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his life, works, and influence on the culture of America.

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Horatio Alger, Jr.

1832 - 1899

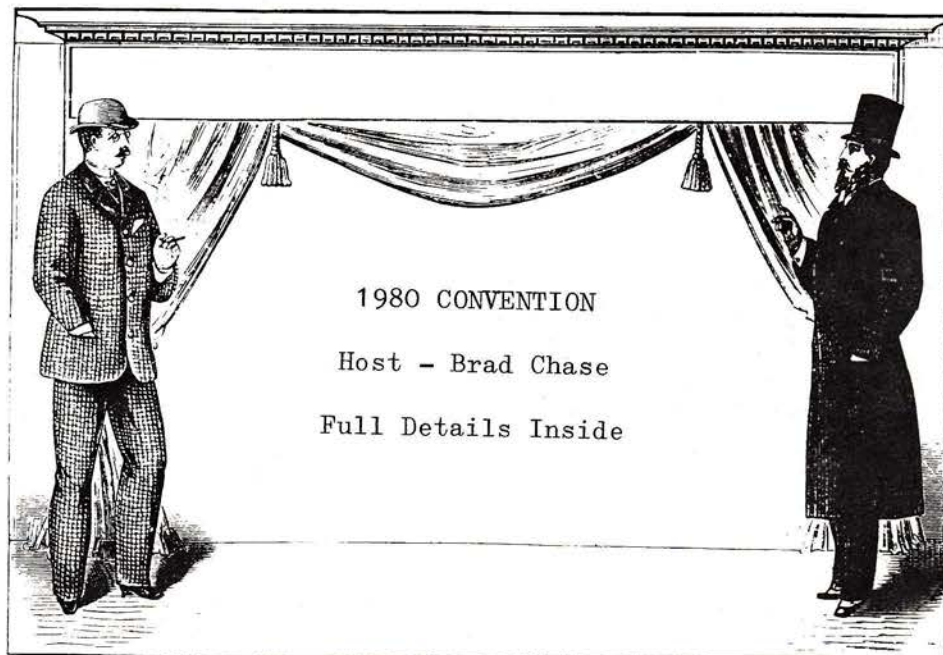


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Manuscripts relating to Horatio Alger's life and works are solicited, but the editor reserves the right to reject submitted material.

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REMEMBER: The HAS Convention — the "Capitol Caucus" — will soon be here!! Don't forget the dates, Thursday, May 14 through Saturday, May 16, 1981, near Washington, D. C.

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-601 Samuel A. Matz
P.O. Box 384
Villa Park, Illinois 60181

Samuel is a food scientist and collects Alger's short stories and books. He is also a coin collector.

PF-602 Rolfe B. Chase, Jr.
P.O. Box 55, % KMCC
Henderson, Nevada 89015

Rolfe writes that "my brother, Brad, is active in HAS and his enthusiasm is infectious. My mother is also a member." A chemical engineer, Rolfe has 56 Algers. He is interested in — besides Alger — genealogy, all sports and reading.

PF-603 Diana (Dee) Lynn Thorp
37 Cox
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Thirteen year old Dee has 34 Algers. She also collects antique dolls, railroad spikes and Dodger baseball cards.

PF-604 Judd Perkins
730 Ruddiman
North Muskegon, Mich. 49445

Judd's hobbies include collecting Alger books (he has 88), golf, travel, reading, and collecting Tom Swift books. He is a director of Public Affairs for General Telephone and learned of the Society through Max Friedman.

PF-605 Alma Patricia Urbin
26833 O'Jaustin
Farmington, Mich. 48018

Alma owns 30 Algers that were passed down to her from her mother. She is interested in music.

PF-606 Joseph Markind
4 Agawam Road
Acton, Mass. 01720

Joseph, owner of 25 Algers, learned of HAS through member Ann Sharrard. He also collects pre-1900 music.

PF-607 Leonard Homel
105 No. Bowling Green Way
Los Angeles, Calif. 90049

Leonard has an even 100 titles in his Alger collection, and is also interested in L. Frank Baum, Edward Stratemeyer, and Edgar Rice Burroughs. He heard of HAS in an article by your editor in the Dime Novel Round-Up.

PF-608 Donald Choate
37 Hosmer St.
Marlboro, Mass. 01752

One of the 65 Algers that Donald owns is an autographed copy of The Young Salesman. He learned of our society at the Yankee Trader's Shop in Littleton, Massachusetts.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

PF-000 Forrest Campbell
6385-E Foxtrot
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49002

(Although the Campbells now reside in the city of Portage, their mail is delivered from Kalamazoo. Our co-founder, originally from Michigan but formerly from Alabama, are now residing permanently in Michigan again. They recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19th in Kalamazoo, and are now great grand parents. Congratulations, Forrest and Rachel!!)

PF-428 Harry L. Lane
1651 Knollwood Drive, Apt. 361
Mobile, Alabama 36609

PF-548 Peter C. Walther
15 Williams St.
Clinton, New York 13323

PF-592 Troy Wagner
3327 North Western Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60618

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B O O K M A R T

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

NOTE: At the last convention the method of describing books was discussed, as some members have been dissatisfied with the books which they have purchased. Some volumes which they would class as poor or fair were listed as being in good or very good condition. HAS member Eddie LeBlanc, editor of the Dime Novel Round-Up, sent me the following which he saw in an old issue of the Tutter Bugle.

MINT As issued by the publisher.
Bright and clean throughout.

FINE Bright and clean throughout. Fly leaf may contain gift inscription.

VERY BRIGHT Bright and clean throughout, but
GOOD may have minor spotting or soiling, and minor wear may show at top and bottom of spine. Fly leaf may contain some writing.

GOOD Often advertised as average copies. Spine and cover may be a little faded and top and bottom of spine may show some wear. Should be in reasonably sound condition, though hinge may be broken. Appearance is not marred.

FAIR Less than sound. Book may be "warped," and hinges broken with some signatures loose. Spine and cover may be faded to the point where lettering is difficult to make out. May be soiled, inside pages may have tears, but still complete and in collectible condition.

POOR Often advertised as "reading copies." Badly shaken, signatures loose, fly leaf pages may be missing, also title page. Covers could be loose or detached, but all text is present.

DUST JACKETS

DJEF Clean dust jacket, no tears, no signs of wear.

DJF May show signs of wear, but no tears other than at folded edges.

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H	O	M	E		C	A	D	E	T		N	A	P	S					
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17	M	A	R	K	18	T	H	E	M	A	T	19	C	H	B	O	Y		
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59	D	O	G	E		60	E	L	A	T	E		61	A	L	O	E		
62	E	W	E	S		63	D	E	P	O	T		64	R	A	N	D		

Answer to the Alger crossword puzzle published in last month's Newsboy and written by Herb Risteen.

DJT	Dust jacket torn, but repairable. May be yellowed but not brittle.	Brave and Bold	Gold.	G	\$4.00
		P. Prescott's Charge	Superior	Ex	8.00
		Driven From Home	S&S		2.00
DJF	Dust jacket ragged, but complete and repairable.	(torn, detached paper cover)			
		Erie Train Boy	S&S		2.00
		(reading copy, no cover)			
DJP	Parts missing, but better than none at all.	Making His Way	S&S		2.00
		(torn and detached cover)			
		Slow and Sure	S&S		3.50
		(hard cover)			
		Strong and Steady	S&S		2.00
		(reading copy, no back cover)			
		Ben Bruce	Burt	G	5.00
		Joe's Luck	Burt	G	5.00
		Strong and Steady	Burt	F	2.50
		The Tin Box	Burt	G	5.00
		Wait and Hope	Burt	F-G	3.50
		Brave and Bold	NYB	F-G	4.00

In using these definitions, any defects not noted should be described in detail. Often a book may be fine except for one defect which may not affect its collectibility. This should be noted in sale listings.

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Offered by Robert Williman, 12437
Kemmerton Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

Andy Grant's Pluck	JCW	F-G	\$3.00
Ben's Nugget	JCW	G	4.50
Bound to Rise	JCW	P	2.50
Digging for Gold	JCW	F-G	3.50
Frank and Fearless	JCW	G	4.00
Frank's Campaign	JCW	F-G	4.00
Mark the Match Boy	JCW	G	6.00
P. Prescott's Charge	JCW	F-P	3.00
Rupert's Ambition	JCW	F-G	3.50
The Store Boy	JCW	F-P	3.00
The Young Explorer	JCW	G	4.50
The Young Miner	JCW	G	4.50
Bob Burton	Hurst	G	4.00
Chester Rand	Hurst	Ex	6.50
Chester Rand	Hurst	G	4.50
A Cousin's Conspiracy	Hurst	G	4.50
Driven From Home	Hurst	G	4.50
The Erie Train Boy	Hurst	P	2.00
Five Hundred Dollars	Hurst	Ex	7.00
Helen Ford	Hurst	G	4.50
Herbert Carter's Leg.	Hurst	G	4.50
In a New World	Hurst	G	5.00
R. Raymond's Heir	Hurst	F-G	4.00
Risen from the Ranks	Hurst	G	4.50
Strong and Steady	Hurst	G	4.50
The Store Boy	Hurst	G	4.50
The Tin Box	Hurst	F-P	3.00
Tom the Bootblack	Hurst	G	4.50
W. Sherwood's Proba.	Hurst	Ex	6.00
W. Sherwood's Proba.	Hurst	G	4.50
The Young Acrobat	Hurst	G	4.50
The Young Adventurer	Hurst	F	3.00
The Young Miner	Hurst	F	3.00
The Young Outlaw	Hurst	G	4.50

29 a few early arrivals could be found. Bob Bennett and I drifted in about 4 p.m. after five days of touring New England. We tried to publish a book on our exploits but all the publishers turned it down insisting it was fiction. (Editor's note: I've traveled with both of them. What the publishers thought was fiction was undoubtedly watered down from what really occurred)!

When we arrived at the Sheraton in Windsor we were greeted by Bill Russell who along with Carl and Jean Hartmann were the first to arrive. Carl and Jean were of course out antiquing. Wednesday saw the five of us combing Connecticut for books (and eating). On Wednesday night Brad Alexander, the real Alger hero of Bound to Rise, arrived in time to take us all out for a great Italian dinner along with Neil McCormick who also got in on Wednesday. Neil, incidentally, brought with him one of the real rare copies of Golden Argosy (bound) containing among others "A Child of Fortune" which I was lucky enough to get from him. The Brockport Bullet (Brad) had his usual run of luck, winning the Kentucky Derby pool (beating me out by one length). He also started and practically finished one of the best Merriwell collections in existence in one day and took home several of the Alger firsts from the auction.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS MONTH'S "BOOK MART": P = Poor, F = Fair, G = Good, F-P = Fair to Poor, F-G = Fair to Good, Ex = Excellent, JCW = John C. Winston Co., Gold. = Goldsmith Co., S&S = Street and Smith Co., and NYB = New York Book Co.

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 1980 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS
 by Jerry Friedland

The "Connecticut Conclave" will be remembered by all who attended as a huge success. Brad and Ann Chase were great hosts and we all thank them for their cordial welcome and a wonderful time. Ann has been elected official HAS baker for life.

The convention officially started on Thursday, May 1, but on Tuesday, April

I was too tired to go to the home of the people who had the Merriwells (they had only talked about having "other books"). It turned out to be a "run" of 750 original Tip-Tops in mint condition together with their own chest for storage. I can't understand why I was tired considering all the sleep I had, but I have an idea young Brad may have outbided me even though I understand he held his expenditures down to a mere \$33,000 this convention.

Thursday saw the arrival of most of our other members who attended and in the evening we all went to the Chase's where we were treated to the best selection of cakes Reginald (that's my belly) has ever beheld. Lionel, Leopold and Stewart (bellies belonging to Bob

Bennett, Dale Thomas, and Brad Alexander) concurred. We are considering franchising Ann's recipes.

Friday morning brought the book sale. A couple of gems that I missed out on which I noticed Lyn Kapelman guarding with her life was a first edition of Joe, the Hotel Boy and a mint Hurst miniature in dust jacket. I have 24 Hurst miniatures and had never seen one with a dust jacket. After the sale those who lingered on besieged a late arriving auto with Algers in the trunk and wiped it out. It was the people in this car that turned out to have the Merriwell collection already mentioned.

Friday night we feasted on the best Alger dinner ever! (Reginald is still saying thank you!) The Hazardville Methodist Church and their parishioners were just great. Floyd Martin sent us what has to be the world's best hams (Montana cured). Floyd, we can't thank you enough. You couldn't have sent a better gift. It even served as a delicious lunch Saturday in the Hospitality Room. I have already called Floyd and ordered a ham for Reginald.

After dinner we were entertained by a marvelous tape of an original show about Alger written by Del Brandt. It is hoped that Del might be able to make these available to the membership.

Saturday morning's Directors' meeting brought out the largest turnout to date. The banquet Saturday night was super. The 1980 convention was dedicated to our beloved Dick Seddon and we were overjoyed that Mary was with us along with Judy, Dave and Julie Barton and Dave's lovely parents Joe and Marguerite Barton. We hope they will join us for many conventions to come.

Bob Bennett was presented with the Newsboy Award for his exhaustive work on his new Alger bibliography which will be out soon. The Newsboy committee, headed by Gene Hafner made a great choice. I read Bob's manuscript and guarantee that his book will be one of

the best additions ever to an Alger library. I was overwhelmed with the Luck and Pluck Award and will treasure it. I thank Bob Sawyer and his committee and all of you for it. Morris Olsen was presented with the first annual Dick Seddon Award (given to that member who best exemplifies the congeniality and good fellowship of the late Dick Seddon) and I know Dick concurred with me on this choice.

The first place to stop on a trip to New England has to be Morris'. Before arriving at the convention Bob Bennett and I stopped at his home and picked up about 100 books. Once at the convention Gene Hafner, Neil McCormick and Bill Russell shanghaied Morris back to Boston and returned with a trunkful.

Our nominating committee, headed by Alex Shaner, offered a slate which was unanimously passed. It elected the "Brad and Brad" ticket. Brad Chase is our new President and Brad Alexander our new VP. Alex Shaner is our Treasurer, Carl Hartmann was appointed (again) as Secretary. (Editor's note: I'll keep on as Editor of Newsboy if Carl will perpetually be Secretary. Nobody can print Newsboy like he can). Our Board of Directors is as follows: Three year director - Bob Bennett (newly elected); one year director - Dale Thomas (replacing Dick Seddon); two year director - Ralph D. Gardner; director emeritus - Max Goldberg; and previous past president to serve during tenure of new president - Jerry Friedland.

Our auctioneer, Bob Bennett, was in rare form as we reaped the largest number to date - \$2,346!! We had some really lively bidders with "Battling Bea Fortner" and the "Connecticut Flash," Gil Kapelman giving Brad Alexander a run for the money. The item bringing the largest sum, \$255, was a first of Charlie Codman's Cruise, donated by Dave Barton. Dave, of course, has in Dick Seddon's collection one of the finest in existence. Mary Ellen Thomas outbid me for the beautiful "Helen Ford" music box made by Bob

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY
Treasurers Report
May 2, 1980

1979-1980

CASH BALANCE	715.68		518.02
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR			
Dues	2,015.00	2,078.00	
Patches, Tiles	51.50	29.00	
Price List, Back Issues	28.80	121.02	
Auction	1,919.00	1,526.50	
Donations	331.10	53.00	
Book Sales	<u>172.50</u>	<u>345.35</u>	
	4,527.90		4,152.87
TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE	<u>5,243.58</u>		<u>4,670.89</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Printing	1,671.29	1,343.42	
Postage	1,206.26	1,145.19	
Awards	245.66	242.77	
Envelopes	248.56	-0-	
Print Roster	388.24	413.61	
Flowers	44.70	-0-	
Miscellaneous	208.17	155.77	
Purchase Books	<u>-0-</u>	<u>654.45</u>	
	4,012.88		3,955.21
BALANCE ON HAND MAY 2, 1980	<u>1,230.70</u>		<u>715.68</u>

NEWSBOY COST	1979-1980	1978-1979
\$3,126 ÷ 205 Members =	\$15.25 Per Member	\$12.14 Per Member
\$3,126 ÷ 140 Pages =	\$22.32 Per Page	\$17.28 Per Page
\$3,126 ÷ 2550 Copies =	\$ 1.23 per Copy	\$ 1.11 Per Copy

Roster Cost	\$388.00 ÷ 205 Members =	\$1.89 Per Member
Miscellaneous Cost	\$500.00 ÷ 205 Members =	\$2.44 Per Member
Newsboy Cost	3126.00 ÷ 205 Members =	<u>\$15.25</u> Per Member
COST TO OPERATE SOCIETY		\$19.58 Per Member

Sawyer. Bob outdoes himself every year! What do you plan for next year, Bob?

Alger firsts at the auction were really at a premium. They went for sums like \$210, \$185, \$150, \$110, \$85, \$75, etc.

Jim Thorp wound up as our official photographer and did a great job. My son Jon who arrived Saturday with my wife Elaine served as an apprentice, snapping away with our camera finally on the right setting.

Carl and Jean Hartmann made this their sixteenth straight convention, keeping their record perfect. This was Ken Butler's fourteenth meeting. Ralph Gardner and Les & Bertie Langlois who were both missed by all stand next with 13 conventions under their belts. Bob Bennett attended his 11th to tie Jack Row who along with his beautiful wife Beth were sorely missed (along with their camera). I know we'll see them next year.

Another void in our attendance was Gil Westgard who along with Paul House - also absent - have attended ten conventions. Dale and Mary Ellen Thomas, our last year's hosts, made this their tenth convention. Rounding out the top ten in attendance at conventions behind him is our hard working Newsboy editor, Jack Bales. Other regular attendees that didn't make it this year were Gilbert, Sr. and Pauline Westgard, Forrest Campbell, Carl and Helen Thieme, Irene Gurman, Evelyn Grebel, Herb Risteen, Amos Smith, Glenn and Lorraine Corcoran, Max and Ida Goldberg, Les and Virginia Poste, Rohima Walter, Marilyn and Terry Saurer, Dick Bowerman, Gary Scharnhorst, Harry Lane, Harriet S. Adams, Nancy Axelrad, etc. etc. etc.

1980 marked the first convention for Jim and Mary Jane Thorp, Dave Mills, Bob Linguiti, Phil Block, Bea Fortner, Tom and Ruth Noonan, Hank Gravbelle, George and Alice Owens, Donald Dowling, and Ada Chase, Brad's mom.

Attending their second convention were Gil and Lyn Kapelman, Bob and Kathie Williman, Bill Russell, and Dave and Judy Barton and Morris Olsen. Neil McCormick, John Juvinal (who brought some great cassette tapes of old radio shows with him at really good prices) and Florence Ogilvie Schnell attended their third convention.

Ralph and Mary Brandt, Ann and George Sharrard, and Bill and Judy Leitner their fourth. Alex Shaner, Eddie and Florence LeBlanc, Bob Sawyer, and Brad Alexander came for the fifth time. Bill McCord and Gene and Wynone Hafner made 1980 their sixth. Paul and Ruth Miller came to their seventh convention and Brad & Ann Chase and myself made this our seventh straight convention.

Bob and Kathie Williman will host next year's convention in the Washington, D. C. area in nearby Maryland - the "Maryland Melee"?? (Hope I didn't twist your arm too hard, did I, Bob)? There is some talk (started by me) of beginning a day earlier since the convention always seems to be over too fast. I should arrive sometime in February, Kathie. Oh, yes, I like four meals a day.

My four years as President have brought brought me much gratification in my association with all of you, and in my successor Brad Chase, I look forward to the Society taking greater strides than ever before. He's quite a guy!

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RETROSPECT

by Brad Chase

There are no faster or firmer friendships than those between people who love the same books."

—Irving Stone, Clarence Darrow for the Defense

I paused as I read this quote, typed on a 3" x 5" index card, taped to the back wall of the Hospitality Room of the Tobacco Valley Inn, site of our (continued on page 18)

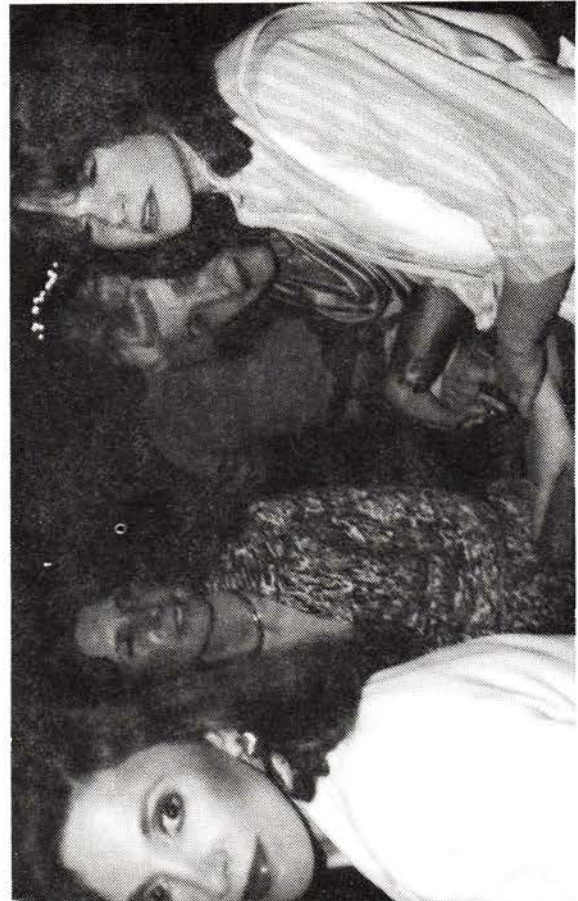
CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE — HAS BANQUET



Elaine Friedland, Joe Barton, Marquerite Barton, Mary Seddon
(Back of head belongs to Jon Friedland)



Paul Miller, Wynone and Gene Hafner,
, Our hosts Ann and Brad Chase

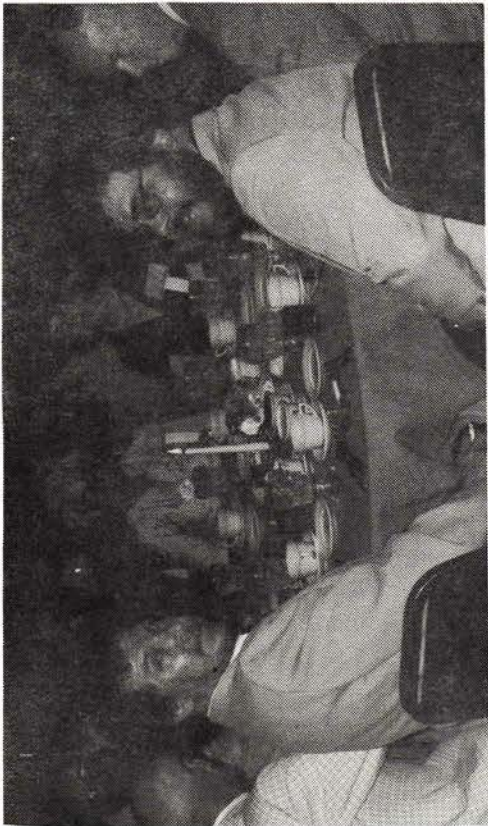


Elaine Friedland, Judy Barton, Mary Seddon and Julie Barton



Neil McCormick, Alex Shaner, Morris Olson

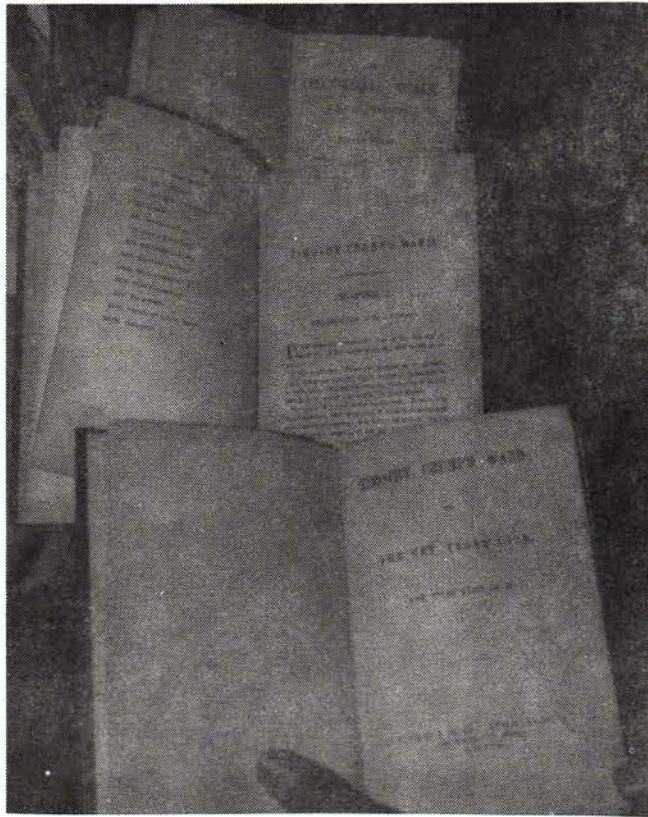
CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE



Ken Butler, Dale Thomas, Bob Bennett, Mary Ellen Thomas, Maryjane Thorp, Brad Alexander and John Juvinall



Wynone Hafner, Del Brandt, Mary Ellen Thomas, Ken Butler, Florence LeBlanc, Donald Dowling, Ann Chase



The Disagreeable Woman, Timothy Crump's Ward
A first for any Alger Convention



Thomas and Ruth Noonan, George and Ann Sharrard, Florence Ogilvie Schnell



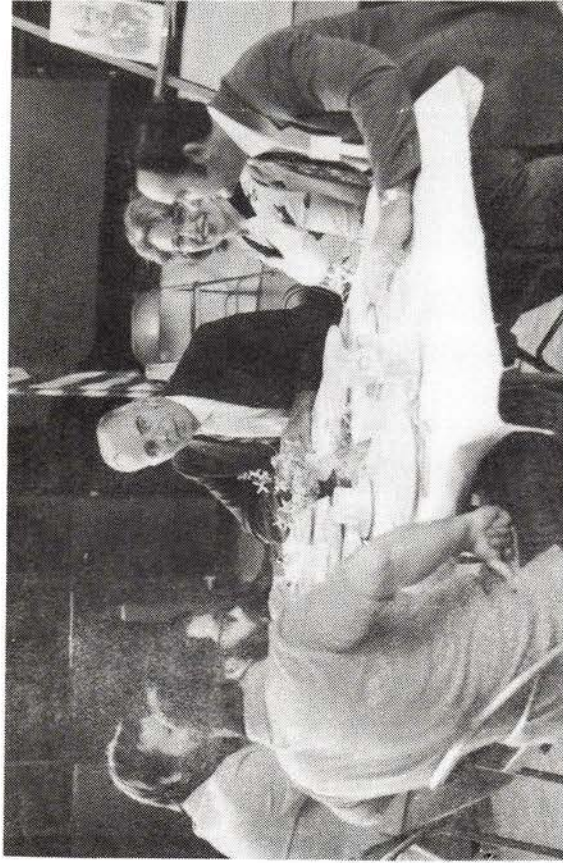
Dave Barton and father in foreground. Bea Fortner, Carl Hartman, Ken Butler and Maryjane Thorp



Bob Bennett, MaryEllen Thomas, Jerry Friedland, Judy and Bill Leitner



Eddie and Florence LeBlanc, New President Brad Chase



Dave Mills, Brad Alexander, Bill McCord, Kathy and Bob Williman

CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE — AWARDS



Gene Hafner presenting the "NEWS BOY" award to Bob Bennett



Bob Sawyer presenting the "LUCK & PLUCK" award to Past President Jerry Friedland



Jerry Friedland Presenting the "DICK SEDDON" award to Morris Olson



President Jerry Friedland giving a speech intent listeners Dale Thomas and Carl Hartman

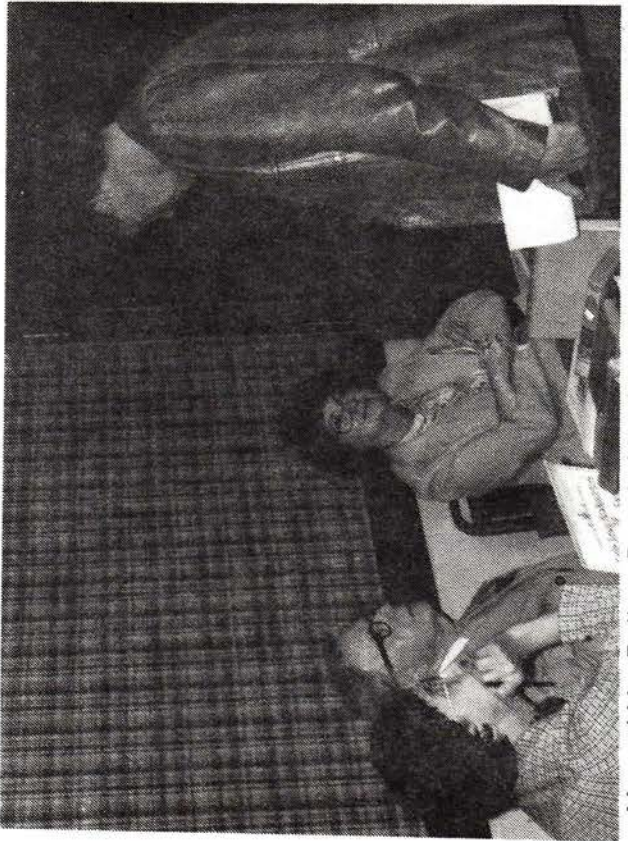
CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE BOOK SALE



Dave Mills, Bill Russell, Dale Thomas, Bob Sawyer and Morris Olsen



Carl Hartman and Founder Ken Butler



Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Brandt, Maryjane Thorp and Bob Bennett



How we all felt at the end of the Convention

CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE BOOK SALE



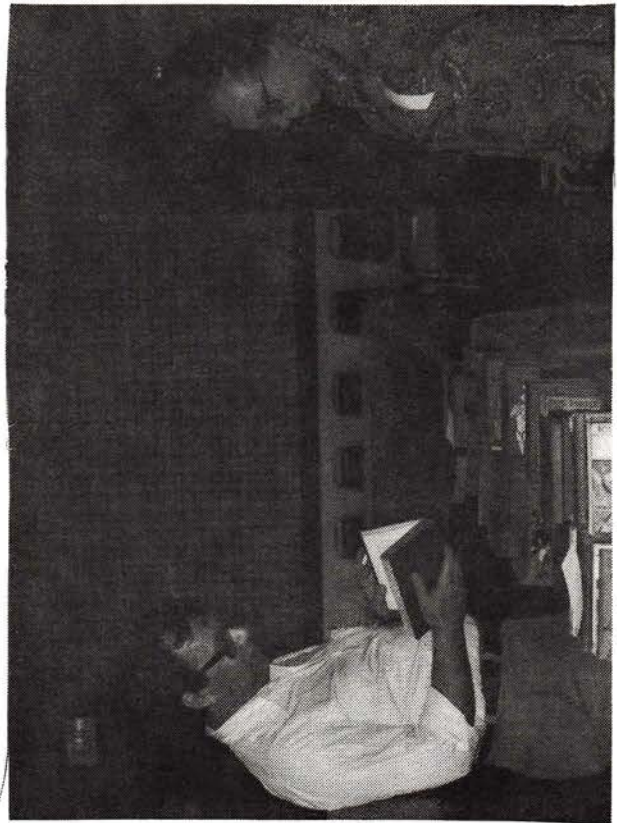
Lyn Kapelman, Alex Shaner and Paul Miller



Florence LeBlanc, Hannah Brandt, David Mills, Eddie LeBlanc, Jerry Friedland and Beatrice Fortner



Ralph and Delbert Brandt

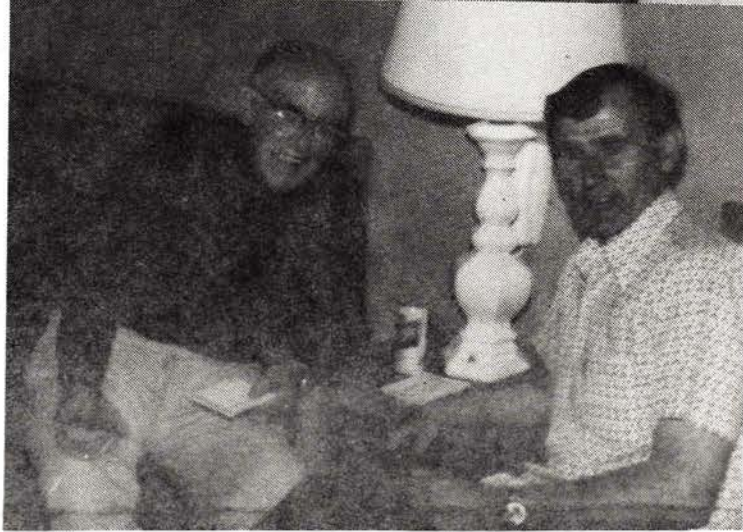


Gil Kappelman and Florence LeBlanc



Morris Olsen receiving the "DICK SEDDON" award from President Jerry Friedland

All Photos in this issue Courtesy of Jerry Thorp and Jerry Friedland





1980 AUCTION RESULTS

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<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>BUYER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
t For Business	Bea Fortner	Dave Mills	\$ 12.00
arnard Brooks Adv.	Bill Leitner	Gene Hafner	20.00
Horatio Alger in a Bottle	Bill Leitner	Brad Alexander	8.00
Picture Horatio Alger	Dave Kanarr	Bob Williman	3.00
3 Burt Books	Brad Chase	George Owens	8.00
Burglar Alarm	Ralph Gardner	Bob Williman	40.00
Readers Digest, Nov. 1938	Bill Russell	Jim Thorp	11.00
The Errand Boy	Bob Williman	Neil McCormack	5.00
Red Rooster Sign	Bill Leitner	George Owens	8.00
Digital Clock	John Juvinall	Bill McCord	16.00
15 Misc. Books	Phil Block	George Sharrard	5.00
5 Misc. Books	Roy Wendell	George Owens	5.00
Tony the Tramp - Hurst	Paul Miller	Jim Thorp	5.00
Oliver Optic Magazine	Bill Russell	Brad Alexander	10.00
Joes Luck - Burt	Bob Williman	George Owens	17.00
In search of Treasure-1st Ed.	Brad Alexander	Bob Williman	70.00
Student & Schoolmate 1868	Paul Miller	Bill Russell	30.00
Zane Grey - Autographed	Ken Butler	Jerry Friedland	15.00
Silas Snobdens Office Boy	Donald Dowling	Brad Alexander	7.00
Newsboy Figurine	Rohima Walter	Brad Alexander	50.00
Wyeth Color Print	Bill Leitner	Bob Williman	25.00
Newsboy Statue	Brad Alexander	Jerry Friedland	15.00
Struggling Upward - 1st Ed.	Carl Thieme	Gene Hafner	40.00
From Farm to Fortune	Bea Fortner	Dave Mills	13.00
American Boy Magazine	Dave Kanarr	Jerry Friedland	20.00
Golf Book	Rohima Walters	Mary Ellen Thomas	3.00
Books of Plays	Morris Olsen	Brad Alexander	12.00
2 Dime Novels	Dave Kanarr	Alex Shaner	10.00
Lost Men of America	Dick Seddon	Jerry Friedland	30.00
Postcards	Rohima Walters	Jean Hartman	2.00
Newsboy Statue	Roy Wendell	Jim Thorp	15.00
3 Old Postcards	Florence Schnell	Brad Alexander	10.00
Alger Picture	Del Brandt	George Owens	5.00
4 Postcards	Bill McCord	Alex Shaner	2.00
Audabon Color Plates	Brade Chase	Florence Schnell	6.00
Uandee Doodle Sampler	Brad Alexander	Bill Russell	20.00
2 Nautilus Books	Gene Hafner	Jim Thorp	15.00
8 Aeonian Algers	Gene Hafner	Jim Thorp	70.00
5 P & C Books	Bob Williman	Bea Fortner	61.00
Frank Munsey Book	Bill McCord	Brad Alexander	15.00
Cortex & Marina	John Juvinall	Bill McCord	6.00
Bark Painting	Evelyn Grebel	Dave Barton	10.00
Photo Album	Florence Schnell	Gene Hafner	5.00
Soap	Florence Schnell	Brad Chase	13.00
Lindbergh Book	Del Brandt	Neil McCormick	2.00
2 Amos & Andy Tapes	John Juvinall	Gene Hafner	15.00
13 Paper Merriwells	George Sharrard	Ed LeBlanc	10.00
2 Frank Merrewells	Gil Kappleman	Bill Leitner	16.00
Fuel Saver Thermostat	Bill McCord	Alex Shaner	31.00
Snoopy Playing Cards	Florence Schnell	John Friedland	5.00
3 Harper Monthlics	Bill Russell	George Owens	3.00
3 Books	Bea Fortner	Bob Williman	7.00
ptic Books	Brad Chase	Tom Noonan	10.00
For Name & Fame - Henty	Ken Butler	Bob Williman	4.00
3 Henty Books	Brad Chase	Bob Williman	1.00
6 Books	Bill Leitner	Bob Williman	6.00
History of Civilization	Jack Row	Jerry Friedland	10.00
Newsboy Imprint	Bob Williman	Jerry Friedland	10.00

ITEM	DONOR	BUYER	AMOUNT
Cribbage Board	Carl Hartman	Dale Thomas	20.00
Luck & Pluck - 1st Ed.	Dale Thomas	Brad Alexander	80.00
Newsboy Statue	Society	Brad Alexander	8.00
Helen Ford - 1st Ed.	Morris Olsen	Bob Sawyer	60.00
Newsboy Statue	Society	Paul Miller	20.00
Chester Rand - 1st Ed.	Dale Thomas	Bea Fortner	205.00
Guidepost Magazine	Jack Bales	Jerry Friedland	5.00
Farm Boy to Senator - 1st Ed.	Ed LeBlanc	Gil Kappelman	110.00
Cocker Spcniel Carving	Bob Williman	Alex Shaner	75.00
Terra Cotta Statue	Ann Scharrard	Brad Alexander	10.00
A Rolling Stone - 1st Ed.	Jerry Friedland	Bob Linguini	75.00
188 Indian Pennies	Bob Bennett	Dale Thomas	125.00
Dean Dunham - Amer. Publ.	Dale Thomas	Gil Kappelman	150.00
Phil the Fiddler - 1st Ed.	Jerry Friedland	Bea Fortner	85.00
Charlie Codmans Cruise - 1st Ed.	The Seddons	Brad Alexander	255.00
Jewel Box	Bob Sawyer	Mary Ellen Thomas	125.00
			\$2,306.00
Donation	Floyd Martin		70.00
			\$2,376.00

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 1980 convention. I was in the midst of cleaning up and it stopped me right in my tracks. "Boy," I muttered to myself, "if that just doesn't hit the nail on the head!" A whole lot of things happened here and that sort of says it all.

There were no noises now in the large and vacant room - no Alger talk and no sound of friends talking books and collecting and sipping cokes as had been the case here for the last few days. The refrigerator was empty and all that was left were some sightseeing brochures, a map of Connecticut, the signs I'd made to announce events, a few papers and many empty chairs arranged and set where people had placed them as they gathered hours before.

All of a sudden it struck me like a thunderbolt that it was all over. The hustle and bustle of the convention had passed - it was history now. Hopefully pleasant memories were etched in the minds of all the attendees and their lives better enriched because they came. I know ours were.

Hosting the convention was a big thing for Ann and me. We'd never done anything like that before. It was with some trepidation that we accepted the

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 responsibility a year ago. But now that it's over and we reflect on the events and activities that took place, we can both say that it was an extremely pleasant experience. The key, of course, were the people and their reaction to, and participation in, the activities that took place. It was a real "kick" for us and we sincerely thank all who came to our "Conclave" and hope their experiences met their expectations. It was a pleasure for us to be the catalyst and watch (to paraphrase Stone's quote above) "fast and firm friendships be made between Alger people who love Alger books."

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 HAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 May 3, 1980

Meeting opened by President Friedland at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary's report: Membership has declined this last year but we are still over the 200 mark. Everything else is going fine.

Treasurer's report - See p. 7 of this Newsboy.

Alex Shaner reported for the nomination committee:

President Brad Chase
 V. President Brad Alexander
 Treasurer Alex Shaner
 Directors:
 3 year term Bob Bennett
 2 year term Ralph Gardner
 1 year term Dale Thomas
 Past Pres. Jerry Friedland
 Pres. Emeritus Max Goldberg

A motion made by President Friedland, seconded by Dale Thomas, to have a new award called the "Richard Seddon Award," to be awarded to the person that emulates the qualities and comradeship that Dick had. Passed unanimously.

A motion made by Bob Sawyer, seconded by Bill McCord, that the HAS have a lapel pin made. Passed unanimously.

Gene Hafner has designed a pin and with the approval of the Directors, Bob Williman and Gene intend to finance the pin and give it away as a memento for the Capitol Conclave. Extra Pins will be made for the membership as a fund raiser for HAS

A motion was made by President Friedland that Bob Bennett's new book, when published, should be mentioned and recognized in the Newsboy and Roster. Seconded by Dale Thomas. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Sawyer and seconded by many that the "Book Mart" should be more reliable and that books must be returnable. A guide should be set up for condition (see page 3 of this Newsboy) and more details given by sellers. It was also discussed that we should not have want ads in the Newsboy since most of us want the same Algers. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ken Butler, seconded by Carl Hartmann, that Ken be appointed a committee of one to examine feasibility of opening up the Newsboy to other authors. He will report back at the next convention. Passed.

Bob Bennett announced that he will

undertake the making and publishing of a price list to go along with his book. This will be sold to the HAS for cost and distributed to our members.

All of the above were presented to the meeting of the Society at the annual dinner and approved by the membership at large.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Hartmann
 Secretary
 Horatio Alger Society

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GARDNER SPEAKS AT WRITERS CONFERENCE
 by Bob Williman

On Wednesday evening, July 9, my wife, Kathie, and I had the immense pleasure of attending what was billed as "An Evening of Conversation with Alger Biographer, Ralph D. Gardner." This was occasioned by the meeting of the Georgetown University Writers Conference, in Washington, D.C., at which Gardner had delivered a speech on our hero the day before.

Attendance at the informal "evening of conversation" was about twenty-five, including many of the most noteworthy Washington area bibliophiles and rare book collectors. Gardner gave an excellent synopsis of who Alger was and why he believed Alger's works were important Americana. He fielded questions from the audience like a pro, discussing topics ranging from the distinguished heritage of the Alger family to the rarity of Timothy Crump's Ward. Mr. Gardner told the audience of the Horatio Alger Society, its purpose, the Newsboy and conventions.

Ralph was presented with what he was assured to be a "one-of-a-kind" Alger rarity for his collection: a blue T-shirt with white lettering reading, "Horatio Alger, America's All-Time Best Seller." Ralph intends to return for the "Capitol Caucus" Convention of the Horatio Alger Society, to be held May 14-16, 1981, in the Washington area. At that time he has agreed to display his "rare" new item for our membership.

ODDS AND ENDS

by Brad Chase
President
Alger Society

On the way from one bookstore to another a few months ago, fellow HAS member and Vice-President Brad Alexander and I were tooling along, just outside of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, when we spotted a statue on the top of a fountain in the center of an apparently little used park. The statue was of a newsboy running, carrying papers under one arm and waving one with the other outstretched arm. We did a quick U-turn to investigate.

On a plaque at the base of the fountain we found the following: "Harthstone Insurance Company, Patrons, Newsboy Restoration Fund in Honor of W. Clement Stone. This Newsboy Fountain was presented to Great Barrington by W. L. Brown of the New York News (1895 publication) on October 10, 1895. It is one of four in the world that pays tribute to the importance of the news carrier in the production of the newspaper. October 7, 1973." [Editor's note: See March, 1979 Newsboy for article on another newsboy statue].

As you may know, Brad Alexander collects statues of newsboys, and as we stood there in the warm afternoon sun, we speculated for a fleeting moment whether or not this multi-ton fellow would fit into the trunk of my Toyota and how nice it would look guarding Brad's living room bookcases. But we knew that the statue and fountain were far more important to somebody else because they were both in nice condition and the park was well maintained. Obviously, the Harthstone Insurance Company, the Newsboy Restoration Fund or somebody had gone to considerable expense in placing this monument to honor the newsboy.

We were impressed, no question about it, and somewhat surprised. Our curiosity was definitely sparked. Great Barrington is located in the far western part of Massachusetts, smack in

the mountains. It is very beautiful New England countryside and to find a New York-type newsboy statue there is incongruous, to say the least! However, our urge for new book finds spurred us on from the park rather than spending time trying to discover the statue's background. But we kept wondering as we thought back to our discovery. Who is the Harthstone Insurance Company? What is the Newsboy Restoration Fund? What happened on October 7, 1973 to apparently rededicate a statue presented originally in 1895? Why was it presented on that date in the first place and did Alger play any role? Where are the other three fountains or statues located that are referred to on the plaque?

Perhaps some of the Newsboy scholars in the Society know the answers to these questions. If so, perhaps they'd like to share with the rest of us what happens to be an interesting side of the American Newsboy story. If no one knows anything about this poor soul standing in the middle of western Massachusetts and its story seems to be worth pursuing, perhaps as I pass through that area looking for lost Alger books at some future date, I could stop and make inquiry.

I keep telling my friends that there is more to book hunting than just book hunting and this statue find is living proof. Who knows what exciting stories may lie behind its presentation. Let's wait and see whether or not one of our staunch members knows all and is willing to tell us. And, if any of you on impulse get the insatiable urge to go and see this statue and find it missing when you get there, I know nothing. . . .

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Bob Williman writes that details for the next convention are finalized (many details in next month's Newsboy). It will be at the Quality Inn Colony 7, P.O. Box 7, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701. The dates are May 14-16, 1981. I hope that you'll be making plans now to attend the "Capitol Caucus."