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Strive and Succeed Award recipient Ashley Phillips, third from left, is joined by high school guidance counselor Anne Rashotte, left, and her foster parents, Gena and Tony Morrow. Photo by Doug Fleming

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President's column

I think I can speak for many others as well as myself when I say that Ottawa was tremendous fun from the 80 degree weather that greeted us to the remarkably good talent show Doug arranged in Pakenham, from the camaraderie to the book sales, from the talks to museums and sights in Ottawa and Hull.

Doug was a superb host. And though we were missing our usual auctioneers, we managed quite well with the help of Art Young, Larry Rice, Bob Huber, Bob Routhier, Brad Chase, and Doug Fleming; Bob Kersch and Sam Huang pitched in as runners. And we were fortunate to have two daughters of Owen Cobb with us on Friday, when their father's Alger collection was auctioned.

One highlight of the convention for me was Friday morning. Doug arranged three excellent presentations for us, featuring Brad Chase, Bob Routhier and Bob Huber. It was an embarrassment of riches! Brad, deep into his next book project, led us into the Werner Alger legacy and beyond, covering 12 smaller Alger publishers. Brad told us about Consolidated Retail Publishers, who sold books to department stores, and about a later retail book publishers group successfully prosecuted for price fixing by Macy's. Using the smaller Alger publishers in his current project, Brad demonstrated that the correct identity of a book's publisher is what is on the title page, not the book spine or inside cover.

Bob Routhier followed with an extremely useful presentation on what to collect when the budget doesn't include first editions. He told us he wished someone had provided this kind of help when he first began collecting, and I learned a lot and got some great tips even though I've been a collector for some time. Bob prepared several extensive handouts and had nice slides of some beautiful and still-available formats from Whitman, Winston Library, Donohue, McLoughlin, Grosset and Dunlap, Thompson & Thomas, Porter & Coates, McKay, Street & Smith, Federal, Burt, Caldwell, Hurst and Wanamaker. His handouts listed titles in different formats and a checklist for anyone wanting to pursue his suggestions. My curiosity was aroused by the McLoughlin Algers and the fine lithographs produced by that publisher.

The final presentation was Bob Huber's exploration of the incorporation of World War I into many juvenile series books of the era. Richly illustrated with slides, Bob found many boys throwing themselves into dangerous or foolhardy missions between the lines, Boy Scouts saving the

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Convention report

'2001 — An Alger Odyssey'

By William R. Gowen (PF-706)

The Horatio Alger Society's 37th annual convention, being that it was to be held in Canada's capital of Ottawa, figured to endure chilly weather in early May. What a surprise, when upon the arrival of H.A.S. members and their guests on May 3, 2001, that Ottawa was in a record heat wave for that date — the mid 80s! Those extra jackets that our host, Doug Fleming, had advised us to bring along, were left in our cars or in our hotel rooms.

The Embassy West Hotel Conference Centre welcomed us with open arms, even though an unfinished lobby, which was undergoing renovations the weekend of the convention, caused us to step carefully around tile contractors, painters and their barricades.

"They were scheduled to be finished prior to our convention, but they had some delays," Fleming said.

The official convention hospitality room

was bustling with activity throughout Thursday afternoon and evening, as Partic'lar Friends continued to arrive, discussing their adventures along the way (including a few interesting incidents with Canada Customs).

The only "official" event the first day was the annual directors' meeting, called to order by President Carol Nackenoff at 4:40 p.m. in the hotel's Westboro Room (see related article on Page 8). The evening was spent having dinner on our own and renewing old friendships.

Friday, May 4, was a busy day, with most members, spouses and guests taking advantage of the wonderful

buffet-style breakfast in the Embassy West's Consulate Café. The Board of Directors had a special table set aside in the café for its annual directors' breakfast meeting.

The convention's major activities got underway at 9:15 a.m. with three presentations on collecting Alger and other juvenile books. The first presentation was given by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412), titled "Formats of the Twelve Smaller Alger Publishers."

It covered such publishers (many of them related to each other) as Goldsmith, Saalfeld, Superior, Mutual, Trade, World, World Syndicate and MacLellan, including

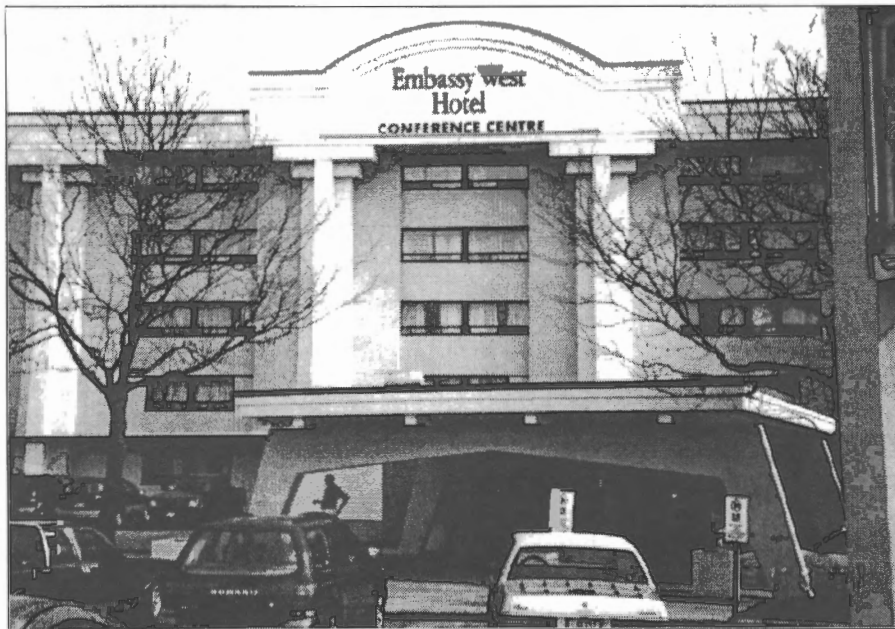
the many Alger formats they produced. The talk served as an introduction to Chase's forthcoming book on these publishers.

The second presentation, "Horatio Alger—What should I Collect?" was given by Robert R. Routhier (PF-889). Routhier's talk covered alternatives to collecting first editions, including reprints by various publishers that are very attractive

and often come in matching bindings. "The members that collect titles or first editions get disheartened by the fact that to collect all titles or first editions is next to impossible, so they leave the hobby," Routhier said.

Routhier covered such formats as the Winston Standing Boy and Winston Library editions; the Porter & Coates Brown Apples editions, P&C's Ragged Dick and Tattered Tom Series, along with various other Alger series by P&C, Henry T. Coates, Federal, M.A. Donohue, Street & Smith, David McKay and other publishers. He also gave out copies of a comprehensive checklist (with

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The Embassy West Hotel Conference Centre in Ottawa, Ontario, was the site of the Horatio Alger Society's "2001 — An Alger Odyssey."

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Editor's notebook

Another convention is history, and the hospitality of host Doug Fleming and the beautiful Ottawa area couldn't have been nicer. Ottawa is really one of the world's more underrated cities and in late spring, with the tulips nearing full bloom, Canada's capital is especially attractive.

As you'll read elsewhere in this issue, the 38th annual H.A.S. convention will be held in Salt Lake City, thanks to a magnanimous offer by Director Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955). In fact, Ralph has already informed President Carol Nackenoff that he has a hotel all lined up. Details will be available in future issues of *Newsboy*.

Also on the news front, former director Bart J. Nyberg has recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service and moved from Downers Grove, Ill., to Omaha, Neb., where he and fiancée (and former H.A.S. President) Mary Ann Ditch will be married this fall. Bart will now become a book dealer full-time with Mary Ann's business, Friendly Used Books, which includes a retail shop along with a burgeoning Internet business.

As most of you know, both Mary Ann and Bart were widowed in recent years, and they got to know each other through the Horatio Alger Society. "I think we're the first two people who are getting married after meeting in the Society," Bart said.

Partic'lar Friends who would like to send Mary Ann and Bart their best wishes can mail a note or card to 4657 Mason St., Omaha, NE 68106. Remember, they'll both be watching those eBay auctions like hawks!

Speaking of the Internet, the often-ridiculous prices asked for books continue unabated. Of course, you can often purchase a bargain on eBay (unless the book up for bids carries an unrealistically high reserve).

The problem often crops up on the regular book sites. For example, on American Book Exchange, a dealer in South Carolina has been offering a pair of Stratemeyer reprints in the S&S Alger Series paperback editions: *True to Himself* (No. 100), for \$115, and *The Young Bandmaster* (No. 119) for a cool \$135. These books typically sell for around \$10 to \$15, and their high-end value is really no more than \$25 in top condition.

Most of the time if you're looking for a particular author's books on ABE, you can find prices that are at least tolerable, but these two examples are ridiculous. There are series books on ABE with sky-high prices that have sat there for three years and more, and are likely to stay there forever. Luckily, most dealers know used-

BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY H.A.S.

- Horatio Alger, Jr., A Comprehensive Bibliography*, by Bob Bennett (PF-265); republished by MAD Book Co., 1999
- Horatio Alger or, The American Hero Era*, by Ralph D. Gardner (PF-053).
- The Fictional Republic: Horatio Alger and American Political Discourse*, by Carol Nackenoff (PF-921).
- 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).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by A.L. Burt*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by M.A. Donohue & Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by Whitman Publishing Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by The New York Book Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- The Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr.*, by Gary Scharnhorst with Jack Bales (PF-258).

book values and desire to move their stock rather than see it gather dust.

Also, beginning in mid-August on eBay, there will be the auction of a complete dust-jacketed Hardy Boys collection, books Nos. 1-40, each book auctioned individually. This includes the exceedingly rare title No. 11 (*While the Clock Ticked*), plus the preceding 10 titles in red bindings with first-format dust jackets.

The first three titles (the breeder set) are first printings and in total, 31 of these 40 books are first printings. The auction also includes the hard-to-find variant format of No. 24, *The Short-Wave Mystery*, with maroon instead of tan cover as well as maroon endpapers; and the brown endpaper first printing of *The Shore Road Mystery*.

Also to be auctioned in this collection are selected Tom Swift titles in d/j, along with several of the more hard-to-find Leo Edwards books in d/j.

This may end up being the highest-bidder auction for a group of series books in the relatively brief history of eBay. Executive Director Rob Kasper predicts this auction may reach six figures, although I think that's a mite extravagant. Each of these book covers and jackets has been scanned, and can be previewed by visiting:

<http://midtown.net/billg7/auctionpreview/frames.htm>

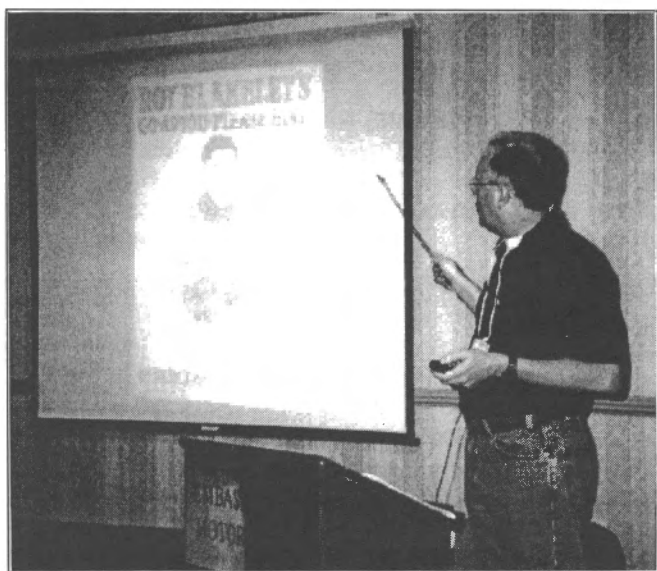
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We now move to the penultimate chapter in our ongoing survey of publishers of juvenile books and the methods, if any, they used to identify first editions.

As usual, my sources are *A Pocket Guide to the Identification of First Editions*, compiled by Bill McBride (self-published), Hartford, Ct., 1995); *First Editions: A Guide to Identification*, third edition, edited by Edward N. Zempel

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Bob Huber talks about author Percy Keese Fitzhugh during his discussion on children's series books and World War I.

Photo by Doug Fleming

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scanned cover images of the books).

As Routhier noted in his handout, "Collect what you feel comfortable with, both in cost and space. There are many treasures to be found and perhaps you will be the person to find and own them!"

The morning's final presentation was by Vice President Robert G. Huber (PF-841), "Children's Series Books and World War I," or perhaps better titled, "How Tom (Slade), Dick (Prescott) and Grace (Harlowe) won the Great War."

Using color slides, Huber gave an overview of the various World War I boys' and girls' series, many of them set completely on the front and other series with only a few selected volumes shipping our heroes "over there." Young readers could be certain of one thing: if there was a great land or sea battle to be fought, a young would-be hero was on the battlefield or aboard ship.

Following the three presentations, the North American Ballroom was set up for a "working buffet lunch," before and after which we had an opportunity to examine the Special Consignment Auction books.

The annual business meeting, called to order by President Carol Nackenoff, took place during the lunch. Topics covered included the election of three new directors to replace Angelo Sylvester (PF-928), Thomas Davis (PF-976) and Robert Kersch (PF-946), whose three-year terms were

expiring. Nackenoff read the report of the Nominating Committee (presented at the Board of Directors meeting by Gordon Huber in the absence of chairman Ivan McClymont). The Committee's slate of three directors, with terms to expire in 2004: Lee T. Allen (PF-977), E. Christian Mattson (PF-067) and Jeanette Routhier (PF-1055). The floor was opened for additional nominations; there were none, and the slate of three nominees was elected by voice vote.

The membership report was read by Executive Director Rob Kasper, showing a membership of 204 as of April 30, 2001. Thirteen joined the Society in the previous year and 40 members left, for a net loss of 27.

The Treasurer's Report was read to the membership (see Page 14 of this issue for details), and **Newsboy** editor Bill Gowen gave his annual report, noting that printing and mailing costs have held steady over the past 3 to 4 years.

The next order of business was future convention sites. Nackenoff explained that because of family considerations, Janice and Mike Morley would be unable to host a convention in Scottsdale, Ariz., in 2002; however, Director Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955) had kindly offered to host the 2002 convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Board of Directors had voted to submit the proposal to the membership for a vote.

Carlson briefly discussed the virtues of Salt Lake City, including the fact that reasonably priced hotel accommodations near historic Temple Square would be plentiful as a result of Salt Lake City's buildup for the

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Relaxing in the hospitality room are, from left, Steven Sutton, Carol Nackenoff, Janice Morley, convention host Doug Fleming, Richard Hoffman and John Cadick.

'2001 — An Alger Odyssey' — Registration list

Lee T. Allen (PF-977) Stone Mountain, Ga.	Amanda Demanche Nashua, N.H.	Robert Kersch (PF-946) Great River, N.Y.	Linda Smitter Grand Rapids, Mich
Betsy Allen Stone Mountain, Ga.	Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) Omaha, Neb.	Dennis Lamoreaux Hinsdale, Ill.	Steven Sutton (PF-998) S. Lancaster, Mass,
Jeannette Baxendall S. Lancaster, Mass.	Douglas Fleming (PF-899) Pakenham, Ontario	Janice Morley (PF-957) Fremont, Calif.	Lee Switzer (PF-882) Fridley, Minn.
Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524) Fishers, Ind.	William R. Gowen (PF-706) Lake Zurich, Ill.	Michael Morley (PF-934) Fremont, Calif.	Gaylene Switzer Fridley, Minn.
Marcy Biberdorf Fishers, Ind.	Richard Hoffman (PF-570) Washington, D.C.	Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) Swarthmore, Pa.	Jim Thorp (PF-574) Nashua, N.H.
John Cadick (PF-858) Garland, Texas	Samual T. Huang (PF-963) Oro Valley, Ariz.	Bart J. Nyberg (PF-879) Downers Grove, Ill.	Mary Jane Thorp Nashua, N.H.
Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955) Taylorsville, Utah	Gordon Huber (PF-843) Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Lawrence R. Rice (PF-757) Maine, N.Y.	Marc Williams (PF-958) Houston, Texas
Bradford S. Chase (PF-412) Enfield, Conn.	Jeanne Huber Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Vivian R. Rice Maine, N.Y.	Arthur P. Young (PF-941) Sycamore, Ill.
Ann Chase Enfield, Conn.	Robert G. Huber (PF-841) Madison, Wisc.	Robert Routhier (PF-889) Swartz Creek, Mich.	
Donald L. Cripe (PF-919) Bremen, Ind.	John R. Juvinall (PF-537) Hinsdale, Ill.	Jeanette L. Routhier Swartz Creek, Mich.	TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 41
Paul A. Cripe (PF-633) Bremen, Ind.	Robert E. Kasper (PF-327) Richmond, Va.	Arthur Smitter (PF-952) Grand Rapids, Mich.	H.A.S. MEMBERS: 30

President's column

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day in battle, young women who managed to drive ambulances at nearly every major battle site, and heroes and heroines in general catching the action in many battles of the war. As he traced fascinating parallels between the allied effort and the activities of these fictional young people, Bob had us all chuckling at some rather unlikely exploits.

The location of the 2002 convention should be an item of interest for those of you who were not in Ottawa. You will remember that Janice Morley was hoping to host a Scottsdale, Ariz., convention, aided by Angelo Sylvester. Unfortunately, because of some significant new family responsibilities, Janice has had to take on in recent months, she had to withdraw as a host for 2002.

Ralph Carlson very graciously made a proposal to the Board to host the convention in Salt Lake City, and upon recommendation by the Board, the membership at

the annual meeting gladly accepted Ralph's proposal. I have spoken with Ralph several times since Ottawa, and he has found an extremely nice and reasonably priced location for us, the Best Western Hotel, centrally located near Temple Square in Salt Lake City. He is well into the planning for next May 2-5.

Janice and Michael will soon have some photos of the recent convention on our Web site. Janice underwent surgery for a broken arm after an equestrian accident recently (she broke her thumb also). Despite the metal rod in her arm, she should make a full recovery within a few months. I'm just back from a brief vacation in Italy, and wish you all a wonderful and restful summer.

Your Partic'lar Friend,
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2002 Winter Olympics, which will be held there in February.

The proposal to hold the 2002 Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, was put up for a vote, and passed by acclamation. Nackenoff then asked any members interested in hosting a convention in 2003 or beyond, to contact her. She noted that Scottsdale remains a possibility as a future convention site.

The North American Ballroom was quickly rearranged for the afternoon's big event, the Special Consignment Auction of books from the estate of longtime H.A.S.

member Owen Cobb (PF-473). Cobb's daughters, Lisa Cobb and Mary Beth Klein, had driven to Ottawa from Cherry Hill, N.J., earlier that day especially for the occasion.

The Owen Cobb collection included some four dozen Alger books, including 10 first editions; along with books by Edward Stratemeyer, Gilbert Patten, Howard R. Garis, Ralph

Henry Barbour and other authors, for a total of 119 lots. (For complete results of this auction, see Pages 11-12).

The auction ended shortly before 3:40 p.m., just in time for all members and guests to freshen up and assemble car pools for the 45-minute drive to Pakenham, Ontario, for that evening's activities.

Late Friday afternoon brought the only inclement weather of the weekend, with a steady rain falling until dark. Still, everyone made it on time to St. Andrews United Church in Pakenham for the country buffet supper, which began shortly before 5:30 p.m. A wide variety of salads, entrees and pies for dessert awaited all the hungry Partic'lar Friends and their guests, and convention host Doug Fleming asked the five volunteer chefs from St. Andrews (who were camera-shy) to come out for a well-deserved round of applause.

Following dessert, it was awards time, with the Dick

Seddon Award presented by its current holder, Bob Kersch, to Ralph Carlson, our convention host for 2002. The **Dick Seddon Award** is given to the member "who best emulates the qualities and comradeship possessed by Dick Seddon, and so admired by those who knew him."

The **Carl Hartmann Luck & Pluck Award**, given each year to a member "... who served the Society in an outstanding manner in the past year," was presented to Mark A. Williams (PF-1041) archives specialist of Northern Illinois University Libraries, who was unable to attend the convention.

The final award was the **Strive and Succeed Award**, given annually to a local high school senior who

overcomes long odds to become a successful member of society — in other words, a typical Horatio Alger hero.

The recipient of the **Strive and Succeed Award** for 2001 was Almonte and District High School junior Ashley Phillips, who survived a nightmarish childhood of sexual abuse, and now wants to pursue a career of helping

youngsters who have suffered similar ordeals to what she went through beginning at age 8. Ashley's troubled home life, which led to placement in several foster homes, also included the death of her natural father by suicide when she was 12.

"I want to thank my foster parents, Tony and Gena Morrow, who are with me tonight," Ashley said. "Really, I've been pretty lucky, compared with what a lot of other kids have gone through. It was a miracle that I got here."

Ashley has lived with the Morrows for a little over four years. Her foster family includes five brothers and two sisters. Also attending the **Strive and Succeed Award** ceremony was one of her school friends, Kristin Durack.

Ashley, 16, is scheduled to graduate from Almonte and District High School next summer and go on to nearby Algonquin College. She attends Calvary

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Lisa Cobb and Mary Beth Klein hold two of their father's books prior to the Special Consignment Auction from the collection of Owen R. Cobb.

Photo by Doug Fleming

Annual H.A.S. Board of Directors meeting

Horatio Alger Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Ottawa, Ontario
May 3, 2001

In Attendance:

Carol Nackenoff, President
Robert G. Huber, Vice President
Robert E. Kasper, Executive Director
Ralph J. Carlson, Director
Samuel T. Huang, Director
Janice Morley, Director
Richard B. Hoffman, Director
Robert L. Kersch, Director
Douglas E. Fleming, Director
Marc C. Williams, Director

Absent:

Angelo Sylvester, Director
Thomas B. Davis, Director
Chris DeHaan, Treasurer
William R. Gowen, Editor
Arthur Young, Past President

Carol Nackenoff, President, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Gordon Huber gave the Nominating Committee Report in the absence of Chairman Ivan McClymont. Nominees for the three directorships are Lee T. Allen, E. Christian Mattson and Jeanette Routhier.

Robert Kasper, Executive Director, reported total membership at 204. This includes 168 Regular members, one Sustaining, 13 Life, 11 Honorary and 11 Libraries. There were 13 new members added during the previous 12 months and 40 drops.

Discussed our declining membership base and possible remedies including advertising in **Dime Novel Round-Up**, **Yellowback Library** and **Firsts** magazine. Bob Kersch made the suggestion that more libraries should be contacted to gauge their interest in joining the society since these institutions historically have been the most stable.

The Treasurer's reported was promulgated by Carol Nackenoff in Chris DeHaan's absence. Gross income for the previous 12 months was \$10,388.91 and expenses were \$11,038.91 resulting in a net loss of \$650.00 for the period. The loss was due largely to reduced auction

commissions and the expense incurred in printing the roster. Total cash on hand includes \$1,872.47 in checking deposits and \$7,327.67 in money market funds for a total of \$9,200.14. The Executive Director reports \$344 in membership dues on hand to be deposited.

Several methods for raising money were suggested, including selling the convention souvenir book bags and charging a nominal fee for the roster. Both items were tabled.

The **Newsboy** Report was deferred until the business meeting.

Janice Morley discussed the status of the Horatio Alger Society Web site and reported approximately 40,000 visits to date. Also discussed were placing membership applications on the site along with convention registrations (starting each January) and possibly the membership roster. The possibility of utilizing PayPal, or some similar on-line system, was discussed for payment of dues or convention registration fees. The board directed Janice to remove derogatory or inappropriate comments recorded in the Web site guest book.

Robert Huber, as Vice President, will chair the Membership Committee. Several suggestions were promulgated including applying for membership on line, advertising in various periodicals and the possibility of creating a family membership category, which would include the spouse.

Several future convention venues were discussed with Director Ralph Carlson proffering the most practical location in Salt Lake City, Utah, to be submitted for a vote of the membership at the annual business meeting. The tentative dates are May 2-5, 2002.

The board approved honorariums in the amount of \$50 each for the Executive Director and **Newsboy** Editor.

Carol Nackenoff, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Kasper
Executive Director
Horatio Alger Society

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Pentecostal Church in nearby Carleton Place with her foster family, and is active in several church ministries. Her hobbies include horseback riding, movies, shopping, interacting with friends and writing (she's begun her first novel).

"Ashley's a hard worker, she's very positive," ADHS Principal Wayne Williams told **The Almonte Gazette**. "She wants to continue her education, and she wants to tell her stories in order to help others."

Following the ceremony, all members had an opportunity to chat with Ashley and her family.

Friday's final scheduled event, "Variety 2001," was only a short walk from the church, at the Stewart Community Centre in downtown Pakenham. Organized by Fleming, the show featured skits and musical numbers by local Ottawa Valley entertainers, including Danny O'Connell, Bill and Mike Ryan, the Bracken Scottish Singing Group, Ron McMunn, Brian Snider, Kelly Sloan, Gerald Kirby and the Almonte Academy of Dance.

Saturday's activities were held next door to the Embassy West, at the Ottawa Travelodge. The Saturday morning members' book sale and fundraising and individual consignment auctions were held in the skylit Talisman Room, very conveniently located on the first floor (for complete auction results, see Pages 12-13).

The afternoon was free time, which many Partic'lar Friends used to visit area bookstores, or visit historic Ottawa, including the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa's famous tulip gardens (the annual Tulip Festival began



Doug Fleming presents the Strive and Succeed Award to high school junior Ashley Phillips.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

the next week) and the scenic Rideau Canal. Of the three days of "2001 — An Alger Odyssey," Saturday was the nicest weather-wise, with temperatures in the high-60s and no clouds.

The traditional late-afternoon break to watch the Kentucky Derby (the race was a half-hour later than usual) led right up to the annual H.A.S. banquet in the Travelodge's Carleton Room. The only "official" announcement was Executive Director Rob Kasper's report on the weekend's auction results.

Several of us headed to the hospitality room and

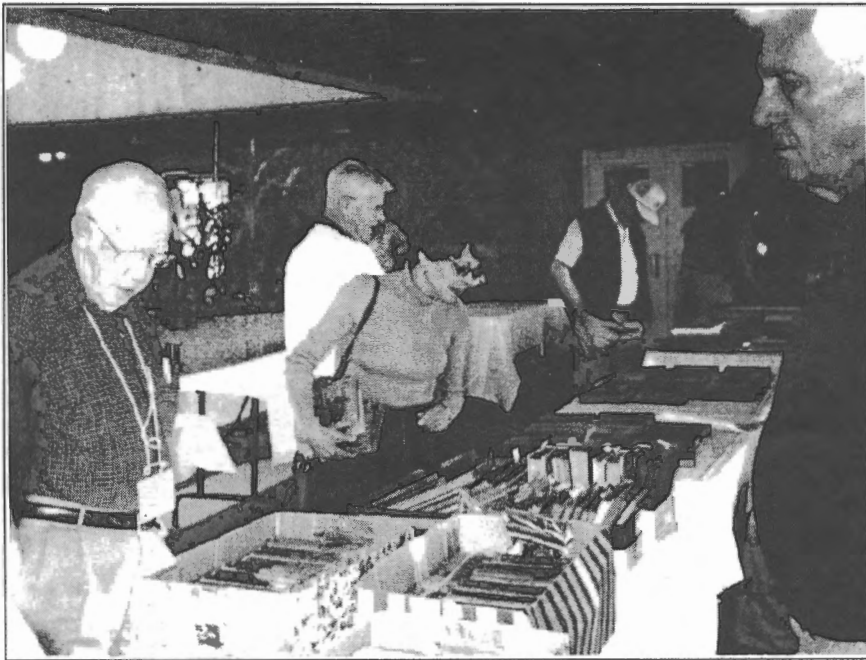
chatted late into the night before saying our good-byes (we were leaving around dawn on Sunday), while many members availed themselves of the traditional farewell breakfast in the Embassy West's Consulate Café on Sunday morning.

And now, it's on to Salt Lake City in May 2002!



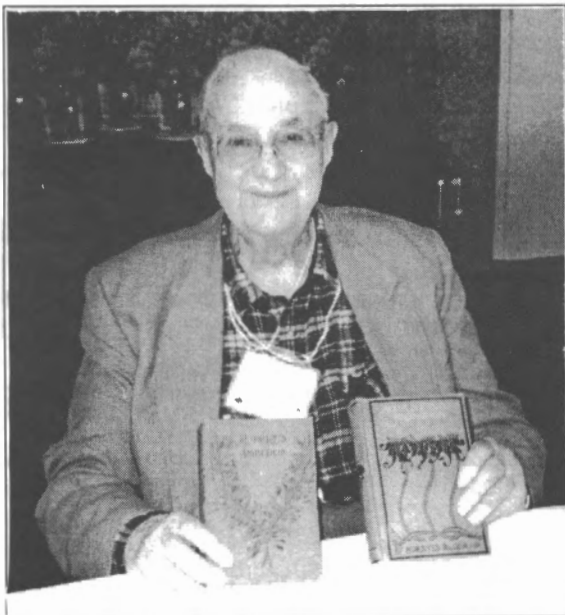
Brad Chase is interviewed about Horatio Alger and the H.A.S. by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reporter Lori Fagin.

Photo by Doug Fleming



John Juvinall (PF-537), left, and Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) look over the books of Larry Rice (PF-757) during Saturday's annual H.A.S. members' book sale in the Talisman Room.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Paul Cripe (PF-633) holds up his H.T. Coates editions of *Rupert's Ambition* and *Walter Sherwood's Probation*.

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Gertrude and Mike Vincent take a break after assisting with Friday's buffet-style lunch in the Embassy West Hotel's North American Ballroom.

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. Gardner/Alger bio./biblio.	Wayside Press	Marc Williams	17.00	42. Alger bio./biblio (Gruber)	Grover Jones	Bob Routhier	18.00
2. Tony the Hero	A.L. Burt	Jim Thorp	45.00	43. Abner Holden's Bound Boy	Ryberg/Florum	Bernie Biberdorf	11.00
3. Only An Irish Boy	P&C (1st.)	Paul Cripe	40.00	44. Strive and Succeed	Winston	Steven Sutton	5.00
4. Out for Business	Mershon (1st.)	Michael Morley	65.00	45. Dean Dunham	Aeonian Press	Lee Switzer	10.00
5. Strive & Succeed	P&C	Michael Morley	30.00	46. The Errand Boy	A.L. Burt	Lee Switzer	6.00
6. Nelson the Newsboy	Mershon (1st.)	Michael Morley	130.00	47. Sheafe & Alger Address Dedication		Janice Morley	5.00
7. Paul the Peddler	T. & Thomas	Lee Switzer	17.00	48. Alger bibliography (Bennett; 1st. ed., 1980)		Neil Courmoyer	25.00
8. Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	A.L. Burt	Paul Cripe	40.00	<u>Edward Stratemeyer:</u>			
9. Young Captain Jack	Mershon (1st.)	Michael Morley	55.00	49. Dave Porter at Oak Hall	LL&S	Robert Huber	25.00
10. The Young Book Agent	Stitt (1st.)	Lee Switzer	85.00	50. Dave Porter in the S. Seas	LL&S	Robert Huber	20.00
11. Falling in with Fortune	Stitt	Arthur Smither	10.00	51. D. Porter's Return to School	LL&S	Robert Huber	20.00
12. Randy of the River	G&D	Robert Kersch	15.00	52. D. Porter in the Far North	LL&S	Robert Huber	15.00
13. Jerry, the Backwoods Boy	G&D	Richard Hoffman	18.00	53. D. Porter & his Classmates	LL&S	Robert Huber	20.00
14. A Debt of Honor	A.L. Burt	Marc Williams	15.00	54. Dave Porter at Star Ranch	LL&S	Marc Williams	25.00
15. Joe the Hotel Boy	C&L	Arthur Smither	12.00	55. Dave Porter and his Rivals	LL&S	Mary Ann Ditch	20.00
16. Tattered Tom	Loring	Steven Sutton	45.00	56. Dave Porter on Cave Island	LL&S	Mary Ann Ditch	20.00
17. From Farm to Fortune	G&D	Marc Williams	20.00	57. D. Porter & the Runaways	LL&S	Robert Huber	10.00
18. The Telegraph Boy	H.T. Coates	Carol Nackenoff	25.00	58. D. Porter in the Gold Fields	LL&S	Robert Huber	20.00
19. Slow and Sure	H.T. Coates	Marc Williams	20.00	59. Dave Porter at Bear Camp	LL&S	Gordon Huber	21.00
20. Julius the Street Boy	H.T. Coates	Michael Vincent	35.00	60. Dave Porter and his Double	LL&S	Robert Huber	20.00
21. Luck and Pluck	H.T. Coates	Arthur Young	30.00	61. Dave Porter's Great Search	LL&S	Robert Huber	30.00
22. Strong and Steady	P&C	John Cadick	35.00	62. Dave Porter Under Fire	LL&S	Arthur Young	55.00
23. Try and Trust	H.T. Coates	Mary Ann Ditch	28.00	63. Dave Porter's War Honors	LL&S	Robert Huber	80.00
24. Rufus and Rose	P&C	Marc Williams	25.00	64. Defending His Flag	LL&S	Marc Williams	20.00
25. Mark the Match Boy	P&C	Marc Williams	12.00	65. Reuben Stobe's Discovery	Merriam	Bart Nyberg	15.00
26. Only an Irish Boy	H.T. Coates	Larry Rice	35.00	66. For the Liberty of Texas	LL&S	Robert Huber	30.00
27. The Backwoods Boy	Anderson & Allen	Marc Williams	140.00	67. With Taylor on Rio Grande	LL&S	Marc Williams	15.00
28. From Canal Boy to Pres.	Anderson	Carol Nackenoff	35.00	68. Under Scott in Mexico	LL&S	Marc Williams	25.00
29. Shifting for Himself	H.T. Coates	Bob Routhier	14.00	<u>Gilbert Patten:</u>			
30. Brave and Bold	Winston	Jim Thorp	35.00	69. The Rockspur Nine	McKay	Gordon Huber	5.00
31. Luke Walton	P&C	Rob Kasper	50.00	70. The Rockspur Eleven	McKay	Robert Huber	10.00
32. Slow and Sure	Loring (1st.)	Rob Kasper	105.00	71. The Rockspur Rivals	McKay	Gordon Huber	5.00
33. Strong and Steady	Loring	Lee Switzer	20.00	72. Clif Stirling Capt. of the Nine	McKay	Robert Huber	42.00
34. Ragged Dick	Loring	Lee Switzer	22.00	73. Clif Stirling Behind the Line	McKay	Rob Kasper	20.00
35. A Boy's Fortune	H.T. Coates (1st.)	Lee Switzer	190.00	74. Clif Stirling Stroke of Crew	McKay	Robert Huber	10.00
36. Lost at Sea	Stitt	Lee Switzer	40.00	75. C. Stirling Fr. at Stormbridge	McKay	Rob Kasper	10.00
37. Charlie Codman's Cruise	H.T. Coates	Bart Nyberg	60.00	<u>Harry Castlemon:</u>			
38. Paul Prescott's Charge	H.T. Coates	Bart Nyberg	50.00	76. The Pony Express Rider	H.T. Coates	Michael Morley	20.00
39. Frank's Campaign	H.T. Coates	Bart Nyberg	60.00	77. Buried Treasure	H.T. Coates	Arthur Smither	40.00
40. Frank's Campaign	Winston	Michael Morley	20.00	78. The Haunted Mine	H.T. Coates	Arthur Young	22.00
41. Frank Fowler the Cash Boy	A.L. Burt	Steven Sutton	5.00	79. The Missing Pocket Book	Winston	Arthur Smither	10.00

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>
80. The First Capture <u>Edward Stratemeyer:</u>	Saalfeld	Gordon Huber	10.00	<u>W. Scott Story:</u>			
81. With Wash. in the West	L&S	John Cadick	15.00	103. Skinny Harrison, Adventurer	LL&S	Bart Nyberg	12.00
82. The Fort in the Wilderness	L&S	Robert Huber	20.00	<u>Edwin J. Houston:</u>			
83. Between Boer and Briton	L&S	Gordon Huber	15.00	104. A Chip off the Old Block	Griffith/Rowland	Gordon Huber	20.00
84. Amer. Boys Life/McKinley	L&S	Lee Allen	20.00	105. The Jaws of Death	Griffith/Rowland	Robert Huber	150.00
85. At the Fall of Port Arthur	L&S	Arthur Smitter	18.00	<u>Hugh Pendexter:</u>			
86. Under Otis in the Philippines	L&S	Robert Huber	20.00	106. The Young Woodsmen	Small, Maynard	Bart Nyberg	20.00
87. Fighting for His Own	Allison	Marc Williams	22.00	<u>Ralph Henry Barbour:</u>			
<u>G.A. Henty:</u>				107. The Secret Play	Appleton	Robert Huber	40.00
88. Won by the Sword	Scribner's	Michael Morley	20.00	108. The Lucky Seventh	Appleton	Arthur Young	70.00
<u>Lt. Frederick Garrison:</u>				109. The Purple Pennant	Appleton	Bob Routhier	20.00
89. A West Point Treasure	McKay	Robert Huber	5.00	<u>Ensign Clarke Fitch:</u>			
90. On Guard	McKay	Robert Huber	5.00	110. A Strange Cruise	McKay	Robert Huber	5.00
91. Off For West Point	McKay	Arthur Young	18.00	111. From Port to Port	McKay	Robert Huber	20.00
<u>Albertus T. Dudley:</u>				<u>T. Truxtun Hare:</u>			
92. The Great Year	LL&S	Samuel Huang	40.00	112. Making the Fresh. Team	Penn	Robert Huber	5.00
93. Blanck: Castlemon biblio.	Mark Press	Gordon Huber	12.00	113. A Sophomore Halfback	Penn	Robert Huber	5.00
<u>Howard R. Garis:</u>				114. A Junior in the Line	Penn	Robert Huber	16.00
94. Dick Hamilton's Airship	G&D	Lee Allen	10.00	115. A Senior Quarterback	Penn	Arthur Young	15.00
95. Dick Hamilton's Touring Car	G&D	Bernie Biberdorf	11.00	116. A Graduate Coach	Penn	Arthur Young	32.00
96. Dick Hamilton's Fortune	G&D	Lee Allen	27.00	117. Dime Novel Round-Up back issues (box lot)		Gordon Huber	20.00
97. Dick Hamilton's Cadet Days	G&D	Lee Allen	15.00	118. Yellowback Library back issues (box lot)		Robert Huber	15.00
98. Heytiger: B. Darrow's Victory	G&D	Gordon Huber	30.00	119. Newsboy back issues (box lot)		Steven Sutton	10.00
<u>Clarence B. Kelland:</u>							
99. Catty Atkins	Harpers	Gordon Huber	10.00				
100. Catty Atkins, Riveman	Harpers	Robert Huber	25.00	Total lots:			119
101. Catty Atkins, Financier	Harpers	Robert Huber	30.00	Total bids:			\$3,428.00
102. Catty Atkins, Bandmaster	Harpers	Robert Huber	25.00	Commission to H.A.S.:			\$639.20

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>
Young Captain Jack	Jim Thorp	Marc Williams	\$12.00	Four misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Brad Chase	12.00
Hector's Inheritance	Jim Thorp	Larry Rice	15.00	Six misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Lee Switzer	5.00
Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	Jim Thorp	Steven Sutton	6.00	Three misc. Algiers	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	10.00
The Store Boy (1st.)	Anon.	Steven Sutton	15.00	Five misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Lee Switzer	8.00
Jed the Poorhouse Boy	Bob Routhier	Steven Sutton	7.00	Three misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Bernie Biberdorf	9.00
Paul the Peddler	Jim Thorp	Arthur Smitter	50.00	Three misc. algiers	Jim Thorp	Jim Thorp	20.00
Frank Hunter's Peril	Jim Thorp	Richard Hoffman	7.00	Four misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Michael Vincent	5.00
Paul the Peddler	Bob Routhier	Betsy Allen	5.00	Three misc. Algiers	Jim Thorp	Michael Vincent	12.00

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Four misc. Algers	Jim Thorp	Michael Vincent	10.00	Navy Boys in Action (Martin)	Larry Rice	Donald Cripe	11.00
Four misc. Algers	Jim Thorp	Michael Vincent	13.00	Bill Bolton & the Flying Fish	Vivian Rice	Donald Cripe	10.00
Five misc. Algers	Jim Thorp	Michael Vincent	15.00	Two H. Alger Assoc. videos	Anon.	Bernie Biberdorf	5.00
Sheet of stamps: Telegraph	Arthur Smitter	Bart Nyberg	5.00	Three misc. boys books	Anon.	Bernie Biberdorf	10.00
Sheet of stamps: Oregon	Arthur Smitter	Steven Sutton	5.00	Three audio books (L. Powell)	Samuel Huang	Bernie Biberdorf	22.00
Sheet of stamps: Mackinac	Arthur Smitter	Bart Nyberg	7.00	Queen Eliz. II coronation plate	Michael Vincent	Bernie Biberdorf	9.00
Sheet of stamps: Man on moon	Arthur Smitter	Bart Nyverg	12.00	<i>The Smithsonian</i> , Alger article	Jim Thorp	Arthur Smitter	15.00
Alger stamp plate blocks (10)	John Juvinall	Steven Sutton	9.00	"Eternity" by C. Klein, cologne	Betsy Allen	Vivian Rice	6.00
Alger stamp plate blocks (10)	John Juvinall	Carol Nackenoff	5.00	Horatio's Boys/Strug. Upward	Samuel Huang	Steven Sutton	6.00
Alger stamps blocks of 8 (10)	John Juvinall	Carol Nackenoff	20.00	The Fiction Factory (Reynolds)	Michael Morley	Brad Chase	15.00
Canadian maple syrup	Marc Williams	Lee Switzer	8.00	King of the Royal Mounted	Jim Thorp	Brad Chase	12.00
Canadian maple syrup	Marc Williams	Janice Morley	10.00	Bumper Book for Boys	Arthur Smitter	Paul Cripe	10.00
Canadian maple syrup	Marc Williams	Carol Nackenoff	13.00	Six Nancy Drew Books	Lee Switzer	Mary Beth Klein	12.00
Canadian silver dollars (2)	Arthur Smitter	Steven Sutton	6.00	Six misc. boys books	Anon.	Marc Williams	3.00
Canadian solver dollars (2)	Arthur Smitter	Marc Williams	10.00	Newsboy portrait	Doug Fleming	Marc Williams	28.00
Musical prayer clock	Betsy Allen	Lee Switzer	9.00	Four misc. books in d/j	Anon.	Marc Williams	10.00
Bronze Chinese letter opener	Samuel Huang	Michael Morley	5.00	Boy Pilot of Lakes (Webster)	Anon.	Marc Williams	7.00
Bears on a bench	Linda Smitter	Lee switzer	26.00	Two boys western books	Anon.	Marc Williams	15.00
Stuffed bear	Lee Switzer	Marc Williams	15.00	Five misc. school books	Anon.	Marc Williams	10.00
Two Cherry Ames books	Arthur Smitter	Marc Williams	2.00	Five misc. school books	Anon.	Jeanette Routhier	11.00
Crystal Vase	Michael Vincent	Betsy Allen	25.00	Set of six gold spoons	Samuel Huang	Jeanette Routhier	15.00
The Mystery Crash (Powell)	Larry Rice	Lee Switzer	8.00	Sunshine and Shadow in N.Y.	Anon.	Jeanette Routhier	20.00
Horatio's Boys/Strug. Upward	Jim Thorp	Samuel Huang	15.00				
2000 H.A.S. Conv. souv. pins	Carol Nackenoff	John Cadick	8.00				
Eight misc. paperbacks	Anon.	John Cadick	7.00				
Four misc. girls books	Anon.	Betsy Allen	15.00				
Ralph Gardner Alger want list	Larry Rice	Betsy Allen	7.00				
				Total lots:	65		
				Total bids:	\$750.00		
				(All proceeds to H.A.S.)			

Annual H.A.S. convention consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Consgr.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Consgr.</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Slow and Sure	Bob Routhier	Bernie Biberdorf	\$8.00	Phil Hardy's Greatest Test	Michael Morley	Samuel Huang	10.00
The Young Outlaw	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	12.00	Simon Lash, Private Detective	Michael Morley	Mary Ann Ditch	25.00
Strong and Steady	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	25.00	Red/white/bluequilt (full)	Jeanette Routhier	Mary Ann Ditch	250.00
Strong and Steady	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	14.00	Crazy quilt (queen)	Jeanette Routhier	Brad Chase	300.00
Herbert Carter's Legacy	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	12.00	Hexagon patchwork quilt (full)	Jeanette Routhier	Mary Beth Klein	225.00
Phil the Fiddler	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	20.00				
Sink or Swim	Bob Routhier	Arthur Smitter	10.00				
Strive and Succeed	Bob Routhier	Michael Morley	20.00				
The Telegraph Boy	Bob Routhier	Larry Rice	11.00				
Rufus and Rose	Bob Routhier	Mary Ann Ditch	13.00				
Slow and Sure	Bob Routhier	Marc Williams	15.00				
				Total lots:	16		
				Total bids:	\$970.00		
				Commission to H.A.S.:	\$194.00		
				Proceeds to H.A.S., all auctions:	\$1583.20		

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Advertising	2.00
2000 auction proceeds	5,127.50
Convention surplus	603.67
Membership dues	3,765.00
Interest	177.74
"Strive and Succeed" award donations	570.00
Misc. income.	10.00
Society merchandise:	
Back issues	123.00
Bales book	10.00
Total Society merchandise	133.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,388.91

EXPENSES

Auction consignment payouts	\$3,777.60
Convention:	
Award plaques	81.87
Convention — other	116.00
Total convention	197.87
Executive director's expenses	642.60
Friends of NIU Libraries	100.00
Misc. expenses	5.00
Newsboy expenses:	
Printing	\$3,285.21
Postage	1,340.43
Supplies (envelopes, etc.)	114.32
Total Newsboy expenses	4,739.96
Membership roster:	
Printing	958.82
Mailing	117.06
Total roster	1,075.88
Strive & Succeed Award	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,038.91
NET INCOME	(-\$650.00)



Ralph Carlson (PF-955) is presented the Dick Seddon Award by 2000 recipient Bob Kersch (PF-946).

Photo by Doug Fleming

Balance sheet as of April 30, 2001

ASSETS

Current assets (checking/savings)

Checking account	\$1,101.38
Money market	7,327.67
S&S Award	771.09
Total checking/savings accounts	9,200.14
Total current assets	9,200.14
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,200.14

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity:

Opening balance, equity	4,763.05
Retained earnings	5,087.09
Net income	(-650.00)
TOTAL EQUITY	9,200.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$9,200.14

Submitted by Christine DeHaan, Treasurer
May 1, 2001

Story locales used by Horatio Alger, Jr.

By Angelo Sylvester (PF-928)

Horatio Alger, Jr. had 122 of his stories published in hard-cover form. The 122 numbers noted below are in chronological order, based on the dates a hard cover was issued; this order agrees with Bob Bennett's *Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography*. Different titles sometimes appear for the same story, and these are shown at the end of the summary.

The following list shows the main place of action for each of the 122 stories:

New York City

2. Nothing To Do
4. Paul Prescott's Charge
5. Timothy Crump's Ward
6. Helen Ford
8. Ragged Dick
9. Fame and Fortune
10. Mark, the Match Boy
11. Ralph Raymond's Heir
13. Rough and Ready
14. Ben, the Luggage Boy
15. Rufus and Rose
17. Tattered Tom
18. Paul, the Peddler
20. Phil, the Fiddler
22. Slow and Sure
23. Try and Trust
30. The Young Outlaw
31. Jack's Ward
33. Sam's Chance
34. Shifting for Himself
38. The Telegraph Boy
39. Tony, the Hero
48. Dan, the Detective
51. Helping Himself
53. The Store Boy
54. Frank Fowler, The Cash Boy
55. Number 91
59. Tom Tracy
60. The Errand Boy
64. Ned Newton
65. Mark Stanton
66. The Erie Train Boy
67. A New York Boy
77. The Disagreeable Woman
78. Adrift in the City
80. The Young Salesman
85. Mark Mason's Victory

86. Rupert's Ambition
87. Jed, the Poorhouse Boy
92. Ben Bruce
93. Lester's Luck
96. Nelson, the Newsboy
97. Striving for Fortune
99. The World Before Him
100. Andy Grant's Pluck
102. Adrift in New York
103. Bernard Brook's Adventures
104. Chester Rand
120. Cast Upon the Breakers

Rural New England

3. Frank's Campaign
12. Luck and Pluck
24. Bound to Rise
25. Brave and Bold
27. Risen From the Ranks
28. Grand'ther Baldwin's Thanksgiving
35. Wait and Hope
46. The Young Circus Rider
49. Do and Dare
50. Hector's Inheritance
63. Five Hundred Dollars
71. The Young Boatman
73. Facing the World
75. Only an Irish Boy
91. Making His Mark
105. Forging Ahead
106. Finding a Fortune
118. Robert Coverdale's Struggle

Rural New York State

19. Strong and Steady
32. Herbert Carter's Legacy
68. Dean Dunham
70. Struggling Upward
81. Frank and Fearless
98. Tom Turner's Legacy
108. Jerry, The Backwoods Boy
109. Mark Manning's Mission
111. From Farm to Fortune
112. The Young Musician
122. Mabel Parker

Rural Midwest

21. Strive and Succeed
26. Julius

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Story locales used by Horatio Alger, Jr.

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- 42. From Canal Boy to President
- 56. Bob Burton
- 58. The Young Acrobat
- 61. Tom Thatcher's Fortune
- 84. The Young Bank Messenger
- 88. A Debt of Honor

Europe

- 79. Frank Hunter's Peril
- 83. A Boy's Fortune

Cross Country

- 37. The Young Adventurer
- 101. A Rolling Stone

Australia

- 74. In a New World

Southern States

- 94. Young Captain Jack

California

- 40. The Young Miner
- 41. The Young Explorer
- 43. Ben's Nugget
- 52. Joe's Luck
- 57. Tom Temple's Career
- 72. Digging for Gold

On the High Seas

- 7. Charlie Codman's Cruise
- 16. Sink or Swim
- 107. Lost at Sea
- 114. Randy of the River
- 115. In Search of Treasure
- 116. Wait and Win
- 119. Silas Cobden's Office Boy

Chicago

- 45. The Train Boy
- 62. Luke Walton
- 82. Walter Sherwood's Probation
- 89. Out for Business
- 90. Falling in With Fortune

Washington, D.C.

- 44. From Farm Boy to Senator
- 47. Abraham Lincoln, The Backwoods Boy
- 76. Victor Vane

New Jersey

- 110. The Young Book Agent
- 117. Ben Logan's Triumph

Boston

- 29. Seeking His Fortune
- 95. Tom Brace

Philadelphia

- 113. Joe, the Hotel Boy

Cincinnati

- 36. The Western Boy

Not Shown

- 1. Bertha's Christmas Vision
- 121. Hugo, the Deformed

Summary of Alger stories by location

New York City	49
Rural New England	18
Rural New York State	12
Rural Midwest	8
On the High Seas	7
California	6
Chicago	5
Washington, D.C.	3
Boston	2
New Jersey	2
Cross Country	2
Europe	2
Australia	1
Cincinnati	1
Philadelphia	1
Southern States	1
Not Shown	2
Total hard covers	122

Hardcover reprints of original titles

Reprint	Original
Andy Gordon	Forging Ahead
Advent. of a Telegraph Boy	Number 91
The Cash Boy	Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy
A Cousin's Conspiracy	The Young Bank Messenger
Dan, the Newsboy	Dan, the Detective
Driven From Home	The Odds Against Him
Jacob Marlowe's Secret	Five Hundred Dollars
The Tin Box	Finding a Fortune
Grit	The Young Boatman
Harry Vane	In a New World
Making His Way	The World Before Him
Wren Winter's Triumph	A Rolling Stone
Tom, the Bootblack	The Western Boy
Walter Griffith	Striving for Fortune
The Nugget Finders	In a New World
Tony, the Tramp	Tony, the Hero

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Bobby, a custom home builder, has 89 Alger books in his collection. He learned about the Horatio Alger Society from a friend.

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Editor's notebook

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and Linda A. Verkler (Peoria, Ill.: The Spoon River Press, 1995); and *How to Identify and Collect American First Editions*, by Jack Tannen (New York: Arco Publishing Co., 1976). Additional information came from examining the books themselves.

Stitt Publishing Company, New York

The Stitt Publishing Co. came into being in January 1905, under the direction of William M. Stitt, Jr., Joseph Scammell and William M. Mershon, the latter the owner of its predecessor firm, The Mershon Company.

However, it was a short-lived venture, with an announcement in *Publishers Weekly* on Feb. 10, 1906, stating that the Stitt Publishing Company was "being wound up." William Stitt wanted out of the business, and at some point in late 1905 or early 1906, William Mershon retook control of the firm and also brought The Mershon Company name back. Of course, that was a

brief interlude because in October 1906 Mershon sold the whole thing to Chatterton-Peck.

However, in its brief existence, Stitt made its mark in series books. One of the **Rover Boys** titles, *The Rover Boys on the River*, was copyrighted by Stitt in 1905, and two of the Stratemeyer-Alger completions, *From Farm to Fortune* and *The Young Book Agent*, were copyrighted and published by Stitt in 1905. The first edition of *Randy of the River*, while published by Chatterton-Peck in 1906, carries a 1906 Stitt copyright, reflecting the brief life of the Stitt Publishing Company.

Usual identification method: No specific means was used. Books copyrighted by Stitt, with "Stitt Publishing Co." listed on the title page are assumed to be first editions, while Stitt books carrying earlier Mershon copyrights are not firsts.

Prominent series and authors: In addition to the Stratemeyer-Alger completions noted above, there are reprints of some titles in Stratemeyer series like the **Rover Boys** and **Putnam Hall Series** (Winfield) plus the **Flag of Freedom Series** and **Frontier Series** (Bonehill).



John Cadick (PF-858), Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) and Bart Nyberg (PF-879) relax during the annual H.A.S. banquet in the Carleton Room.

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Bob Routhier (PF-889), Newsboy editor Bill Gowen (PF-706) and Brad Chase (PF-412) get together in the hospitality room.

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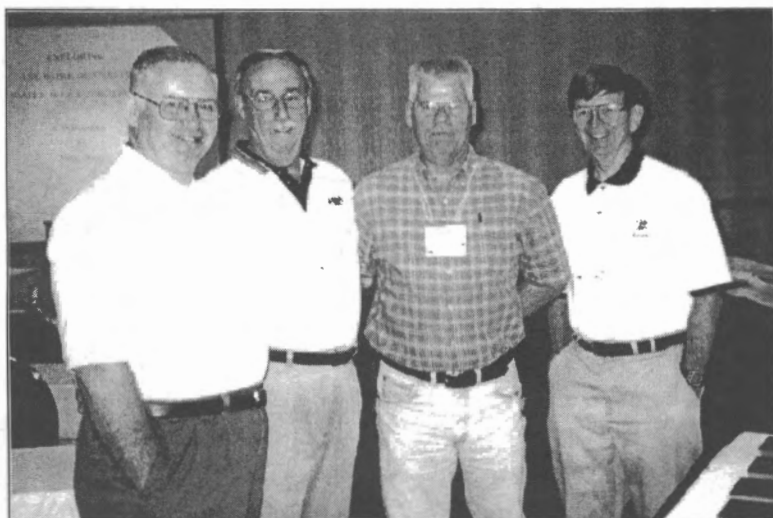


The women volunteers who prepared the meal for the Friday night country buffet supper at St. Andrew's United Church in Pakenham, Ontario.

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Jeanette and Bob Routhier chat with Strive and Succeed Award winner Ashley Phillips following Friday's church supper in Pakenham.

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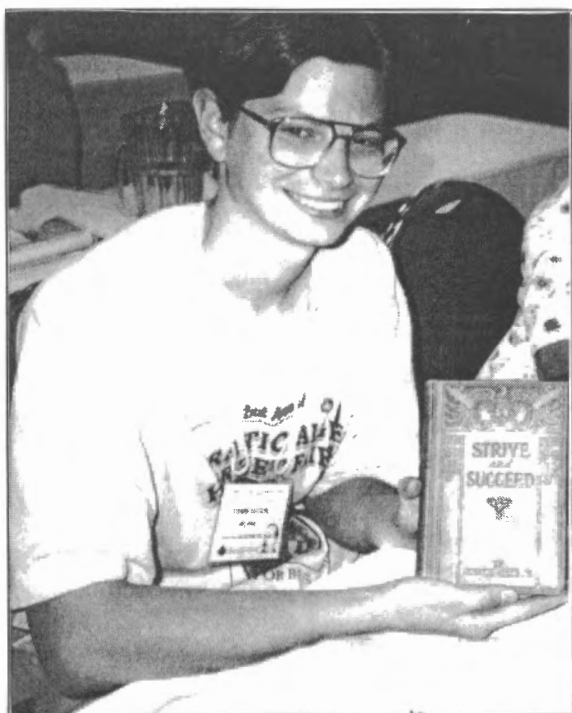
Lecture presenters, from left, Brad Chase and Bob Routhier, get together with Jim Thorp and Ralph Carlson prior to Friday's presentations on collecting Alger and other books.

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Members of the Johnston-May Women's Institute following Friday's "Variety 2001" reception at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham.

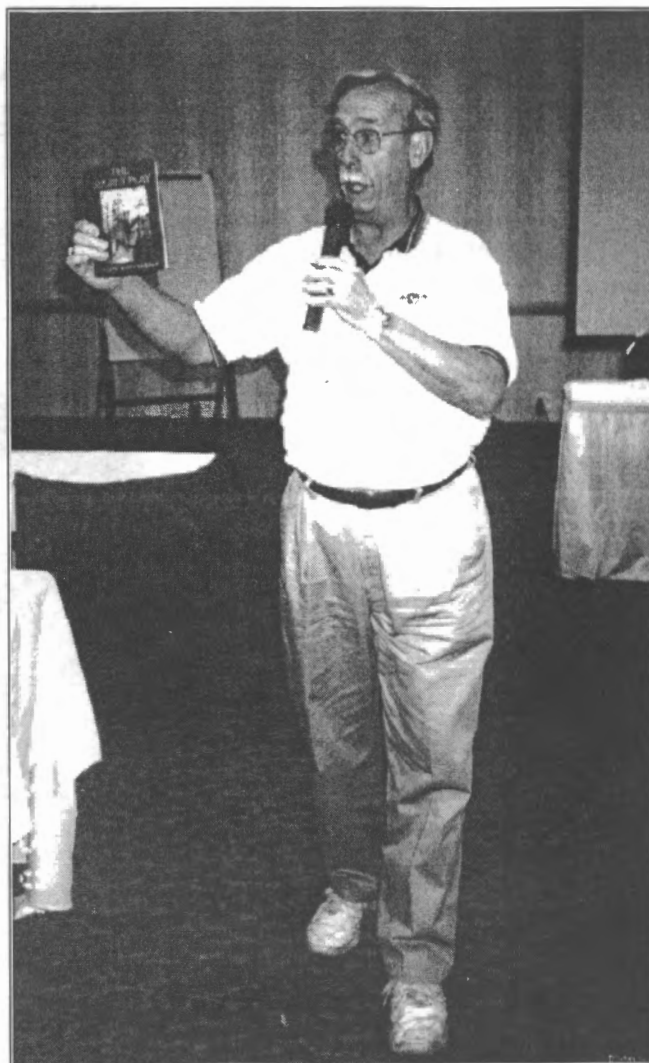
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Steven Sutton (PF-998) shows off his newly acquired Winston Library edition of *Strive and Succeed*.

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Auctioneer Bob Routhier asks for an opening bid on a first edition of Ralph Henry Barbour's *The Secret Play* during Friday's special consignment auction.

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Host Doug Fleming, right, checks to make sure everything is packed securely as Lee (PF-882) and Gaylene Switzer prepare to head home from Ottawa and "2001—An Alger Odyssey."

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