	John Juvinall	\$1.00
<i>Dollar Magazine</i> Vol. 19, 1864	Bob Routhier	Bob Sipes	\$5.00	*G.A. Henty: <i>Sturdy and Strong</i> ; <i>Bomba/Moving Mountain</i> *	John Juvinall	Bob Huber	\$1.00
Oliver Optic: <i>Rich and Humble</i> Lupton Chimney Comer	Bob Routhier	Bart Nyberg	\$3.00	Vintage sheet music: "Newsboy's Sweetheart"	Larry Rice	Sipes, Bob	\$11.00
D.J. Foley, ed.: <i>Christmas in the Good Old Days</i> (signed)	Bob Routhier	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	"Indiana"	Larry Rice	Bernie Biberdorf	\$5.00
<i>Student and Schoolmate</i> March 1887	Bob Routhier	Carol Nackenoff	\$5.00	"Back, Back, to Indiana"	Larry Rice	Bernie Biberdorf	\$2.00
<i>Harper's New Monthly Magazine</i> August 1899	Bob Routhier	Lynda Straus	\$1.00	"2 Boy Scouts"	Larry Rice	Jeff Looney	\$15.00
				Maine maple syrup, 1 pint	Larry Rice	Jeff Looney	\$10.00
				Maine maple syrup, 1 pint	Larry Rice	Bob Routhier	\$10.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	Dave Yarrington	\$20.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	Doug DeHaan	\$4.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	John Juvinall	\$3.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	Richard Hoffman	\$2.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	Bernie Biberdorf	\$2.00
				2005 convention glasses	Dave Yarrington	Dave Yarrington	\$20.00
				Lots: 38	Donation to H.A.S.: \$299.00		

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2006-April 2007

INCOME

Advertising	\$32.00
Auction proceeds	2,901.00
Membership dues	2,860.00
Interest	114.96
Strive & Succeed Award donations	615.80
Society merchandise:	
Back issues	120.00
Pins	10.00
Total H.A.S. merchandise	130.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,653.76

EXPENSES

Auction consignment payouts	\$1,620.80
Convention:	
Award plaques 2007	111.40
Total convention	\$111.40
Convention deficit 2006	363.68
Executive Director's expenses	387.60
Newsboy expenses:	
Printing	\$2,714.72
Postage	1,039.95
Supplies (envelopes, etc.)	233.36
Total Newsboy expenses	\$3,988.03
Illinois Secretary of State	5.00
Strive & Succeed Award	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,476.51
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$822.75)

Balance sheet as of May 17, 2007

ASSETS

Current assets (checking/savings)

Certificate of deposit (CD)	\$7,860.52
Checking account	196.91
S&S Award fund	1,116.89
Total checking/savings accounts	\$9,174.32
Total current assets	\$9,174.32
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,174.32

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity:

Opening balance, equity	\$4,763.05
Retained earnings	5,234.02
Net income/(loss)	(822.75)
TOTAL EQUITY	\$9,174.32

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$9,174.32

Submitted by Christine DeHaan, Treasurer
May 17, 2007

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Send your new address, phone
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Horatio Alger Society
P.O. Box 70361
Richmond, VA 23255



Bart Nyberg, Bill Gowen and Bob Sipes organize attendees' individual consignments and donations for the annual auction.
Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Strive and Succeed Award

By Bob Sipes (PF-1067)

The **Strive and Succeed Award** was presented to a very worthy recipient. Hollie Evans of Shelbyville has dealt with a number of family issues and has risen above them to excel academically as an honor student at Shelbyville High School. She graduated with honors and received a partial scholarship to IUPUI for the fall semester, where she will study child psychology.

On May 9th, I was honored to present Hollie as the Horatio Alger Society **Strive and Succeed Award** winner at the Shelbyville High School awards ceremony. I was delighted to represent the Horatio Alger Society and describe Horatio Alger's history, his writings, the Horatio Alger Society, and the theme of the **Strive and Succeed Award**, prior to presenting Hollie as the award winner for 2007.

Hollie and her guidance counselor, Jolynn Badgero, attended the Horatio Alger Society banquet on May 19th, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Hollie was thrilled with the Horatio Alger books she received, and I was delighted to see Hollie and Jolynn enthralled when the berry format copy of *Strive and Succeed*. I do not believe either had even held an antiquarian book prior to that evening. Both Hollie and Jolynn expressed their gratitude to the Society for the award and sharing in an enjoyable evening.



Hollie Evans, a 2007 honors graduate of Shelbyville High School, receives the *Strive and Succeed Award* from convention host Bob Sipes. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

'Seeking Fortune in Shelbyville'

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To wrap up the evening, the guest speaker was Dick Wolfsie, legendary Indiana humorist, TV personality and newspaper columnist, and author of numerous books on Hoosier popular culture.

Wolfsie's wide-ranging talk, accompanied by slides, concentrated on the origins and psychology of humor. He discussed "the sound of laughter," noting that every human being has a slightly different laugh, adding that "from childhood I knew the power of laughter," adding that he attended Broadway shows just to watch the audience laugh — why and when they laughed.

"The audience would laugh differently at the same joke from one night to the next, which I found fascinating," Wolfsie said.

Wolfsie also asked us "What is a joke?" He described a joke as just a metaphor for WHY we laugh, and that "the person telling the joke is either lying to you, or

misleading you from the opening moment, and that a joke seems to be about one thing, when it really is about something else. We get to the end of the joke — the punch line — and laughter is the reward you get for being so smart."

Wolfsie showed numerous slides depicting humorous billboards, newspaper headlines and advertisements which he has gathered over the years while traveling the back roads of Indiana.

Following his talk, Wolfsie sold (at a special discount) and inscribed numerous copies of his most recent books. Some of those titles, if you are interested in purchasing them on line, are *Wolfsie in Sheep's Clothing*, *Indiana Curiosities*, *Cat Conundrums* and *Dog Dilemmas*.

With the completion of the banquet, everyone headed back to the hotel to keep up the "book talk" and camaraderie well into the evening.

Sunday, May 20

The traditional "farewell breakfast" was at the nearby Denny's Restaurant. A large group of Partic'lar Friends showed up to eat, say their final goodbyes and declare "We hope to see you again in Gardnerville in 2008!"



Northern Illinois University's Lynne Thomas presents an update on the Horatio Alger Society repository.

Photo by Barry Schoenborn

Shelbyville memories



Carol Nackenoff and Bob Kersch renew acquaintances in the lobby on arrival day.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



A small part of host Bob Sipes' Alger collection.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Jeanette Routhier displays her talent on the dulcimer.

Photo by Barry Schoenborn



Auctioneers Bob Huber and Bob Routhier put another book up for bids. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Indiana author and newspaper columnist Dick Wolfsie discusses the psychology of humor during his after-dinner talk at the annual banquet. Photo by Barry Schoenborn



John Juvinal examines the large selection of Alger books prior to Friday's auction. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Linda and Art Smitter pose outside the historic Kopper Kettle Inn prior to Friday's family-style dinner. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Editor's notebook

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certainly an eye-opener in this perceived era of depressed book prices on eBay. It shows that if several people want a book that badly, anything can happen.

Another item of interest on the eBay front has been the reaction of sellers (and buyers) concerning the United States Postal Service's new rate structure. Yes, a first-class stamp rose to 41 cents, not that bad a hit, but it's the other elements of the rate increase (no so well known to the general public) that made us sit up.

For example, percentage-wise, mailing each issue of *Newsboy* will cost 27 cents more due to the post office's new "shape-based" criteria, which means a 9 x 12-inch flat envelope now costs more per ounce to mail than a regular business envelope (a typical issue of *Newsboy* can't be crammed into a letter envelope).

In terms of numbers, before the rate increase, a typical issue of *Newsboy* (usually around 2.8 or 2.9 ounces) cost 87 cents to mail first-class in a flat envelope, the same per-ounce cost as a letter envelope or even a carton. Now, the flat-envelope rate for the 2 to 2.9-ounce range is \$1.14, while the regular envelope rate for the range between 2 and 2.9 ounces actually *decreased* to 75 cents!

But forget about *Newsboy* for a moment. It's the eBay buyers and sellers who are really up in arms with the postal service. One controversial issue is the unbelievably large spike in overseas postal rates, to Europe and the Far East in particular. It can cost more to mail a book than what the book is worth, and many eBay buyers and sellers, along with regular commercial booksellers, have stopped dealing with overseas customers altogether.

So, when you observe a nice book or other item on eBay being sold by someone in London or Paris, think twice before bidding.

The "shape-based vs. weight" controversy also affects eBay deals within the United States, although for book collectors, good old Media Rate is a saving grace. You can visit your local post office or go to www.usps.com to calculate the new shape-based rates, which are based on geographical zones; just type in your ZIP code and the destination ZIP code. In a recent issue of *AntiqueWeek*, One eBay seller reported that an item (not a book) that previously shipped for \$15 to a particular distant zone had jumped to \$31 under the new system, which factors in the shape of the parcel instead of just the weight.

This really affects sellers of items like glassware, which are packed in larger, lightweight boxes to protect the contents. Many sellers are turning to UPS and FedEx, which still charge the traditional way. Also, UPS has reportedly reached an agreement with eBay, which should not only help the carrier's business but pull a lot

of it away from the U.S. Postal Service.

If you have sold or purchased any books recently over the Internet and have experienced heartburn over the Post Office's new rate structure, please send your reactions to hasnewsboy@aol.com, and I'll publish them in our Letters to the Editor section.

Here's another news item of interest, this one for those of us who use PayPal for eBay or other purchases.

"Phishing," as you are aware, is a method used by unscrupulous Internet users to get you to provide personal information such as bank account numbers, your Social Security number, debit or credit card numbers and other data. A recent e-mail to me from "paypal.com" (with a real-looking PayPal logo) said, "It has come to our attention that your PayPal account information needs to be updated ... etc., etc."

You are then directed to click on a hyperlink, which takes you to some Web site (probably "off-shore") and asked to type in the information. By now, we should know the rule: **don't do it!** If you need to contact PayPal or financial institutions, do so by phone or through their official Web sites directly, using your login and password. NEVER click to a Web site through an e-mail.

Recently, a reporter for the *Chicago Sun-Times* sold a computer game console on eBay, and the transaction seemingly went smoothly, until upon checking his PayPal account a few days later, he found the word "reversal." The purchaser had reversed the charge, received a refund, AND kept the game console!

The reporter phoned the PayPal help desk and was informed it was his fault because he had not responded to three e-mails from PayPal that had supposedly explained how to receive a credit. Unfortunately, those legitimate e-mails had been filtered out by the Windows Mail program coming with new Microsoft Windows Vista. The spam filter thought, logically, that they were "phishing" e-mails, not the real thing.

As a result, when the reporter heard nothing from PayPal over a period of time and phoned its customer service number, he was told he was out of luck.

So, here are a couple important tips:

- Keep very little money in your PayPal account. If you sell a bunch of stuff on eBay and the account builds, transfer the funds to one of your secure savings or other accounts. Monitor your PayPal account closely, logging in directly by using your password. If anything funny seems to be going on, contact PayPal immediately.

- Do not EVER click on a link in an e-mail, which will likely direct you to a fake site named "PayPal," "Chase Bank" or others attempting to bleed your savings.

Hopefully, PayPal and other legitimate operations will find a way of keeping their real e-mails from being filtered out of your in-box along with the fakes.

To quote "Hill Street Blues" — Be careful out there!