

Newsboy



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The 1979 Horatio Alger Society Convention was a great success, thanks to our host, Dale Thomas. At the left, President Jerry Friedland gives a special Presidential Award to Dick Seddon. Below left, Dick Seddon presents the Society's Luck and Pluck Award to HAS member Bob Sawyer. Bob has contributed many of his hand carved wood dulcimers to our auctions. Below right, former HAS President—and owner of the world's finest Alger collection—Bob Bennett presents the 1979 Newsboy Award to Vice-President Brad Chase. Brad has spent hundreds of hours working to get the U.S. Post Department to issue a stamp honoring Horatio Alger, Jr., famed author of over 100 juvenile stories.



HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger, Jr., and to encourage the spirit of Strive and Succeed that for half a century guided Alger's undaunted heroes — lads whose struggles epitomized the Great American Dream and flamed hero ideals in countless millions of young Americans.

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Manuscripts relating to Horatio Alger's life and works are solicited, but the editor reserves the right to reject submitted material.

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The HAS Convention — the "Cleveland Connection" — was a huge success. Many thanks to host Dale Thomas (Treasurer of the Alger Society) for doing such a great job!!

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NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-583 W. Thomas Willerford
30 Summit St.
East Hampton, Conn. 06424

W. Thomas heard of HAS through Society member Robert Camp. A retired manufacturer, he enjoys reading Algers — which he read as a boy — and adding new title to his collection of 53 volumes. He also collects Tom Swift and Rover Boys books and books by Henty.

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BOOK MART

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

Offered by Ralph R. Keeney, 214 E. 13th St., The Dalles Oregon 97058.
Tel.: 305-296-9682.

Erie Train Boy	Caldwell	F	\$2.00
Adrift in New York	Donohue	G	2.00
Brave and Bold	Gold.	G	2.00
(previous two books have d. j.'s)			
Store Boy	Burt	G	4.00
Adventures of a Telegraph Boy	McKay	F	2.00
Errand Boy	Burt	P	1.00
Mark, the Match Boy	P&C	F	3.00

Ralph also has 92 titles by Oliver Optic. Send SASE for list.

Offered by Irv Poznan, 107 Timka Drive Ballwin, Missouri 63011.

Young Salesman	Hurst	G	\$10.00
T. Thatcher's Fortune	Burt	G	10.00
Andy Gordon	Hurst	G	5.00
Tom Temple's Career	Burt	G	15.00

Offered by Norman Smith, Plantation Club Cond. 404B, 6855 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, Florida 33314.

C. Codman's Cruise	Donohue	F	\$3.00
M. Mason's Triumph	NYB	F-P	2.00
Struggling Upward	JCW	G	5.00
Luke Walton	Donohue	P	3.00
Julius, the Street Boy	Donohue	G	2.00
Andy Gordon	World	Vg	3.00

Adventures of a Telegraph Boy	Lovell	Vg	\$25.00
Young Outlaw	NYB	G	5.00
Helen Ford (Alta edition)	P&C	Vg	30.00
Canal Boy to Pres. (paperback, front page torn)	S&S	G	3.00
Cash Boy	Donohue	G	3.00
Young Explorer	Superior	P	3.00
Risen from the Ranks	not given	P	3.00
Ben's Nugget	Superior	F-P	3.00
Bob Burton	Hurst	P	3.00

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS MONTH'S "BOOK MART": Gold. = Goldsmith, P&C = Porter and Coates, NYB = New York Book, JCW =, John C. Winston, S&S = Street and Smith, P = Poor, F-P = Fair to Poor, F = Fair, G = Good, Vg = Very good, d.j. = dust jacket, SASE = Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

Article VI - Standing Committees

Section E

Present reading: Strive and Succeed Award Committee shall consist of the Convention Chairperson and non-members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. Their task shall be to nominate a boy or girl to receive the Strive and Succeed Award. The boy or girl should conform to the standards described by Horatio Alger and should be a typical Alger hero.

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

Section F

Present reading: The Newsboy Award Committee shall consist of three members of the Society who must determine the person, not necessarily a member, who has done the most to add to our Hero's image.

Proposed change: The Newsboy Award Committee shall consist of a chairperson and two members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. The chairperson shall be that member of the Society appointed by the President. The Newsboy Award Committee shall select that person (not necessarily a member of the Society), or organization, that has done the most to add to the image of Horatio Alger, Jr.

Section G

Present reading: The Luck and Pluck Award Committee shall consist of three members of the Society who must determine the person who has served the Society in an outstanding manner during the past year.

Proposed change: The Luck and Pluck Award Committee shall consist of a chairperson and two members of the Society to be appointed by him/her. The chairperson shall be that member of the Society appointed by the President. The Luck and Pluck Award Committee shall select that member of the Society who has served the Society in an outstanding manner during the past year.

The above changes were made at the business meeting of HAS during the Convention in Cleveland.

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MORE ON ALGER STAMP

Alger Society Vice-President Brad Chase is still working on the stamp honoring Horatio Alger. Brad writes: "At the HAS Convention, the members voted to resubmit the proposal to the Postmaster General for consideration by the Committee at its June 1st meeting. As part of this motion, they asked that ten copies of Ralph Gardner's new Alger book be transmitted to D. C. - a copy for each of the ten Committee members. In addition, they suggested a couple of possible stamp designs be provided as an addendum to the submittal package. Since I was scheduled to go to Washington on business anyway at the end of May, I agreed to deliver the resubmittal package - books, new designs, etc.

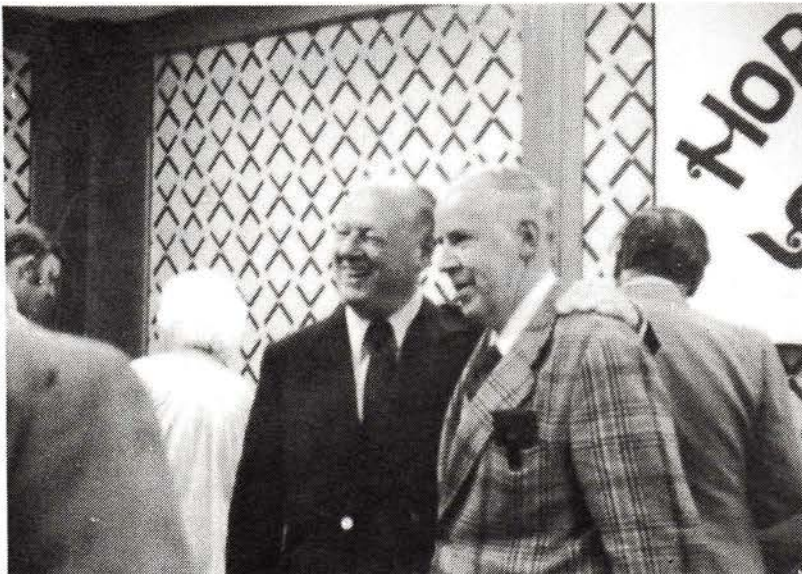
"As far as I know, the Committee met on June 1st. Supposedly the Committee meets for ten to fifteen hours straight debating the merits of the various submittals. I've had no word about any decisions that they made. Jerry Friedland called me the other night and said he might call them to see what the result was, like he did before. I have not heard from him as yet, but I fear the request was shelved again."

Brad Chase has told your editor that he will send him more information soon.

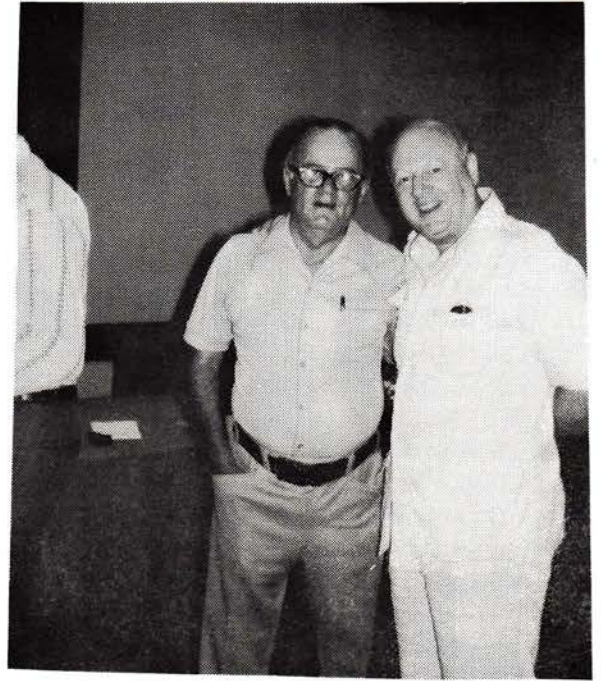
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All convention pictures in this issue of Newsboy were taken by Jack Row and Jean Hartmann. Our thanks to both of them!!

Wood carver Bob Sawyer in the Sheraton Hopkins Motel. Bob won the Luck and Pluck Award.



Alger biographer Ralph D. Gardner (left) with John Juvinal.



Convention host Dale Thomas in his bolt and screw manufacturing plant. Members were treated to a tour of the plant on Saturday, May 12th. (Haven't you all wondered how screws and bolts are made)?? At right is Dale with Ralph Gardner.



From left to right are HAS Secretary Carl Hartmann, President Jerry Friedland, and Treasurer Dale Thomas. The Alger Society banner created by Forrest Campbell's wife Rachel is at the rear.

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY
AUCTION
May 12, 1979

ITEM	DONOR	BUYER	PRICE
1. Horatio Alger Plate	Gilbert K. Westgard II	Robert Williman	3.00
2. Pack of Old License Plates	Bill Russell	Alex Shaner	5.00
3. 8 Diarys	Rohima Walter	Jean Hartman	1.00
4. Alger Picture in Bottle	Gilbert K Westgard II	Bill Leitner	2.00
5. Frisbee - Golf Club	Rohima Walter	Mary Ellen Thomas	1.00
6. Shawl & Souvenirs of Singapor	Florence Schnell	Mrs. Paul Miller	11.00
7. Radio News Magazine 1931	Rohima Walter	ED LeBlanc	7.00
8. Encyclopedia	Rohima Walter	Paul Miller	2.00
9. Pictorial Biography Alger	Max Goldberg	Bob Bennett	15.00
10. 6 Misc. Algers	Bill Russell	Robert Williman	5.00
11. Treasure Bag	Rohima Walter	Brad Alexander	7.00
12. Ladies Home Journal 1890	Paul Miller	Dick Seddon	12.00
13. Fortune Mag. 1934	Paul Miller	Jack Row	5.00
14. Souvenirs from the World	Florence Schnell	Rohima Walter	11.00
15. Antique Tea Pots	Bill McCord	Jerry Friedland	15.00
16. Forged Spike Souvenirs	Bill McCord	Jerry Friedland	2.00
17. Scottish Doll	Bill McCord	John Walter	5.00
18. Air Main Cancellation 1927	Rohima Walter	Jean Hartman	3.00
19. Mentoda Postcard	Rohima Walter	Ken Butler	2.00
20. Brass Nut Cracker	Bill McCord	Gene Hafner	5.00
21. 7" Open Fry Pan	Ray Felitz	Judy Leitner	4.00
22. 3 1/2 Qt. Dutch Oven	Fay Felitz	Bill McCord	4.00
23. 3 1/2 Qt. Dutch Oven	Ray Felitz	Brad Chase	5.00
24. 7 Rover Boys Books	Jack Bales	Glen Corcoran	5.00
25. Lowell Thomas Autographed Book	Gilbert Westgard II	Gene Hafner	6.00
26. 1st Edition by Lowell Thomas	Gilbert Westgard II	Paul Miller	11.00
27. 2 Books by Herb Risteen	Jack Bales	Paul Miller	5.00
28. Miniature Baseball Bat	Gilbert Westgard II	Mary Ellen Thomas	2.00
29. Madonne Alexander Doll	Glen Corcoran	Jerry Friedland	30.00
30. Inaugural Address of Pres.	Jack Row	Brad Alexander	3.00
31. Book-The Heart of Scotland	Jack Row	Jerry Friedland	20.00
32. 3 Books - The Hardy Boys	Louis Bodnar	Jean Hartman	2.00
33. Ben The Luggage Boy	Carl Thieme	Lorrain Corcoran	5.00
34. Rebound Student & Schoolmate	Morris Olsen	Gene Hafner	15.00
35. Student & Schoolmate 1868	Morris Olsen	Alex Shaner	12.00
36. Book-Chas. Duryea-Geo. May	George May	Ken Butler	5.00
37. Book-Younger Days of Fam. Writers	David Kanarr	Gilbert Westgard II	10.00
38. Ceramic Figure-Newsboy	Roy Wendell	Brad Alexander	8.00
39. 12 Campaign Buttons	Bill McCord	Rohoma Walter	9.00
40. Alger Paper Weight	Dick Seddon	Mary Ellen Thomas	6.00
41. Tie Clasp-Richard Nixon	Floyd Martin	Gilbert Westgard II	5.00
42. Pen - Richard Nixon	Floyd Martin	Gene Hafner	12.00
43. Japanese Camera	Bill Leitner	Jack Row	5.00
44. Tattered Tom Playbill 1872	Morris Olsen	Brad Alexander	30.00
45. 2 Cunard Lines Menus	Bill McCord	Jerry Friedland	7.00
46. Liberty Magazine Cover	Bill Leitner	Brad Alexander	3.00
47. Golden Spike Centennial	Bill Leitner	Bill McCord	2.00
48. 4 Color Bird Prints	Robert Williman	Carl Hartman	3.00
49. Cassette Tape - Alger	David Kanarr	Brad Alexander	4.00
50. Great Seal USA	Jack Row	Carl Hartman	5.00
51. Great Seal USA	Jack Row	Bill McCord	5.00
52. Dunhill Travel Case	Bill Leitner	Bob Sawyer	2.00

ITEM	DONOR	BUYER	PRICE
Newsboy & Bootblack Adv.	Jerry Friedland	Brad Alexander	16.00
54. Club Aluminum 9" Fry Pan	Ray Felitz	Brad Chase	5.00
55. Club Aluminum 9" Fry Pan	Ray Felitz	Ed LeBlanc	5.00
56. Club Aluminum 9" Fry Pan	Ray Felitz	Mary Ellen Thomas	5.00
57. World Globe	Brad Alexander	Ed LeBlanc	8.00
58. Bootblack Box	Rohima Walter	Gene Hafner	1.00
59. Helmet	John H. Walter	Paul Miller	1.00
60. Smoke Detector	Bill McCord	Leslie Poste	12.00
61. Smoke Detector	Bill McCord	Brad Chase	5.00
62. 7 pc. Cookware Set	Ray Felitz	Society Members	31.00
63. Book-Critical Review	Bill McCord	Jean Hartman	3.00
64. Canal Boy to Pres. 1st Ed.	Gene Hafner	Bill Russell	13.00
65. 3 Burt Deluxe Algiers	Gene Hafner	Carl Thieme	16.00
66. Count of Monte Cristo 2 books	Bill Leitner	Mrs. Tschetter	1.00
67. Life in Italy - Dickens	Gilbert Westgard II	Jerry Freidland	3.00
68. Strange Death of FDR	Bill McCord	Dick Seddon	11.00
69. Dean Dunham-Am. Pub.	Ed LeBlanc	Jerry Freidland	70.00
70. 2 Books	Brad Alexander	Paul Miller	16.00
71. 2 bound Munsey Mag.	Dale Thomas	John Juvinall	5.00
72. 3 Story Papers	Dick Seddon	Mrs. Tschetter	8.00
73. Canal Boy to Pres. 1st Ed.	Dick Sedden	Gene Hafner	15.00
74. Book Horatios Boys	Dick Sedden	Bob Williman	5.00
75. Book Horatios Boys	Dick Sedden	Ed LeBlanc	5.00
76. Book Horatios Boys	Roy Wendell	Gene Hafner	5.00
77. 8 Paper Backs	Dick Seddon	Gene Hafner	10.00
78. Gleasons Pictorial	Dick Seddon	Jerry Friedland	25.00
79. Dulcimer	Dr. & Mrs. Westgard	Carl Hartman	50.00
80. Bertha Christ. Vision 1st ed.	Dale Thomas	Brad Alexander	300.00
81. Grandfather Baldwin 1st Ed.	Dale Thomas	Brad Alexander	205.00
82. 6 Juvenile Books	John Juvinall	Mrs. Tschetter	4.00
83. Collins World Atlas	John Juvinall	Brad Alexander	1.00
84. Newsboy Ceramic	Brad Alexander	Jerry Friedland	30.00
85. Books & Their Makers	John Juvinall	Gil Westgard II	3.00
86. Young Musician 1st Ed.	Jerry Friedland	Gene Hafner	75.00
87. World Before Him 1st Ed.	Jerry Friedland	Gene Hafner	115.00
89. Gold Filled Elgin Watch	Les Langlols	Dale E. Thomas	100.00
90. Painting By Ken Butler	Ken Butler	Mary Ellen Thomas	112.00
91. Horatio Alger Collectors Box	Bob Sawyer	Paul Miller	205.00
92. Hand Made Ceramics	Doris Bennett	Jerry Friedland	50.00

TOTAL

1,919.00



At Dale's factory are (l. to r.): Gilbert K. Westgard I, Alex Shaner, Jean and Carl Hartmann, and Dick Seddon.

1979 CONVENTION NEWS

by Gilbert K. Westgard II

May 10--- Most of those attending the "Cleveland Connection" arrived in the afternoon, and checked in at the hospitality suite. Our host, Dale Thomas, verified that registrations were paid, and gave each member various pieces of literature about the activities which would occupy their time, and several brochures about attractions in the Cleveland area. A specially made poster having Alger's name and likeness, along with several facts about his life and a few scenes from his books was a truly unique souvenir of the convention.

President Jerry Friedland acted as the custodian of donated items for the auction. A diverse assortment continued to swell with the contributions of each arriving member, and there were also shipments from those who were unable to attend but who wanted to help keep their organization in prosperous circumstances.

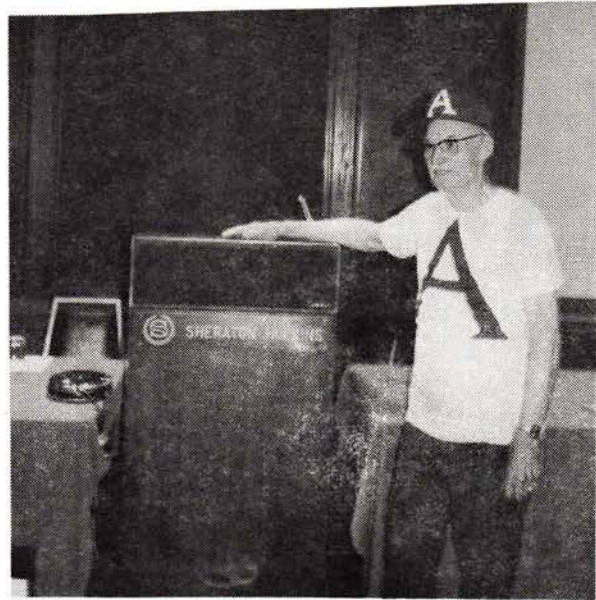
Shortly before seven in the evening, a caravan of cars formed in front of the hotel for the trip across town to Dale's home, where we partook of a wonderful feast, and feasted our eyes on his magnificent collection of some of the finest literature available -- ALGER BOOKS!

Activities did not cease with the conclusion of our visit to Dale's home, but continued with added momentum when we returned to the hotel. The comfortable attractions of the hospitality room contributed to the intellectual stimulation and a slight gain in poundage of convention revelers who availed themselves of a seemingly inexhaustible supply of food and beverages. (What a bunch of gluttons we have become)!!

The evening's activity was topped off by a 2 A. M. swim in the pool.

Editor's note: Jerry Friedland's column in the last issue of Newsboy had additional material about the

convention. Also, Dale sponsored a number of trips in and around the Cleveland area. These included tours to the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Western Reserve Historical Society, the NASA Lewis Research Center, and the Crawford Auto and Aviation Museum. Thanks go to Dale for giving HAS a great convention!!



Ken Butler, co-founder of HAS, wearing the Alger shirt and cap given him by other Society founder Forrest Campbell.



From left to right are Brad Alexander, Dale Thomas, Bob Williman and Bob Sawyer. Bob Sawyer won the "Luck and Pluck" Award this year.



Bob Bennett, Carl and Helen Thieme look over auction items that were donated to the Horatio Alger Society.

Dale Thomas looks through Alger's Wait and Hope in his office at his screws and bolts manufacturing plant.



Auctioneer Bob Bennett at the convention banquet. Standing at the rear are Jerry Friedland and Brad Chase.



At left: HAS President Jerry Friedland (with wig) clowns with Bob Sawyer during the Alger-type skit during the banquet. At right: Rohima Walter during the banquet.



Surrounding Dale Thomas at his desk are an unidentified woman, Alex Shaner, Bill McCord, Mary Ellen Thomas, Beth Row, and Ken Butler.



Rohima Walter, Dale Thomas, and Gilbert K. Westgard II relax in the Hotel. (On the table are copies of Dale's souvenir poster that he gave to all in attendance at the convention).



Early arrivals at the convention banquet include a seated Carl Hartmann (left) and Dick Seddon, and a standing Gil Westgard. At the rear Rohima Walter faces the camera.

ATTENDANCE AT HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY CONVENTIONS

Location	Members Attending	Host
1965 - Mendota, Illinois	14	Ken Butler
1966 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin	19	Les Langlois
1967 - Des Moines, Iowa	22	Jack Row
1968 - New Haven, Connecticut	24	Ed Levy
1969 - Kalamazoo, Michigan	9	Forrest Campbell
1970 - Revere, Massachusetts	13	George Clark
1971 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota	14	Judson Berry
1972 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	20	Bob Bennett
1973 - Indianapolis, Indiana	30	Paul House
1974 - New Philadelphia, Ohio	27	Dan Fuller
1975 - Geneseo, New York	35	Les Poste
1976 - Rosemont, Illinois	34	Gil Westgard
1977 - Waltham, Massachusetts	50	Dick Seddon
1978 - Jacksonville, Illinois	38	Jack Bales
1979 - Cleveland, Ohio	30	Dale Thomas

FIFTEEN CONVENTIONS

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

FOURTEEN CONVENTIONS

None

THIRTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 006 - Ken Butler, Mendota, Illinois (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 053 - Ralph Gardner, New York, New York (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 093 - Les Langlois, Brookfield, Wisconsin (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-78)

TWELVE CONVENTIONS

None

ELEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF 101 - Jack Row, Clarion, Iowa (65-66-67-69-71-72-73-74-76-78-79)

TEN CONVENTIONS

PF 024 - Gilbert Westgard, Des Plaines, Illinois (65-66-67-68-74-75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 099 - Paul House, Indianapolis, Indiana (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75)
 PF 265 - Bob Bennett, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79)

NINE CONVENTIONS

PF 315 - Dale Thomas, Garfield Heights, Ohio (71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79)

EIGHT CONVENTIONS

PF 258 - Jack Bales, Jacksonville, Illinois (69-71-72-73-75-76-77-78)

SEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF OA1 - Irene Gurman, Sunshine, Florida (69-72-73-74-75-76-77)
 PF 318 - Evelyn Grebel, Abilene, Texas (72-73-74-75-76-77-78)

SEVEN CONVENTIONS (Con't)

- PF 334 - Les Poste, Geneseo, New York (72-73-74-75-76-77-79)
 PF 348 - Keith Barnes, Wyoming, Michigan (72-73-74-75-76-77-78)

SIX CONVENTIONS

- PF 000 - Forrest Campbell, Fairhope, Alabama (65-66-67-68-69-78)
 PF 142 - Dan Fuller, New Philadelphia, Ohio (66-67-68-72-73-74)
 PF 274 - Carl Thieme, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (72-73-74-76-78-79)
 PF 324 - Dick Seddon, Winchester, Massachusetts (74-75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 351 - Paul Miller, Vienna, Ohio (73-74-75-77-78-79)
 PF 376 - Jerry Friedland, Monsey, New York (74-75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 412 - Brad Chase, Enfield, Connecticut (74-75-76-77-78-79)

FIVE CONVENTIONS

- PF 104 - Herb Risteen, Baraboo, Wisconsin (65-66-69-76-78)
 PF 160 - Rohima Walter, Lafayette, Indiana (73-74-76-78-79)
 PF 175 - Eugene Hafner, Timonium, Maryland (73-75-76-77-79)
 PF 326 - Amos Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana (73-74-75-76-78)
 PF 339 - Glenn Corcoran, Wilmette, Illinois (75-76-77-78-79)
 PF 360 - Bill McCord, Wurtsboro, New York (73-75-76-77-79)
 PF 362 - Marilyn Saurer, Wooster, Ohio (73-74-75-77-79)

FOUR CONVENTIONS

- PF 008 - Max Goldberg, Natick, Massachusetts (65-68-75-77)
 PF 014 - Judson Berry, Howard, South Dakota (67-71-72-73) - Deceased
 PF 015 - Eddie LeBlanc, Fall River, Massachusetts (68-77-78-79)
 PF 020 - Milton Salls, Little Falls, New York (68-72-75-77)
 PF 144 - Ralph Anderson, Grundy Center, Iowa (66-67-68-76)
 PF 394 - Alex Shaner, San Jose, California (74-77-78-79)
 PF 455 - Bob Sawyer, Gahanna, Ohio (76-77-78-79)
 PF 461 - Brad Alexander, Clarkson, New York (75-77-78-79)
 PF 487 - Pauline Westgard, Boynton Beach, Florida (76-77-78-79)

THREE CONVENTIONS

- PF 004 - Ed Levy, Woodbridge, Connecticut (68-70-77)
 PF 034 - Blanche Lloyd, Nashville, Tennessee (65-66-73)
 PF 135 - Irving Poznan, Ballwin, Missouri (66-67-73)
 PF 156 - Bette Bogue Archer, Saugus, California (66-67-71)
 PF 266 - Ralph Brandt, Bridgeton, New Jersey (70-73-77)
 PF 325 - Ann Sharrard, Chelmsford, Massachusetts (75-77-78)
 PF 381 - Bill Leitner, Tenafly, New Jersey (77-78-79)

TWO CONVENTIONS

- PF 001 - Max Friedman, Kalamazoo, Michigan (66-69)
 PF 153 - Darel Leipold, Long Lake, Minnesota (66-67)
 PF 166 - George Miller, Westchester, Illinois (66-78)
 PF 167 - Cecilia Wild, Mequon, Wisconsin (66-67)
 PF 168 - Joseph Wild, Mequon, Wisconsin (66-67)
 PF 205 - Eddie Westgard, Des Plaines, Illinois (67-68)
 PF 227 - Norman Hanson, Winona, Minnesota (72-73)
 PF 229 - Frank Eisenberg, Minneapolis, Minnesota (68-71) - Deceased
 PF 344 - Florence Ogilvie Schnell, Seaford, Delaware (76-77)
 PF 368 - Gary Scharnhorst, Portland, Oregon (73-76)

TWO CONVENTIONS (Con't)

- PF 428 - Harry Lane, Mobile, Alabama (74-76)
- PF 453 - Mark Preston, Cannon AFB, New Mexico (75-77)
- PF 454 - Dick Bowerman, Piqua, Ohio (75-77)
- PF 473 - Owen Cobb, Cherry Hill, New Jersey (76-77)
- PF 475 - Helen Gray, New York, New York (76-77)
- PF 500 - Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78)
- PF 501 - Nancy Axelrad, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78)
- PF 506 - Neil McCormick, Madison, Wisconsin (78-79)
- PF 537 - John Juvinal, Hinsdale, Illinois (78-79)

ONE CONVENTION

- PF 035 - Keith Thompson, Bellport, New York (77)
- PF 051 - Ed Reynolds, Thorndike, Massachusetts (70) - Deceased
- PF 063 - Gladys Judson, Montague, Massachusetts (70)
- PF 074 - John Sullivan, Ottawa, Illinois (65)
- PF 090 - Roy Wendell, Medford, Massachusetts (77)
- PF 096 - Hal McCuen, Mansfield, Ohio (68)
- PF 106 - Morris Olsen, Mattapan, Massachusetts (77)
- PF 120 - Frances Henry, Cambridge, Illinois (65)
- PF 121 - George May, Metropolis, Illinois (65)
- PF 122 - Pauline Millen, Des Moines, Iowa (67)
- PF 125 - Paul Alger, Bridgeton, New Jersey (68)
- PF 127 - William Murrell, Dallas, Texas (76)
- PF 131 - Walter Moore, Urbana, Illinois (78)
- PF 148 - Paul Fisher, Green Valley, Arizona (75)
- PF 164 - Steve Press, Poughquag, New York (68)
- PF 169 - Don Shinner, Missouri Valley, Iowa (67)
- PF 170 - Harlan Miller, Des Moines, Iowa (67) - Deceased
- PF 171 - Philip Neufeld, New York, New York (68)
- PF 176 - L.F. Hartsock, Clarion, Iowa (67)
- PF 184 - Norman Peterson, Big Rapids, Michigan (72)
- PF 186 - Jack Barker, Dunwoody, Georgia (77)
- PF 193 - Max Sheldon, Clarion, Iowa (67)
- PF 199 - Jacqueline Steele, Rockport, Maine (68)
- PF 206 - Robert Birkheimer, Burlington, Iowa (67)
- PF 217 - Bill Sausaman, Springfield, Illinois (78)
- PF 220 - Karl Weber, Warsaw, New York (75)
- PF 223 - Sylvester Mangini, Somers, Connecticut (68)
- PF 231 - Stewart McLeish, Everett, Massachusetts (68)
- PF 235 - Russell Dock, Arlington, Virginia (68)
- PF 237 - J. Yale Rubin, Hamden, Connecticut (68)
- PF 253 - Robert Banks, Framingham, Massachusetts (70)
- PF 264 - George Clarke, Pawtucket, Rhode Island (70) - Deceased
- PF 270 - George Blackburn, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)
- PF 271 - William DiCarlo, Revere, Massachusetts (70)
- PF 290 - Edna Banks, Framingham, Massachusetts (70)
- PF 297 - Joseph Festa, Revere, Massachusetts (70)
- PF 300 - Maurice Royar, Fort Worth, Texas (78)
- PF 313 - Gary Lemon, Bellingham, Washington (73)
- PF 320 - Keith Allen, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)
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Dick Seddon relaxes during the convention at Cleveland, Ohio. Dick has always been a great backer of the Society. Besides hosting a tremendous convention, he has personally recruited many new members. At this convention he was awarded a special Presidential Award - an honor which he richly deserves. Congratulations, Dick!!

TIMOTHY BOLTWOOD'S HORSE

by Horatio Alger, Jr.

Editor's note: The following Alger short story is from the collection of Evelyn Grebel. It originally appeared in the March 10, 1860 issue of Gleason's Literary Companion and the November, 1878 issue of Gleason's Monthly Companion.

Timothy Boltwood was dead. His death could not be considered untimely, for he had passed by several years the allotted term of existence.

He had some peculiarities, as I suppose every one has. One of these was a devoted attachment to an old horse, which he had named after himself, Timothy. This horse was now by accurate computation twenty-seven years of age, and of course was quite past the season of service. For the last seven years little had been required of him except to stand in the stable and eat his stated supply of hay and oats. It was not generally known why Mr. Boltwood was so fond of this animal. We, however, who are behind the scenes, know that it had been once the property of his deceased wife, and her favorite saddle-horse. When she died, he made a vow to take the best care of the animal thenceforward for her sake. This circumstance may seem of trivial importance, but it is essential to the proper understanding of what follows.

Mr. Boltwood was a man of wealth. How much he was worth no one knew precisely. Rumor, however, ascribed to him some fifty thousand dollars, and rumor was probably not far from the truth in this instance, however liable it is to err in some cases.

Who was to inherit all this money?

This was a question of some interest to those who had reason to consider themselves in the list of Mr. Boltwood's possible heirs. There were three in number, all being nephews of the deceased. He had never but one son, who died when an infant.

The first of these nephews was a lawyer, a man of some forty years of age. He was a shrewd, practical man who very well understood how to take care of Number One. He fully believed that charity begins at home, and no instance was ever known of his bestowing a penny at the dictate of benevolence. His name was Ephraim Harding.

As a slight illustration of his character and disposition I am tempted to relate the manner in which he received the tidings of his uncle's decease.

Laying down a letter which he had just read, he exclaimed in some excitement, "So old Boltwood is popped off at last."

"What was the matter with him?" inquired his wife.

"Apoplexy I believe. Thought he would go off in some such way."

"Is that the letter announcing it?"

"Yes, it is a note from the lawyer who has charge of the will, and invites me to be present at the reading of that document next Friday afternoon."

"From that I suppose you will be likely to receive a good legacy," said his wife, with an air of interest.

"Oh yes, no doubt. I've taken care to keep in the old fellow's good graces, though it wasn't always easy to do so. I expect to get a bulk of the property."

"If you do, Mr. Harding," said his wife, "I hope you'll buy that county seat we have been wanting so long. There's another just like it near by which Mrs. Dalrymple's husband has taken, and I declare I should like to be even with her. She was in last week and flaunted her new possessions in my face as grandly as if she had had a county seat all her lifetime."

"I am sorry to disappoint you, Mrs.

Harding," said her husband, "but I can't afford to throw away the money on an investment that will bring no returns."

"How do you propose to invest it then?" inquired Mrs. Harding with anger.

"I mean to buy up some mill stock which is just now quite cheap, and which I am confident will pay me handsomely."

"At least, Mr. Harding, you will now furnish the house?" pleaded the lawyer's wife.

"Once and for all, Mrs. Harding, allow me to inform you that I shall make such a disposition of the property as seems to me fit and proper. I can therefore dispense with advice from any quarter."

The result of this disagreement was that the two parted mutually vexed. Possibly it would have been well to defer the quarrel until they had the property in actual possession. However, upon this point Mr. Harding had few doubts, and reported himself at the meeting of the heirs with a feeling of no little confidence and complacency.

The next heir was John Holden, a city retail merchant. He was a coarse man, generally good humored, but with very little sensibility or refinement.

"So Uncle Boltwood's dead," he said, after examining the lawyer's letter. "Well, I suppose we've all got to die sooner or later, and since that is the case I can't say but I am rather glad he's gone just at this time. My business is very much cramped for want of adequate means to extend it, and the legacy which I shall receive from him will give me a handsome boost."

"You speak as if you felt confident of receiving such a legacy," remarked his wife.

"To be sure I do, and why shouldn't I? Can you answer that, Mrs. Holden?"

"There are other heirs, you know."

"Yes, there's lawyer Harding. He's such a foxy sort of a fellow that I've no doubt he's wormed himself into the old man's favor. Well, yes, I shouldn't wonder if he got the lion's share, though he may divide the property equally between him and myself."

"You don't take Cousin Julius into the account at all?"

"No, he won't get anything, or, at most, will be put off with a thousand dollars or so. The fellow hasn't any tact."

"How do you mean?"

"I mean that he has always been rather offish, and hasn't flattered Uncle Boltwood at all. Sometimes he would even dispute with him, where he didn't happen to agree. I remember once the old man got angry with him, and intimated that it wasn't exactly polite for him to be so stiff in his opinion. Julius spoke up as quick as could be, and said:

"As to that, Uncle Boltwood, I don't care enough about your money to sacrifice my honest independence about it. I shall always feel and treat you with befitting respect, but I have not asked you for a share of your money, although I shall accept it with gratitude, in case you see fit to give it to me."

From this speech, the reader has been made acquainted with the character of Julius Palmer, the third of the nephews.

I may add, that he was not in as good circumstances as either of the elder cousins -- partly, no doubt, in consequence of his inflexible adherence to principle, and unwillingness to avail himself of those advantages which trickery will sometimes give -- advantages which, it should be said, are but transient, and after all, afford but a poor and unsatisfactory compensation for the barter of principle and self respect.

The village in which Mr. Boltwood had

lived was in the country, and as the time of which I am speaking was in the infancy of steam facilities, the only approach to it was by the regular mail stage, which reached the village about two o'clock in the afternoon.

As might have been expected, the three nephews found each other fellow passengers.

Each was sensible of the others' errand, and this made the elder two taciturn. Each was comparing his own chance with the other, and neither would have given over a thousand dollars for the prospects of the third nephew - who, by the way, appeared quite at his ease - and altogether free from the excitement under which the others were very evidently laboring.

It was a long ride, however, and rather a tiresome one, which solitude and want of society made even more tedious. So at length the elder cousins fell into conversation. It was as to the amount left by their uncle.

"In my opinion," said the lawyer, Ephraim Harding, "Uncle Boltwood can't have left less than fifty thousand dollars."

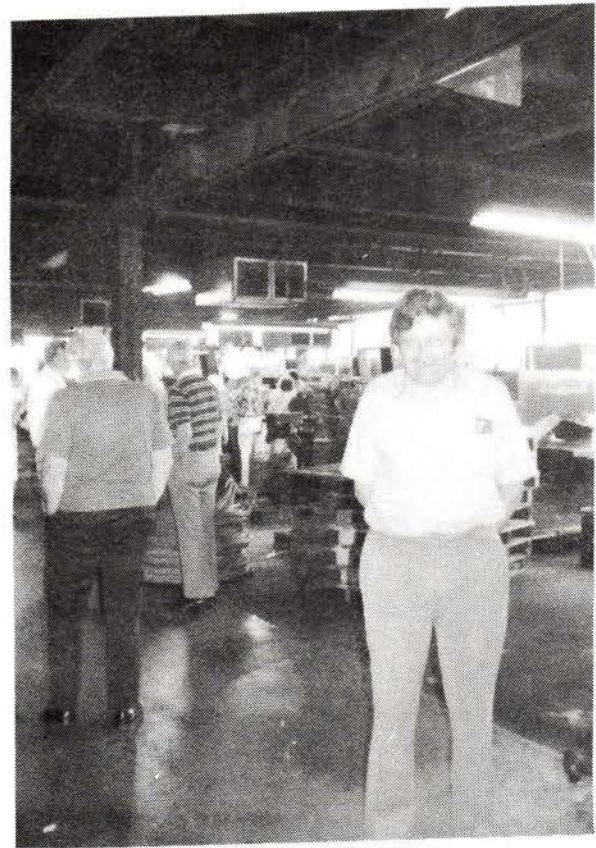
"I don't know," said John Holden. "He was wealthy, I know, but isn't that rather a high figure?"

"Not at all," said the lawyer, positively. "Why, just look at the Boltwood farm, to begin with. It comprises a hundred and fifty acres of splendid land - situated, all of it, for agricultural purposes - and some on the main street suited for house lots."

"But remember," returned Holden, "that land in a country village isn't worth what it would be in a city."

"Of course not, but that land would be valuable anywhere. Besides, it's a village of four thousand inhabitants."

"How much should you rate the farm at, then?"



Horatio Alger Society President Jerry Friedland in Dale Thomas' expansive screws and bolts plant.

"At twenty-five thousand dollars, beyond a doubt."

"And I doubt whether it would bring twenty thousand."

"Suppose," said the lawyer with a covert sneer, "we ask the opinion of Cousin Palmer, since we cannot agree."

"Pardon me, I have not been attending to what you have said," said the young man.

"We were speculating as to the probable value of Uncle Boltwood's estate," remarked the lawyer.

"I never gave a thought to the subject," returned Julius, "and therefore, should be wholly incompetent to form an estimate."

The two elder cousins looked at each other significantly, as much as to say,

"We very well know how much to believe in all that. Just as if he should never have thought of a subject which affected him so nearly."

So Julius got the reputation with his cousins of a degree of art and finance of which he was quite incapable.

But at length they reached their journey's end.

The council was to be held in the old sitting room, where they had so often sat around the hospitable board of the old gentleman, who made it a custom to gather his relations around him two or three times a year - especially on Thanksgiving and on his birthday - when the two elder nephews were wont to drink his health, and wish him, in words, the long life which they would have been very sorry to have had bestowed in reality. The thoughts of Julius, as he entered the familiar room, were those of a relative. The reflections of the others were simply those of men of business.

"Well, gentlemen," said Mr. Boltwood's attorney, "Since you are all assembled, I will commence reading the will of your deceased relative."

We omit the introductory sentence, being the form customary in all wills. The attorney proceeded:

"Item first - I leave to my youngest nephew, Julius Palmer, in token of my friendship and good will, the sum of one thousand dollars."

Ephraim Harding and John Holden looked at each other in ill-repressed exultation.

The attorney resumed his reading.

"To my nephew, John Holden, I give and bequeath, in token of my appreciation of his disinterested affection, the sum of two thousand dollars."

John Holden's countenance grew dark with bitter disappointment, and he cast

a glance of hatred at Ephraim Harding, who, he supposed, had the rest of the property. Harding thought so too, and his face was radiant with complacency. But, conceive his dismay, when the next item bequeathed him only three thousand dollars.

"The next item," observed the attorney, "is conditional. It is as follows: 'I bequeath my horse, Timothy, to whichever of my three nephews will take the best care of him - out of regard for me, and my wishes - the eldest having the first choice.'"

"I won't have the beast about," said Ephraim Harding, hastily. "He's cumbered the ground long enough."

"Will you take him, Mr. Holden?" asked the attorney.

"Not I," said Holden. "I agree with my cousin, Harding, that he ought to be knocked in the head."

"And you?" asked the attorney, glancing at Julius Palmer.

"I will take care of him out of regard to my uncle's wishes," said he, calmly.

"I will now proceed with the reading of the will," said the attorney.

"Whoever of my nephews shall have consented to receive my horse Timothy - and to care for him out of regard for me - shall receive the residue of my estate, deducting only the legacies just announced."

The two elder cousins were filled with consternation, and would gladly have revoked their decision. But it was too late. Julius Palmer became the possessor of an estate which exceeded, by one half, the valuation put upon it by Ephraim Harding. It need scarcely be said, that all possible care was taken of the old horse, by means of whom Mr. Boltwood had so accurately tested the regard entertained for him by his nephews. I need only add, that had neither been willing to assume the beast,

the residue of his property would have been appropriated to charitable purposes.

RANDOM REPORTS FROM ALGERLAND
by Jack Bales

Remember Alger's third western trip, taken in 1890? Your editor has finally turned up an article concerning this journey, thus positively verifying the existence of the trip. "RAGGED DICK: The Author, Horatio Alger, Jr., a Visitor in This City," is in the November 9, 1890 issue of the San Francisco Daily Morning Call.

The University of Minnesota Libraries has a special children's literature collection - the Hess Collection - composed of 70,000 dime novels and story papers and 10,000 series books. Grants in aid will be awarded to qualified scholars whose research requires the use of the collections. Selected applicants will receive transportation and \$25 per diem. For additional information and application materials contact Grant-in-Aid Committee, Children's Literature Research Collection, 109 Walter Library, 117 Pleasant Street S. E., University of Minnesota Libraries, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Ralph Gardner reports that he has received such a grant to research a history of the Street and Smith Publishing Company.

Irv Poznan reports that in May he underwent major prostate surgery. Though there were complications, he is pleased to announce that there was no cancer. Our prayers are with you, Irv.

Ralph Gardner sent in the following, taken from the April 16, 1979 AB Bookman's Weekly: "A literary tour of America during the last decade of the 19th century is offered in the Berg Exhibition Room at The New York Public Library through October 1979. The Awkward Age: American Writers of the 1890s displays letters, manuscripts, and first editions that reflect the literature of the United States in a period noted for its expansion and materialism.

"According to Horatio Alger, whose 'rags to riches' biography of President James A. Garfield opens the exhibit, the Nineties were years in which all things were possible." Thanks, Ralph, for sending me this.

Carroll Holt sent in an article from the February, 1979 issue of English Journal. Called "Ragged Dick," it is about one teacher's experiences when he introduced the Alger book to his class. The author, Robert Vlahakis, writes: I found good success in allowing kids the opportunity to act out some scenes from the book. . . . Another assignment involved an oral reading from the text."



A group of Alger collectors enjoy themselves. From left to right are Gil Westgard, Brad Alexander, Dale Thomas, Jerry Friedland, and Bob Sawyer.