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Stamp to Honor Horatio Alger

WILLOW GROVE, Pa. (AP) — Horatio Alger's upwardly mobile street urchins, who inspired generations of youngsters from the pages of more than 100 books, are about to become world travelers — on a new 20-cent postage stamp.

"Although the physical size of a postage stamp is not great, its sphere of influence is. Stamps...become living tributes to the people and ideas they honor," U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger said Friday.

The stamp marking the 150th anniversary of Alger's birth was issued at a ceremony highlighting the four-day convention of the tiny Horatio Alger Society.

The group is devoted to collecting Alger's works and spreading

the rags-to-riches philosophy his name has come to embody. In Bolger's words, "Good things happen to deserving people. It can be done. You can do it, make yourself ready."

The society, numbering 250 members in 36 states and three foreign countries, lobbied for the stamp for five years and suffered through two rejections.

"On the third time it was accepted. That's sort of a Horatio Alger story itself," said Robert Willimand, of Bowie, Md., head of the group's stamp committee.

The new stamp depicts four Alger street lads — Ragged Dick, a bootblack; Ben, a luggage boy; Rufus, a newsboy; and Mark, a match boy.

These and other unfortunate boys — all of them poor, orphaned or both — are the subject or nearly every action-packed Alger book. His titles were mottoes: "Strive and Succeed," "Work and Win," "Try and Trust."

At the end of the stories, the

boys invariably rise to respectability and some measure of posterity.

"The highest reward was an entry job — a chance to make good ... no matter how humble the beginning, success could be attained," Bolger told an audience of stamp collectors, school children and Alger aficionados here for a four-day convention.

"But ... it was not success at any cost," Bolger added. "It was success with integrity — success as a result of integrity, initiative and industry."

John Alger, of Schenectady, N.Y., Alger's great-great-nephew, said Horatio stands out among the many writers in his family.

"Horatio had this idea of strive and succeed which hits today's world," he said. "His ideals were marvelous ... the challenge of meeting his standards was pretty great."

One man who has tried to live by those standards is 79-year-old Ken Butler, who founded the Horatio Alger Society 21 years ago with one other man.

"When I was a boy I read every darn (Alger) book I could get a hold of," said Butler, who worked his way through college as a barber.

"They inspired me to get out and start wherever I could start; to be kind to my mother; and if there was a girl drowning, to go out and rescue her."

Article from the Williamsport (Pennsylvania) Sun Gazette, May 1, 1982.

Associated Press reporter Jill Lawrence spent two days covering the Horatio Alger Society Convention in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, and interviewed over a dozen HAS members. This is one of the two articles she wrote. The Alger Society thanks both her and AP for allowing its reprinting in Newsboy.

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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NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-156 Bette R. B. Archer
39522 Calle Cascada
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Bette joined HAS some years ago; she now becomes a life member. She writes that she found a copy of Ralph D. Gardner's Cast Upon the Breakers at a local Goodwill Store for 40¢!

PF-533 James Ryberg
4627 Wild Indigo, #605
Houston, Texas 77027

Jim Ryberg recently renewed his dues, paying \$200 to join HAS as a life member. He said that "I feel it fitting to join for life during this sesquicentennial year."

PF-653 Andy Desmarais
52 Willow St.
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Ralph Gardner told Andy of HAS. He is a bookkeeper for a moving company, owns 92 Algers, and is interested in completing his collection.

PF-654 Frank H. Jaques
Law Offices
Lambert, Roberts & Jaques, Inc.
201 West 14th
P.O. Box 130
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Frank is a lawyer and hopes to complete his collection of Alger books.

PF-656 Dean W. Jeffers
2600 Clairmont Court
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Dean is the retired General Chairman of Nationwide Insurance Companies, and is currently President of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. He received the Alger Award in 1975.

PF-655 John W. Galbreath
925 Darby Creek Dr. Alton
Columbus, Ohio 43119

John is owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans from 1981-82. He is Owner/Realtor of John W. Galbreath & Co.

PF-657 R. David Thomas
P.O. Box 256
4288 W. Dublin-Granville Rd.
Dublin, Ohio 43017

R. David Thomas is Founder/Chairman of Wendy's International, Inc., and is a board member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

PF-658 Denny Lynch
P.O. Box 256
4288 W. Dublin-Granville Rd.
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Denny Lynch is the Assistant to R. David Thomas (above).

PF-659 Gene Scott
850 Twin Rivers Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Gene is the Postmaster for Columbus, Ohio.

PF-660 Douglas Hoffman
10423 Montrose Ave., #204
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Douglas owns 150 Algers and is a research scientist.

PF-661 Dean C. Steele
Dry Valley Rd.
RD #5, Box 153C
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044

Dean heard of the Alger Society from a used book dealer. Besides collecting Algers (of which he has 44), he is interested in the Grace Livingston Hill books and ones by Joseph C. Lincoln. He is a Ring Products Scheduler for a steel mill.

PF-662 Leo A. Kiley
26 Black Watch Trail
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Bill Russell told Leo of HAS. He is an Account Executive for Exxon Chemicals, owns 47 Algers, and is an anti-quarian book collector, a car enthusiast, and enjoys playing golf. He wants "to acquire a collection suitable for reading by the next generation."

PF-663 Scott Smith
501 S. Pitcher St.
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

Long-time HAS member Max Friedman told Scott of the Alger Society.

PF-664 David Horatio Statti
926 E. Hermosa St.
Santa Maria, Calif. 93454



David's aunt, Frances S. Nesta, writes: "David was just six years old on February 20, 1982. His father loved the Horatio Alger books so much that he named his youngest son Horatio (middle name). David Horatio Statti probably will be your youngest member." She learned of HAS from a blurb on the Alger stamp.

PF-665 Ray Leight
Garfield Ave.
West Point, Pennsylvania 19486

Bill Russell told Ray of HAS. He has 8 Algers, and is interested in promoting the ideals of Horatio Alger. His other hobbies include chess.

PF-666 Hobart E. Grazier
427 Paxson Ave.
Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038

Hobart, a Wizard of Oz fan, saw a sign about the convention on the road last May and joined up in Willow Grove. He has between 70 and 80 titles, and is collecting them for his grandsons.

PF-667 Jerry Simms
1171 Laurel Way
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Jerry is an auto dealer and a bank director (besides involvement in other businesses), and enjoys golfing, tennis and karate.

PF-668 James J. Lowe
68 Fairfield St.
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

An article in the Burlington, Vermont Free Press on the Alger stamp mentioned the Horatio Alger Society, and James subsequently contacted Ken Butler. A self-employed sales broker, he collects Algers, clocks, antiques and books.

PF-669 Donald Sailor
Minister
Christ United Methodist Church
517 W. Jolly Road
Lansing, Michigan 48910

Rev. Sailor is Carl Hartmann's minister. He tells Carl that he particularly likes the short stories in Newsboy, and adds, "I have always credited the reading of Horatio Alger's books as a growing boy for the philosophy of personal achievement that has benefited me in so many ways."

PF-670 Blandford A. Alger
P.O. Box 277
83 Haller Drive
Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009

Blandford read of the HAS in a New York Times article on the Alger stamp. Owner of 20 titles, he enjoys sailing, photography, hiking, swimming, antiquing, home maintenance, gardening, music (organ) and reading. He is a professional engineer.

PF-671 Christi Guardiols
12698 Wickham Pl.
Garden Grove, Calif. 92643

Christi is vice-president for an insurance company, and learned of the Alger Society in an article in the Los Angeles Times. She has 30 Algers.

PF-672 George T. Steinhour
315 N. Mitchell St.
Cadillac, Michigan 49601

George is a collectibles' store owner, whose hobbies include Alger, stained glass and collectors' plates. Carl Hartmann says that he and Jean stopped at his store and that "it is really terrific." He sells stained glass and teaches stained glass making.

PF-673 Ray Boas
5 Roberts Ave.
Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Ray heard of HAS at the Willow Grove Convention last May. He collects Algers (of which he has 7), post cards, country store antiques and general collectibles, and is also interested in photography.

PF-675 Merritt D. Hill
7431 Deep Run Drive
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Merritt, a retired executive, writes that "as a boy I read many of the Alger books. I found out recently about the Society from my friend, Oscar Mezey, who belongs to the organization.

CORRECTION OF ADDRESS

PF-541 David Moulton
 Unit 1111
 1225 Martha Custis Drive
 Alexandria, Virginia 22302
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L E T T E R S

240 E. County Line Road
 Hatboro, Penn. 19040
 May 3, 1982

Dear Jack:

I would like to thank all of the members who attended the convention, and their guests. I enjoyed myself, as I'm sure everyone did. Still have a little bit of after-convention work to catch up on.

Also, I would like to thank those members who sent items for the auction, but were unable to attend. And a special thanks to Floyd Martin for those hams. We all hope that maybe Floyd will bring those hams in person at next year's convention.

Once again, thanks very much to all of those who attended.

Best wishes,

Bill Russell

 820 N. Country Line Rd.
 Hinsdale, Ill. 60521
 May 23, 1982

Dear Jack:

It was great meeting you again at the convention. I haven't heard from Gilbert [Westgard] yet; I assume he is back home now.

I had an interesting day Thursday. There was a first day of issue of a stamp in Chicago which I attended. Mr. Bolger--the Postmaster General--was not there, but I did meet the Regional Postmaster General as well as the Postmaster of Chicago and some other "big wigs." The stamp issued was the two

cent locomotive. The program took place at Chicago's Union Station. The format was very similar to the one at Willow Grove.

As you know, I made a high quality recording of the proceedings at the issuance of the Horatio Alger stamp. The music by the Upper Moreland High School Band was especially good, as were the comments by Brad Chase, Ralph Gardner, Bob Williman, the Postmaster General, and others. I am making cassettes available to members of the Society at \$3.00 each (includes shipping by first class mail).

My pictures that I took at the convention could have been better; I'm enclosing a few of them.

I'm already looking forward to the next convention in Columbus.

Best regards,

John Juvinall

 12437 Kemmerton Lane
 Bowie, Maryland 20715
 April 15, 1982

Dear Jack,

FLASH! (1) There will be a ceremony at the Natick Post Office on May 7 at 1:00 p.m. to honor Max Goldberg. I will present to him a special Horatio Alger Stamp Album at that time. All of our members are cordially invited. [Ed. note: Unfortunately, not only was the last issue of Newsboy out AFTER this event, but I misplaced Bob's letter until June].

(2) I am arranging for the Postmaster at Kalamazoo to present a similar album to Forrest Campbell who cannot attend the convention.

(3) Several people have asked me about obtaining first day covers produced by various cachet manufacturers. I highly recommend Joy Covers, P.O. Box 47051, Forestville, Maryland 20747, (301) 736-4369 (Donna Sigler) for this.



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 Newtown, Connecticut
 Modeler: Clarence Holbert
 Engravers: Gary J. Slaght (lettering & numerals)
 Gary M. Chaçonas (vignette)
 Press: Intaglio
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Horatio Alger Commemorative Stamp

A 20-cent commemorative stamp honoring American author Horatio Alger on the 150th anniversary of his birth will be issued on April 30 in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. The first day of issue ceremony will be held at the George Washington Motor Lodge Convention Center during the annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society.

Robert Hallock designed the stamp based on the book cover from the *Ragged Dick* series of six books, which first brought Alger national prominence in 1867 and 1868. Mr. Hallock adapted the illustration from an early Alger edition found in the historical collection at the Pequot Library in Southport, Connecticut.

Procedures for ordering first day cancellations are as follows:

Customers are urged to buy stamps and affix them to their own covers. All covers must be addressed on the right side at least $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch up from the bottom. Insert a filler in each envelope and mail them to: "Customer Affixed Envelopes, Postmaster, Willow Grove, PA 19090-9991" by May 30. There is no charge.

The Postal Service will affix stamps when requested to do so. Mail orders by May 30 to: "Alger Stamp, Postmaster, Willow Grove, PA 19090-9992." The cost is 20 cents per stamp to be affixed and personal checks in the exact amount will be accepted for orders up to the limit of 50 covers. Do not send cash. Postage stamps are unacceptable as payment.



A stock list of stamps available at face value may be obtained by a request to the Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, DC 20265-9997.

Please Post on Bulletin Board

USPS Stamp Poster 82-14
Remove after May 30

August-September



Pictures in this Newsboy were taken by HAS member Jim Thorp. Photos of the Alger Stamp Ceremony: Top, Willow Grove High School Concert Band. Lower left, Honorable William F. Bolger, Postmaster General of the United States. Lower right, Willow Grove Naval Station Color Guard.

Coverage of the stamp ceremony appears elsewhere in this issue.



(opposite page), Copy of U. S. Postal Service Bulletin.

She charges fair prices and gives good service. Someone will ask so, no, I have no financial or other interest in this. I think she'll be at the ceremony. Can you get these items in the next Newsboy? Thanks.

Best regards,

Bob Williman

12437 Kemmerton Lane
Bowie, Maryland 20715
June 16, 1982

Dear Jack,

I've decided to sell the Alger first day cover sets to Alger Society members at 30% discount for the period ending September 1st (\$7.00 per set). You can advertise this fact to the members. I'd rather our members owned sets of these before the stamp collectors buy them all up and the price rises with the stamp market. I've also got some Alger book reprints with stamp cancelled "first day of issue" (for \$10.00 post-paid) on the title page. Just a few of these left, if anybody wants one.

Best regards,

Bob Williman

1307 Greenbush
Lafayette, Indiana 47904
June 8, 1982

Dear Jack,

I just got my Newsboy today but haven't got to read it yet. Will be glad to get the next one telling of the Convention. You do a good job telling everything.

I went to an auction the first of June. Got a box of books for around \$10.00, and had to pay \$6.00 for two Algers in pretty good shape. The box had 4 Algers, so I did pretty good. This was the first auction I have been to for a long time, and I had to stand for almost 6 hours waiting for them to get to this table.

We wish we could have been at the convention, but had to miss it, so hope it will be near us next year. If you are ever in our area come and see us.

Your P. F.,

Rohima Walter

1307 Greenbush
Lafayette, Ind. 47904
June 25, 1982

Dear Jack:

I was just looking through the Newsboy but haven't read it all as yet. One man was wondering about paper boys. My husband had a paper route and so did my brother. He delivered papers in town, and then later delivered them in the oil field at Salem, Illinois. My husband sold the Chicago Herald Examiner for 10¢, making 3¢ profit. He had eight customers. Then he sold the Chicago Tribune on Sundays for 10¢, making 2¢ profit on that. He was lucky to sell 6 papers in the little town of Royal, Illinois, population 117.

Your P. F.,

Rohima Walter

40 Ridge Road
Glen Rock, N. J. 07452
June 10, 1982

Dear Jack,

As suggested in the June-July issue, I am sending some information regarding the convention. After I got back to Glen Rock, New Jersey I set up a nice display in our library, per the attached. Also donated a couple of Algers and Ralph Gardner's book to the library.

I was quite impressed with the convention--the ceremonies and all. First I'd been to in a few years. Won't be so long next time. The committee did a great job.

Don Erickson

August-September

Show honors Horatio Alger

STAMP COLLECTORS and book collectors will be intrigued by a new display at the Glen Rock Public Library featuring the new Horatio Alger, Jr. commemorative stamp and some of the many books by the author of the most popular juvenile fiction of the 19th century. The commemorative was issued on April 30 in Willow Grove, PA at the annual meeting of the Horatio Alger Society. It honors the 150th anniversary of the birth of Horatio Alger, Jr.

The stamp illustrates four street boys of the "Ragged Dick" book, first published in 1868. It was the first of a set of six books, later followed by over 150 titles selling millions of copies. The dominant theme of these books is that through hard work and virtue, one can obtain success, riches, happiness and attain the "American Dream".

Horatio Alger was a Unitarian minister who became interested in the poor living condition of the street children of New York City in the 1860s to 1880s, many of them newsboys and bootblacks. Most of his stories are derived from their lives. Publication of these books resulted in the enactment of the first legislation for the prevention of cruelty to children in 1874.

The exhibit was prepared by Donald Erickson of Glen Rock.

Ridgewood News, N.J.
May 20, 1982

RT. 3, Box 337
Little Falls, N.Y. 13365
April 6, 1982

Dear Jack,

I have recently acquired a book entitled Books, Young People and Reading Guidance, by Hanna and McAllister, Harpers, 1960. Alger is mentioned on pages 17 & 20. "The books of Henty, of Horatio Alger, Jr., with his rags to riches theme, and Oliver Optic, are important because they mark the beginning of the popular adventure stories for boys that were manufactured tales, written to a formula."

For a full page paragraph, under Series Books, she updates Horatio Alger and formula, with the hero "always

right, always good and always successful.

However, she goofed on page 110 when she said, "Burrough's Tarzan is almost forgotten." Three years later, during the paperback explosion, it was stated that the books of E.R.B. accounted for 5% of all book sales in the U. S.

Perhaps of greater interest are the comments of Frank Gruber in his biography of Zane Grey. He says, "Before I discovered Zane Grey I had already read more than 100 Horatio Alger books, and the reading of these instilled in me the desire to become a writer. This boyhood ambition, acquired when I was only 9 or 10, remained steadfast through the years." (On the previous page he says that "my acquaintance with Zane Grey was made in 1916 when I was 12 years old.")

Gruber was a leading writer of movie scripts for about 30 years (?) and his books which I now own include Colt 45, The Laughing Fox and The French Key, all detective type stories.

In 1948 I acquired a copy of Gruber's "Books of Horatio Alger." This started my first serious effort at Alger collecting, although I owned over 40 different titles at the age of 12. (Gruber's 100 different titles at age 12 amazes me)! He came out with his Biography and Bibliography in 1961. In Morton Enslin's "A Checklist of Horatio Alger, Jr.," published in the July 6, 1959 Antiquarian Bookman, Enslin says, "Frank Gruber prepared a peach 10 years ago. It was a godsend to collectors as well as dealers."

Sincerely yours,

Milton R. Salls

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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. Thus, it is assumed that all books can be returned if the buyer is not satisfied with them. Please list title, publisher, condition and price.

NOTE: At the 1980 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 GOOD Bright and clean throughout, but 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.

- DJT Dust jacket torn, but repairable. May be yellowed but not brittle.
- DJF Dust jacket ragged, but complete and repairable.
- DJP Parts missing, but better than none at all.

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.

Offered by Ed Auten, P.O. Box 59, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059. Tel.: 505-281-3783. Ed writes: "There are no bad copies in the list. I'll discount 30% for all."

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| Cast Upon Breakers | D'day | F | \$10.00 |
| (1st ed., has d.j.) | | | |
| Disagreeable Woman | Westgard | F | 20.00 |
| Chester Rand | Burt | G | 10.00 |
| (rectangle with young man with jacket, stick and satchel, wearing knickers) | | | |
| Mark Mason | Hurst | G | 8.00 |
| Digging for Gold | JCW | | 5.00 |
| (faded green cover, messenger boy on cover. Cover loose, partly reglued) | | | |
| Errand Boy | Burt | G | 20.00 |
| (not a first, orange and black, boy's head in diamond on cover, 1888) | | | |
| Facing the World | Donohue | G | 8.00 |
| (4x5 square with runners on cover) | | | |
| Frank Fowler | Burt | G | 30.00 |
| (1887, tan with black lettering, several leaves on cover. 1st?) | | | |
| Jed, Poorhouse Boy | Burt | | 10.00 |
| (tan, with black and red. Boy at campfire in front of tent. Loose) | | | |
| Julius | JCW | G | 10.00 |
| (Messenger boy with 2x3 orange square with telegraph pole) | | | |
| Julius, Street Boy | Donohue | G | 5.00 |
| (Young man reading newspaper. Gray with black and orange. Cheap) | | | |
| Joe's Luck | Burt | | 20.00 |
| (1887, Tan, with black and gold, faded cover. Boy in blue suit with valise and trunk. Early but not a first) | | | |
| Luke Walton | Hurst | G | 7.00 |

(Tan, light brown. Newsboy in blue & orange against a 2x4 picture with skyscraper)

R. Raymond's Heir Burt G \$5.00
(Young hunter in woods in front of cabin. Gray & brown. Near good)

Sam's Chance. JCW G 6.00
(Light green & tan. Tattered boy counting change against a bridge background)

Shifting for Himself JCW G 6.00
(Light blue, black, orange & yellow. Newsboy and pedestrians against street and office building)

Strong and Steady Burt G 7.00
(Boy at campfire with tent and boat in background. Almost good)

T. Temple's Career Burt Vg 25.00
(1888, boy with stick and knapsack, a nice edition, 1st or early)

T. Temple's Career Burt Vg 10.00
(similar to above, but cheaper book. Young hunter with dog, boy's head on spine)

Tom the Bootblack Burt G 20.00
(Leaves on cover with boy's head in diamond) G 20.00

Tony the Hero Burt G 15.00
(Young hunter with dog. Small house in background)

The Train Boy Burt G 15.00
(Solid green cover, gold trim, back hinge cracked, S&S copyright)

Try and Trust Donohue G 5.00
(Cheap edition, sailor on cover)

The Young Explorer 4.00
(Macmillan N.Y. Co., blue, some faded and spotted. Small book, about good)

The Young Miner. JCW G 8.00
(Messenger boy with background of 2x4 rectangle. Has telegraph pole)

The Young Outlaw NYB 5.00
(Cheap edition, pages yellow, football players on cover)

The Young Acrobat Donohue 4.00
(Young man jumping bar, spine cover intact, front and back cover loose)

Adrfit in N.Y. & The World Before Him, Odyssey, paperback, good 5.00

Opportunity Still Knocks, Jubilee ed. 1972, covers 1971 and 1972 Alger Awards, fine, no d.j. 10.00

The Boy's Home Weekly. Has Facing the World. June 28, 1911, Vol. 1, #7, complete, somewhat fragile, has shorts by others. 20.00

Harper's New Monthly Magazine, #279, August 1873. Paperback. Good 1st article is "The Little Laborers of New York City." 20.00

The Young Outlaw. Street and Smith Medal Library #221, August 29, 1903, good, but pages yellowed. Paper. 10.00

Newsboy Magazines, 32, August 1978-- April 1982. All copies except March and April 1981. 20.00

SEVERAL PRICES MAY BE NEGOTIABLE.
MINIMUM ORDER, \$10.00 PLEASE.

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Abbreviations used in this month's "Book Mart": JCW = John C. Winston, G = Good, Vg = Very good, F = fine, S&S = Street and Smith.

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New stamp honors the Alger dream

A commemorative postage stamp showing the four key characters from "Ragged Dick" was issued yesterday in ceremonies at Revere City Hall honoring the sesquicentennial of 19th century Massachusetts author Horatio Alger Jr.

US Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) told the 50 persons gathered for the brief ceremony that the Horatio Alger dream "is still alive ... [and] as long as our country is growing and evolving there is opportunity for those who seek it out."

"Ragged Dick" was the first of several dozen novels written by Alger, a Protestant clergyman born only blocks from what is now Revere City Hall. The books, popular with turn-of-the-century youth and now being reissued, all contained variations on a theme of the work ethic - success through striving and overcoming odds.

Markey noted that many of Alger's books showed "a high regard for public service," and applied that principle to himself: "That was the ideal you had when you grew up in Malden or Medford." He also noted the emergence of the women's movement and the trend that Alger's theme, once accessible only to boys and men, "now has broadened to women."

Markey cautioned, however, that Reagan Administration pullbacks from a commitment to student financial aid could possibly put a dent in the achievement of Alger's dream.

The above article is from the May 2, 1982 Boston Globe, and was sent in by Roy Wendell, who continually watches out for such items for HAS. Of course, the Alger stamp was first issued on April 30 in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, not in Revere, Massachusetts.

AS I SEE IT
by Jack Bales

As Newsboy Editor, I must get more mail related to Alger than anyone else in HAS--except for Carl Hartmann, who once told me that after he got back from an Alger convention over a foot of HAS mail had piled up! Of course, your comments are always welcome, though at times they put me in somewhat awkward situations. Samples from my "mailbag" are as follows:

"I loved Gil Westgard's 'Nothing' article. Fantastic." "I thought the 'Nothing' issue was terrible. Too long and boring." "You haven't printed any short stories lately. Hope you will soon." "I'm glad you didn't print any Alger stories last issue. One every month is too much." "You dwell too much on the 'Brewster Incident.' I think that's disgusting." "Am glad to see you printed the Brewster material. You should have done that years ago." "Thought your exploding the Alger myths in the last issue was uncalled for. You should NEVER criticize Alger." "Really liked your editorial on the Alger myths."

But these are members' opinions, and I always enjoy your correspondence. Naturally, some articles or features in Newsboy will raise some disagreement, and as many of you know, I tend to favor the "academic" side of an issue. I give heartfelt huzzas to sound and serious scholarship and I have no interest in adhering to age old myths and banalities that plague the researcher in the boys' book field in general and Alger in particular. One member and I good naturedly toss this issue about frequently. "I can't stand that junk you, Scharnhorst, Westgard, Bennett and others come up with. I like the stories. I like the rags-to-riches philosophy. Forget all that other stuff." Thus, to provide "something for everybody" I strive to maintain "balanced" issues of Newsboy.

As I was not so tactfully trying to deal with a member who was telling me how Newsboy HAD to be run, matters

of a different sort came to a head at the end of June when sharp letters and words were exchanged between me and several HAS members (including a couple of long time friends). During the past year, Gary Scharnhorst and I have located hundreds of never before known Alger essays, interviews, photographs, articles, reminiscences and book reviews, much of which has shed extraordinary light on Alger's life, character and background. In addition, Gary just several months ago discovered over eighty new Alger short stories and poems. Other items, unfortunately, elude us, such as a biographical sketch of Alger written by Edward Stratemeyer which we know exists but have not yet been able to locate. In our efforts to track down elusive Alger material, a letter by Gary was printed by me in the last issue of Newsboy. Some members of HAS, however, feel that we directly attacked Ralph Gardner with this letter and postscript. This was neither Gary's nor my intention, and I regret that members came to this conclusion.

Other HAS members have written to say that the Society is no longer interested in "furthering the philosophy of Horatio Alger," but that we've grown into simply a book collector's club. Well, one fact we must face, whether we like it or not, is this: HAS is not the small, tightly knit group of nostalgia oriented hobbyists it once was. Members pay top prices for rare books. They delight in poring over Algers, checking prices, first edition points, and trying to prove bibliographers like Bennett, Friedland, Gardner and Thomas incorrect. They advertise nationwide. Bibliographies are intensely compiled, and it seems that as soon as one "definitive" work is completed, mistakes are discovered and the research starts over again. But what is wrong with this? As music bibliographer Vincent Duckles once wrote, "The chagrin at having one's oversights pointed out is more than balanced by the pleasure at finding that your bibliography has been extensively and searchingly used."

Due to the efforts of HAS members, we

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now have a Horatio Alger stamp. Thanks to the annual auctions, HAS is solvent. Newsboy has existed for over twenty years, no small feat in a literary era when most "little magazines" die within thirty-six months. Although it is only natural that Newsboy will never entirely please everybody, I certainly enjoy editing it, and plan to continue my work as editor. And let me add that comments are always welcome, though they may not always be followed. As Carl Hartmann continually tells me: "You must listen to what our members say, but you are the editor, you are the boss, and you have to decide what is best."

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THE ORIGINAL ARTIST
by Gilbert K. Westgard II

In some of the advance publicity concerning the release of the Horatio Alger stamp it was said that the design was taken from an engraving by an unknown artist. However, as did many of the engravers of that era, he placed his signature on his work. An interlocked CB monogram is shown on the box on which Mark the Match Boy is seated.



This monogram, shown above in a 200% enlargement, is the signature of the English artist, "Cuthbert Bede," whose real identity was Rev. Edward Bradley. His work appeared under the pseudonym

"Cuthbert Bede," the names of the two patron saints of Durham, where he graduated from University College with a B.A. degree in 1848.



He is best known for "The Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green, An Oxford Freshman," which is illustrated with many drawings on which his monogram may be seen (above).



Cuthbert Bede.

Bradley contributed to numerous magazines, commencing with Punch in 1853. A recent letter from Punch confirms that the interlocked CB was the same as used by their artist.

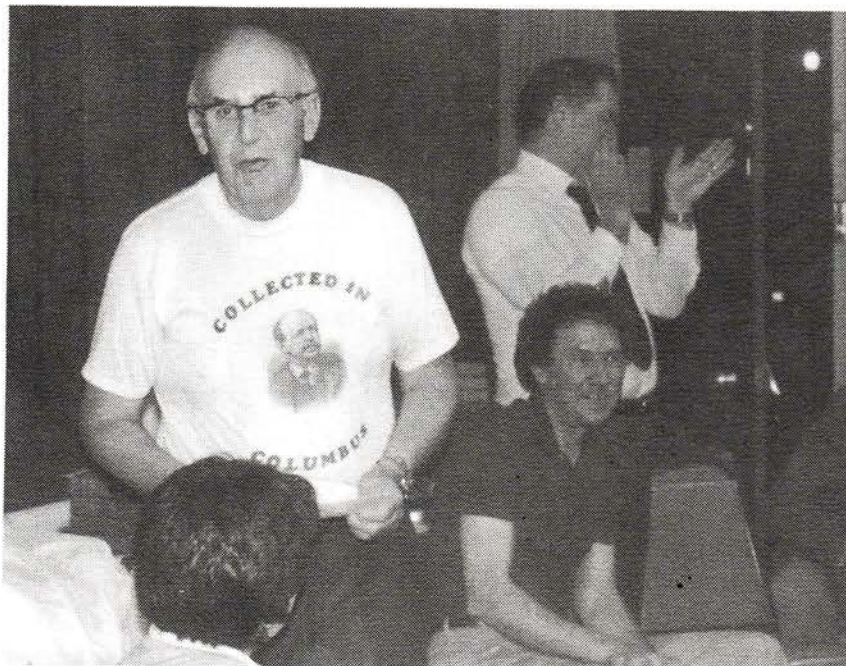
Other magazines to which he contributed include All the Year Round, Illustrated London Magazine, The Field, St. James' Magazine, The Gentleman's Magazine, Leisure Hour, Quiver, Notes and Queries, The Boy's Own Paper, and the famous Illustrated London News.

In addition to "The Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green," the Dictionary of National Biography lists twenty more separate publications.

Bradley was born March 25, 1827, and died December 12, 1889.

It is probable that his work came to

the attention of A. K. Loring in the pages of The Boy's Own Paper, though any of his other appearances may have provided the connection. The picture of the four boys first appeared in Alger's Rufus and Rose in 1870, and replaced the decorative title page by Kinnersley, which showed Ragged Dick standing alone in front of the City Hall Park. This original decorative title page had appeared in the first five volumes of the Ragged Dick Series, though with the expanding of the series to include other heroes of the streets, a more comprehensive illustration was needed. With the choice of the "Cuthbert Bede" illustration as the basis of the Horatio Alger postage stamp by the United States Postal Service, this excellent example of the work of "Cuthbert Bede," Rev. Edward Bradley, is brought to the attention of millions of postal customers.



New Horatio Alger Society President Bob Sawyer shows everyone at the banquet where next year's convention will be held. Outgoing President Brad Chase applauds the idea, and a grinning ex-President Bob Bennett agrees.

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY
Treasurer's Report
April 30, 1982

	1981-1982	1980-81
CASH BALANCE	\$143.15	\$1230.70
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		
Dues ¹	\$2476.00	\$2124.00
Auction	2899.00	2306.00
Book Sales	690.95	1013.74
Patches, Tiles, Pins, B. S.	80.00	62.00
Price Lists, Back Issues	146.00	98.50
Donations	153.40	112.30
Advertisements ²	<u>187.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>
	<u>6632.35</u>	<u>5716.54</u>
TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE	\$6489.20	\$6947.34
DISBURSEMENTS		
Printing	\$2950.00	\$2345.19
Postage Envelopes ³	1404.72	1649.01
Purchases for Resale ⁴	74.00	2579.07
Awards	588.56	391.68
Stamp Activities	648.00	00.00
Publishing Expenses ⁵	<u>357.50</u>	<u>35.54</u>
	<u>\$6022.78</u>	<u>\$7,090.49</u>
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1982	\$ 466.42	\$ 143.15

FOOTNOTES

1. Increased receipt of dues because of sale of two Life Memberships at \$200 each.
2. We started accepting paid advertisements that are inserted in the Newsboy beginning in 1981.
3. Postage and envelopes included \$408.33 for envelopes and \$100.00 for postage of officers other than the Secretary in 1980-81. All \$1404.72 in 1981-82 was related to the Newsboy and other promotion by the Secretary.
4. Our only purchases of plaques, tiles, books, pins, etc., in 1981-82 was bumper stickers and \$8.00 remaining on the pins. Items purchased for resale from previous years brought in \$770.95 which more than covered our increase in the Treasury.
5. Publishing expenses related to the Editor and to special typesetting for the Roster. Membership services and Society costs per member--\$26.75.

1982 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS
by Jack Bales

Host--Bill Russell

Forty-seven HAS members journeyed to Willow Grove, Pennsylvania this past April for the 18th annual Horatio Alger Society Convention (held from April 29 to May 1). In terms of attendance, this was the second largest convention, with Dick Seddon's affair holding on to a solid lead with fifty members present.

Probably one reason for the large attendance was the issuance of the Alger stamp. This long awaited event drew hundreds of people to the George Washington Motor Lodge on April 30, 1982, where a carefully orchestrated ceremony provided a fitting memorial to honor "Our Hero," Horatio Alger, Jr.

Persons attending the convention included: Gene and Wynone Hafner, Bob Sawyer, Bob and Kathie Williman, Ken Butler, Carl and Helen Thieme, Bill and Patty Russell, Paul and Ruth Miller, Eddie and Florence LeBlanc, Jerry, Elaine and Jon Friedland, Jack Bales, Florence Ogilvie Schnell, Carl and Jean Hartmann, Bea Fortner, Bill McCord, Les and Bertie Langlois, Bill and Judy Leitner, Brad Chase, Rolfe Chase, Owen and Mary Elizabeth Cobb, Ralph D. Gardner, Ann and George Sharrard, Wallace Palmer, Helen Gray, Linda Neglia, James Ryberg, Dale and Mary Ellen Thomas, John Juvinal, John and Nancy Schnell, Gil and Lyn Kapelman, Jim, Mary Jane, Debbie Danny, and Dee Thorp, Jane Smith, Alex Shaner, Bob Bennett, Ralph and Mary Brandt, Amos Smith, George and Alice Owens, Robert and Vickie Eastlack, Glenn and Lorraine Corcoran, Robert Kasper, Bob Linguiti, Richard Hoffman, Don and Grace Erickson, Brad Alexander, Andy Lord, Daryl Polatas, Gilbert K. Westgard II, Leo Kiley, Ray Leight, and Hobart Grazier.

Bill Russell writes: "We had three new members join at the convention (as far as I know of). They were Ray Leight from around West Point, Pennsylvania. And Leo Kiley from Morristown, New

Jersey. And Hobart Grazier from Glenside, Pennsylvania, just below Willow Grove."

Although the convention did not officially open until Thursday, April 29, a few members arrived days in advance. I know that Carl and Jean Hartmann and Jerry Friedland arrived a week before the convention, and I believe Bob and Kathie Williman came early also. At 6:00 in the evening on April 29 the Hospitality Room was "open for business," and with the cold meat, soft drinks and other food was one of several hams that Floyd Martin donated to the convention. (See Bill Russell's letter on page 5).

Gil Westgard drove to Virginia to pick me up, and after several stops in Washington, D. C. we arrived at the George Washington Motor Lodge that night. Unfortunately, I could not be everywhere during the convention (hence these "highlights" are unavoidably one-sided), but I do recall seeing again all of the regular attendees and meeting new people. I am a die-hard Hardy Boy collector now, and I talked "shop" with other collectors such as Alex Shaner, Jim Thorp, and Gil Kapelman. Carl Thieme—"Society renowned" as having beautiful books, brought me some needed volumes, as did Eddie LeBlanc, Editor of the Dime Novel Round-Up. Throughout the convention, I managed to sit and relax a bit with Bill McCord (a big Leo Edwards fan, as I am), Gene Hafner (does anyone remember the time Gene bought a bunch of Algers at an auction and gave them all to a young, new member, Mark Preston?), Bill Leitner (who always tells me how much he liked Jacksonville, Illinois, when he attended the 1978 convention), Florence Ogilvie Schnell (her son, John, was also present, and he too is a member), and Glenn Corcoran, George and Ann Sharrard, Richard Hoffman and Ralph Brandt.

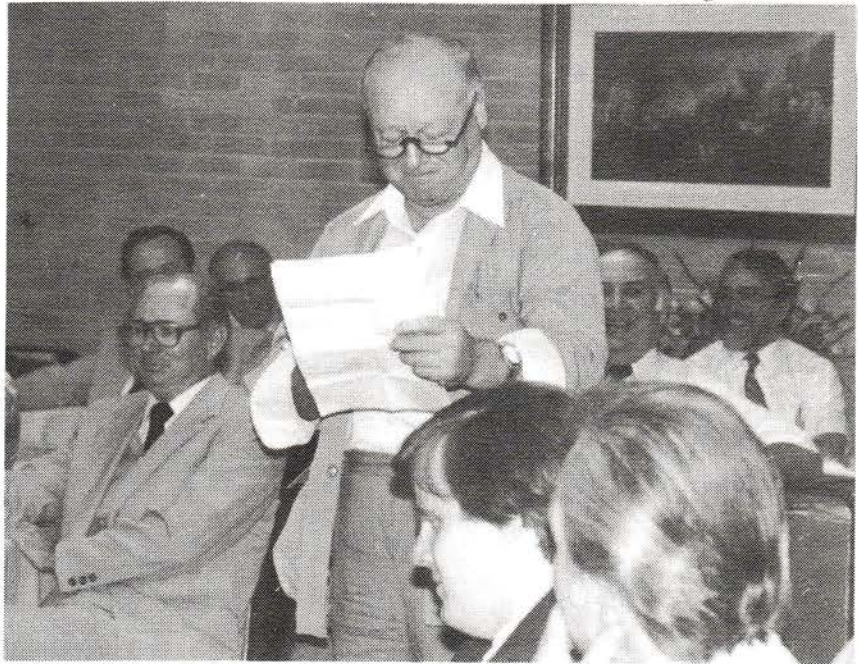
George and Alice Owens live only a couple hours from me (as do Bob and Kathie Williman), yet it seems we rarely get together except at conventions. Chicago resident John Juvinal was

present. He and Bea Fortner (with a cast on her arm) sat near me at the banquet. John is a ham radio buff (besides a collector of old radio tapes) and asked me to drop by the next time I'm in Illinois. Bob "The Cobra" Bennett (so named for his knack of "snatching up," snake-like, top Alger books), also attended. He has prepared a price list of Algers. See Carl Hartmann's column in this issue.

Loyal member Ken Butler always makes these annual gatherings. Not enough good things can be said about Ken, who not only hosted the first convention in 1965, but provided needed leadership during the years when HAS was "struggling upward." Top "newsboy collector" Brad Alexander of Clarkson, New York spared no effort in building up his newsboy and Alger collection. Brad will host a coming convention.

I first met Les and Bertie Langlois in 1969 at the Kalamazoo convention. Take a look on p. 14 of the June-July 1973 Newsboy. On July 7 of that year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Hope you'll both be at the Columbus convention. Speaking of Columbus, Bob Sawyer--our new President--announced next year's convention by taking off his clothes!--well, just his coat, tie, and shirt--to reveal a "Collected in Columbus" t-shirt. (See photo in this issue).

Bill Russell ably hosted this year's event. (Unfortunately, few people saw him as he was too busy running around making sure everything was running smoothly. It all was fine, Bill)! Long time Alger collector Ralph D. Gardner was of course in attendance, and autographed copies of not only his biography, but his reprinting of The



A highlight of the banquet was the "skit" prepared by Jerry Friedland and Ralph D. Gardner. Here Ralph reads his lines, much to the delight of Gene Hafner right behind him. George Owens is at left.

Disagreeable Woman/A Fancy of Hers.

Rolfe Chase heard of HAS through his brother Brad, and he came to Pennsylvania all the way from Nevada. Brad is still working on his research of A. L. Burt Co. (along with collecting all variant Burt Algers). Owen Cobb always watches for choice books for me. At this convention he had a couple of nice ones. He and Wallace Palmer (a Stratemeyer fan who once met the author) became friends and Owen showed him around the area.

Dale Thomas has one of the best Alger collections around, and he is now the proud owner of a first edition of Dan the Detective. Not many of those around! I talked a little bit with Jim Ryberg and Bob Kasper. This was their first convention. Bob Linguiti has his second under his belt, and Bob and Vickie Eastlack made it two in a row with this meeting. Helen Gray of the Horatio Alger Association has been to several conventions. Due to the Alger stamp, she said, this one wouldn't be missed. Carl Hartmann again kept his
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ATTENDANCE AT HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY CONVENTIONS

LOCATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	HOST
1965 - Mendota, Illinois	14	PF 006 Ken Butler
1966 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin	19	PF 093 Les Langlois
1967 - Des Moines, Iowa	22	PF 101 Jack Row
1968 - New Haven, Connecticut	24	PF 004 Ed Levy
1969 - Kalamazoo, Michigan	9	PF 000 Forrest Campbell
1970 - Revere, Massachusetts	13	PF 264 George Clark
1971 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota	14	PF 014 Judson Berry
1972 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	20	PF 265 Bob Bennett
1973 - Indianapolis, Indiana	30	PF 099 Paul House
1974 - New Philadelphia, Ohio	27	PF 142 Dan Fuller
1975 - Geneseo, New York	35	PF 334 Les Poste
1976 - Rosemont, Illinois	34	PF 024 Gilbert Westgard
1977 - Waltham, Massachusetts	50	PF 324 Dick Seddon
1978 - Jacksonville, Illinois	38	PF 258 Jack Bales
1979 - Cleveland, Ohio	30	PF 315 Dale Thomas
1980 - Windsor, Connecticut	36	PF 412 Brad Chase
1981 - Annapolis Junction, Maryland	37	PF 569 Bob Williman
1982 - Willow Grove, Pennsylvania	47	PF 549 Bill Russell
1983 - Columbus, Ohio		PF 455 Bob Sawyer
1984 - Nashua, New Hampshire		PF 574 Jim Thorp
1985 - Brockport, New York		PF 461 Brad Alexander

EIGHTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 102 - Carl Hartman, Lansing, Michigan (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82)

SEVENTEEN CONVENTIONS

None

THIS ANNUAL LISTING IS PREPARED

SIXTEEN CONVENTIONS

BY BOB BENNETT

None

FIFTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 006 - Ken Butler, Mendota, Illinois (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-82)
 PF 053 - Ralph Gardner, New York, New York (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-82)

FOURTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 093 - Les Langlois, Brookfield, Wisconsin (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-78-82)

THIRTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 265 - Bob Bennett, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82)

TWELVE CONVENTIONS

PF 315 - Dale Thomas, Garfield Heights, Ohio (71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82)

ELEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF 024 - Gilbert Westgard, Des Plaines, Illinois (65-66-67-68-74-75-76-77-79-82)
 PF 101 - Jack Row, Clarion, Iowa (65-66-67-69-71-72-73-74-76-78-79)

TEN CONVENTIONS

PF 099 - Paul House, Indianapolis, Indiana (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75)
 PF 258 - Jack Bales, Fredericksburg, Virginia (69-71-72-73-75-76-77-78-81-82)

NINE CONVENTIONS

PF 351 - Paul Miller, Vienna, Ohio (73-74-75-77-78-79-80-81-82)
 PF 376 - Jerry Friedland, Monsey, New York (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82)
 PF 412 - Brad Chase, Enfield, Connecticut (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82)

EIGHT CONVENTIONS

PF 175 - Eugene Hafner, Timonium, Maryland (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82)
 PF 274 - Carl Thieme, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (72-73-74-76-78-79-81-82)
 PF 360 - Bill McCord, Wurtsboro, New York (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82)

SEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF OA1 - Irene Gurman, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (69-72-73-74-75-76-77)
 PF 015 - Eddie LeBlanc, Fall River, Massachusetts (68-77-78-79-80-81-82)
 PF 318 - Evelyn Grebel, Abilene, Texas (72-73-74-75-76-77-78)
 PF 326 - Amos Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana (73-74-75-76-78-81-82)
 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)
 PF 455 - Bob Sawyer, Gahanna, Ohio (76-77-78-79-80-81-82)
 PF 461 - Brad Alexander, Clarkson, New York (75-77-78-79-80-81-82)

SIX CONVENTIONS

PF 000 - Forrest Campbell, Kalamazoo, Michigan (65-66-67-68-69-78)
 PF 142 - Dan Fuller, New Philadelphia, Ohio (66-67-68-72-73-74)
 PF 324 - Dick Seddon, Andover, Massachusetts (75-75-76-77-78-79) - Deceased
 PF 325 - Ann Sharrard, Chelmsford, Massachusetts (75-77-78-80-81-82)
 PF 339 - Glenn Corcoran, Wilmette, Illinois (75-76-77-78-79-82)
 PF 381 - Bill Leitner, Tenafly, New Jersey (77-78-79-80-81-82)
 PF 394 - Alex Spaner, San Jose, California (74-77-78-79-80-82)

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 266 - Ralph Brandt, Bridgeton, New Jersey (70-73-77-80-82)
 PF 344 - Florence Ogilvie Schnell, Seaford, Delaware (76-77-80-81-82)
 PF 362 - Marilym Saurer, Big Prairie, Ohio (73-74-75-77-79)
 PF 537 - John Juvinall, Hinsdale, Illinois (78-79-80-81-82)

FOUR CONVENTIONS

PF 008 - Max Goldberg, Matick, Massachusetts (65-68-75-77)
 PF 014 - Judson Berry, Howard, South Dakota (67-71-72-73) - Deceased
 PF 020 - Milton Salls, Little Falls, New York (68-72-75-77)
 PF 144 - Ralph Anderson, Grundy Center, Iowa (66-67-68-76)
 PF 473 - Owen Cobb, Cherry Hill, New Jersey (76-77-81-82)
 PF 487 - Pauline Westgard, Boynton Beach, Florida (76-77-78-79)
 PF 506 - Neil McCormick, Madison, Wisconsin (78-79-80-81)
 PF 544 - Gil Kapelman, Weston, Connecticut (79-80-81-82)
 PF 549 - Bill Russell, Hatboro, Pennsylvania (79-80-81-82)
 PF 569 - Bob Williman, Bowie, Maryland (79-80-81-82)

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 368 - Gary Scharnhorst, Richardson, Texas (73-76-81)
 PF 475 - Helen Gray, New York, New York (76-77-82)
 PF 565 - Bea Fortner, Olympia Fields, Illinois (80-81-82)
 PF 574 - Jim Thorp, Nashua, New Hampshire (80-81-82)
 PF 586 - George Owens, Crozet, Virginia (80-81-82)

TWO CONVENTIONS

PF 001 - Max Friedman, Kalamazoo, Michigan (66-69)
 PF 106 - Morris Olsen, Mattapan, Massachusetts (77-80)
 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 337 - Donald Erickson, Glen Rock, New Jersey (77-82)
 PF 428 - Harry Lane, Mobile, Alabama (74-76)
 PF 453 - Mark Preston, APO New York, New York (75-77)
 PF 454 - Dick Bowerman, Piqua, Ohio (75-77)
 PF 494 - Delbert Brandt, Vineland, New Jersey (77-80)
 PF 500 - Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78) - Deceased
 PF 501 - Nancy Axelrad, Maplewood, New Jersey (76-78)
 PF 502 - David Barton, Lowell, Massachusetts (77-80)
 PF 557 - Robert Eastlack, Berwick, Pennsylvania (81-82)
 PF 570 - Richard Hoffman, Washington, D.C. (81-82)
 PF 589 - Robert Linguiti, Wilton, Connecticut (80-82)
 PF 602 - Rolfe Chase, Las Vegas, Nevada (81-82)
 PF 603 - Dee Thorpe, Nashua, New Hampshire (81-82)
 PF 629 - Jack Schnell, Silver Spring, Maryland (81-82)
 PF 641 - John Friedland, Monsey, New York (80-82)

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 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.E. Hartsock, Clarion, Iowa (67)

ONE CONVENTION (Con't)

- 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 278 - Donald Dowling, New Hampton, New York (80)
 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)
 PF 321 - Al Sukut, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (71)
 PF 327 - Robert Kasper, Media, Pennsylvania (82)
 PF 328 - Bill Henderson, Yonkers, New York (73)
 PF 345 - Wallace Robinson, Meadville, Pennsylvania (74)
 PF 347 - Benjamin McAdoo, Seattle, Washington (77) - Deceased
 PF 350 - Joseph Kellas, West Seneca, New York (75)
 PF 352 - Alan Quick, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)
 PF 369 - Donald Elder, Chelsea, Massachusetts (77)
 PF 372 - Robert Anstey, Natick, Massachusetts (77)
 PF 374 - Bob Fertig, Canandaigua, New York (75)
 PF 380 - Carroll Holt, Mansfield, Massachusetts (77)
 PF 382 - J. Boyd Mullan, Rochester, New York (75)
 PF 387 - Alta Bonk, Des Moines, Iowa (73)
 PF 404 - Philip Atkins, Calvert, Texas (74)
 PF 407 - Ira Marshall, Greenville, Ohio (74)
 PF 408 - Robert Camp, East Hampton, Connecticut (77)
 PF 427 - Lloyd Merrill, Rochester, New York (75)
 PF 438 - Ada Chase, Taunton, Massachusetts (80)
 PF 445 - Bob Bickel, Geneséo, New York (75)
 PF 463 - Dick Bales, Aurora, Illinois (78)
 PF 469 - Herbert Mayes, New York, New York (77)
 PF 474 - David Mills, Silver Spring, Maryland (80)
 PF 492 - William Baach, Minneapolis, Minnesota (78)
 PF 499 - Robert Jennings, Dudley, Massachusetts (77)
 PF 508 - Harry Smith, Long Beach, California (81)
 PF 509 - John Beirne, Jacksonville, Florida (77)
 PF 525 - Nancy Schmidt, La Mesa, California (79)
 PF 531 - Thomas Noonan, West Boylston, Massachusetts (80)
 PF 533 - James Ryberg, Houston, Texas (82)
 PF 566 - Philip Block, Newington, Connecticut (80)
 PF 584 - Hank Gravbelle, Acton, Massachusetts (80)
 PF 612 - Wallace Palmer, Independence, Missouri (82)
 PF 619 - Ema Harrington, Oelwein, Iowa (81)
 PF 626 - Charles Murphy, York, Pennsylvania (81)
 PF 642 - Vicki Dunwan, Crofton, Maryland (81)
 PF 665 - Ray Leight, West Point, Pennsylvania (82)
 PF 666 - Hobart Grazier, Glenside, Pennsylvania (82)
 PF 662 - Leo A. Kiley, Morristown, New Jersey (82)

100% record—he's made every one (though Ken Butler and Ralph Gardner are not far behind). Gil Westgard came in style—at the book sale he brought out a rug, lounge chair, and made himself at home. Amos Smith never fails to write up the convention in his Voice of Fellowship. It's reprinted in this issue.

Jim Thorp again took pictures of events for this Newsboy. He makes these meetings real "family affairs"—Mary Jane, Debbie, Danny, and HAS member Dee—were all in attendance. And Don Erickson, who read of my request for convention material in the last issue, responded by sending a clipping that appears in this Newsboy.

Of course, the big item on the agenda was the issuance of the Alger stamp. Long rows of chairs were set up, and hundreds of people were on hand. The Postmaster of Philadelphia presided, and before the ceremony began, the Willow Grove Naval Air Station Color Guard presented the colors, the Upper Moreland High School Concert Band played the National Anthem, and the Reverend Deborah J. Pope-Lance, Pastor, Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing gave the Invocation. Brad Chase, President of the Horatio Alger Society, welcomed everyone to Willow Grove and to the ceremony. Bob Williman, Chairman of the Stamp Committee for HAS, introduced all distinguished guests and appropriate remarks on the significance of Alger were made by Helen M. Gray, Executive Director, Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, and Ralph D. Gardner, author of Horatio Alger, Or, The American Hero Era. Musical selections were played by the Willow Grove High School Concert Band. William F. Bolger, the Postmaster General of the United States, then got up to speak. Following are some of his remarks:

"I think it is important today to speak of honor, and what it means to be honorable. To focus attention upon honor is to highlight the good that human beings are capable of doing, the achievements and accomplishments that

can better the quality of life, not only for themselves but for others as well. Because individuals can and do make a difference—that's what Horatio Alger, in my opinion, was all about. . . .

"Alger was a proud American, and his work was perhaps his highest expression of his belief that the noble experiment of our founding fathers, the American Dream, could be realized in the latter half of the nineteenth century, . . .

"Most of you in this audience know that Horatio Alger did live, and you know what he lived for, what he valued, and just as I think it is important that we talk about honor in our lives today, I think it is equally important that we talk about values as well. I know of nothing that is honorable that does not encompass value. Horatio Alger stories are filled with hope for a better future. No matter how humble the beginning, success could be attained. But for the Horatio Alger characters it was not success at any cost—it was success with integrity, success as a result of integrity, initiative, and industry. His stories dealt openly with right and wrong behavior, and they argued powerfully that right is the way to go. In every tale of a youngster confronted with insurmountable obstacles, the message was you cannot do wrong or you cannot go wrong, if you do right. . . .

"Horatio Alger saw the human potential for good in the very poorest and most deprived of his society. In his stories, he helped young people feel that if good things could happen to Ragged Dick and Phil, surely they too could climb the ladder of achievement. And perhaps most important for us today, Horatio Alger recognized that the best way to help someone is to help that person help himself. . . .

"The ultimate reward for an Alger Hero was not a sum of money, welcome though it may be. The highest reward was an entry job, a chance to make good. . . .

"Alger's writing was not tedious. It

was fun. It was also uplifting and energizing, touching and triumphant. And speaking of triumphs, I think it is appropriate to celebrate the issuance of the Horatio Alger stamp here with you who worked so hard on it. The stamp can be acquired nowhere else in the world today. Tomorrow when it becomes available in post offices in every part of this country, people from all over the world will still be writing to Willow Grove for the cancellation that identifies this day and this place and this event.

"I am very pleased also with Robert Hallock's handsome design for the Alger stamp. We could have chosen a portrait with a vignette, but we felt that Horatio Alger would have much preferred that we speak of him by showing the world four of the lads he brought so vividly to life in his many stories, as they appeared on the frontispieces of his Ragged Dick books. With the living tribute of postage stamps, Ragged Dick and his compatriots once more will be traveling about this country, indeed around the world, reminding us of the spirit of Strive and Succeed, and a remarkable man, whose faith in the American Dream, a dream that is still possible, that became a legacy of inspiration for all of us. Thank you very much."

Mr. Bolger then handed out special stamp albums. He remarked that the first one will be given to Ronald Reagan. "Of course, since I'm out of town, he'll receive it by mail, and he'll get it tomorrow." (Much laughter). Other albums were given to Reverend Pope-Lance, Robert Williman, Brad Chase, Helen Gray, Ralph D. Gardner, and John M. Alger, who represented the Alger family.

Most everyone at the ceremony will agree that a rather special part of the event occurred when Mr. Bolger subsequently appointed the new Postmaster of Willow Grove. He commented that this was the first time a Postmaster General appointed a new postmaster at a first day of issue ceremony serving that city. Phillip C.

Gurlock was the man appointed, and his whole family was on hand for this significant and touching occasion. Reverend Pope-Lance closed the ceremony with a benediction. (Thanks go to John Juvinall for providing me with a tape of the entire first day of issue ceremony, without whose help the above transcripts could not have been made. See John's letter on page 5 to obtain cassette tapes).

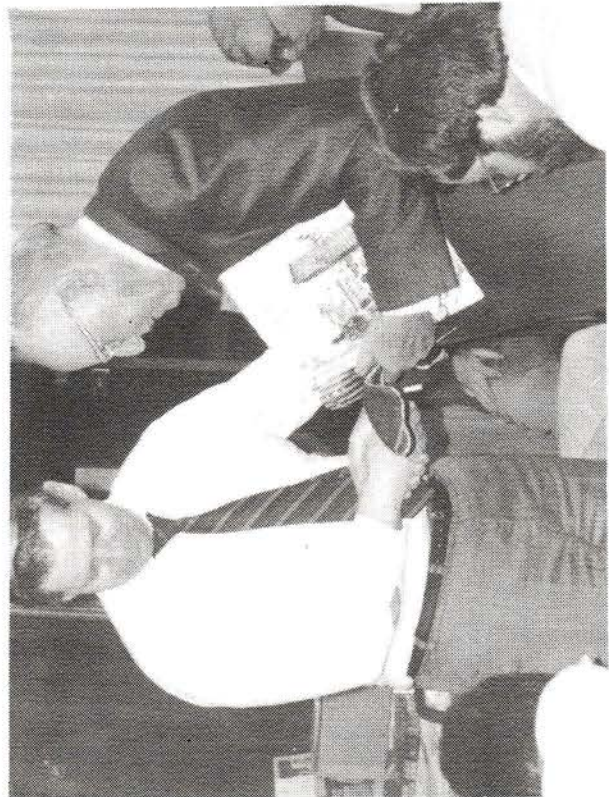
The annual banquet concluded the 1982 Convention. Bob Williman received the Luck & Pluck Award for his chairing the stamp committee and for successfully bringing about the Alger Stamp. Eddie LeBlanc—who frequently plugs the HAS in his Dime Novel Round-Up—was given the Newsboy Award, and Dale Thomas received the Dick Seddon Award, which is given to the person who emulates the qualities and comradeship of Richard (Dick) R. Seddon. Brad Chase gave President's Awards to Bill McCord (who designed the HAS bumper stickers) and to Bill Russell (who at the last minute agreed to host this convention). More information on the convention appears in other articles in this issue.

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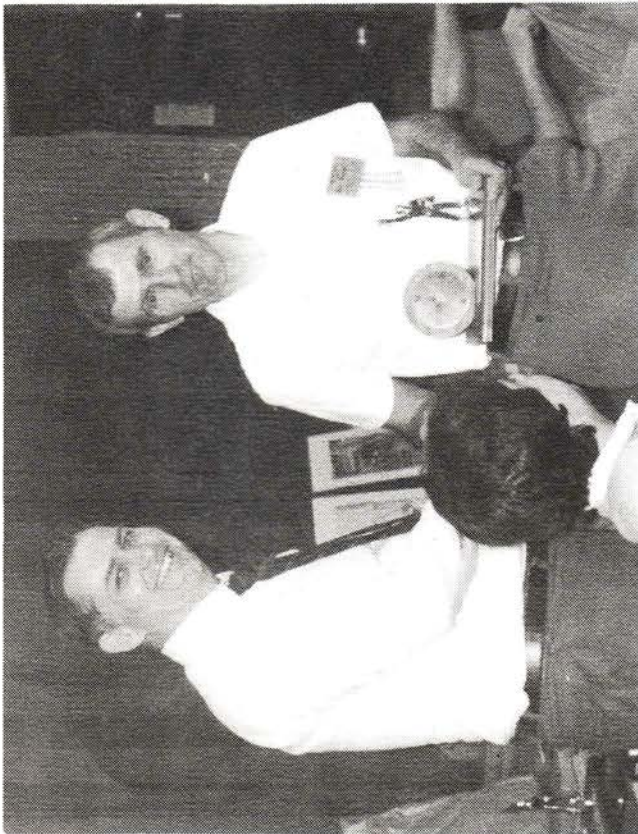
1982 Convention Host Bill Russell in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

As at all conventions, much socializing goes on among those in attendance. At right, John Juvinall talks with George Sharrard in a motel room crowded with books, while below right, Jim Thorp (left) confers with Bob Eastlack. At the Convention banquet, below, outgoing President Brad Chase (does your loosened tie indicate you're tired of it all, Brad?) welcomes to the podium the new HAS President, Bob Sawyer. Alex Shaner is at the right of Bob, while a bearded Brad Alexander is in the corner.





Top left: Brad Chase presents the President's Award to an unbelieving Bill Russell, who hosted this year's convention. Top right: Paul Miller (left) gives the 1982 Newsboy Award to dime novel expert Eddie LeBlanc. Left: Dale Thomas receives the special Dick Seddon Award from Brad Chase, as Jerry Friedland smiles in agreement. In addition to these awards, Bob Williman presented special commemorative Alger Stamp Albums at the banquet to Carl Hartmann, Ken Butler, Bob Bennett, and Jack Bales. He also arranged to have albums given to Forrest Campbell, Max Goldberg and Gary Scharnhorst, who were not present at the banquet. Bob had also given a set of first day covers to Postmaster General William F. Bolger, and framed first day cover cards were given to the George Washington Motor Lodge and the Willow Grove Post Office (among other persons and groups).



SECRETARY'S REPORT
by Carl Hartmann

The 18th annual meeting of the Horatio Alger Society's Board of Directors was opened by President Brad Chase at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 31, 1982. President Chase reported on presidential decisions made during the year. 1. Site of convention changed from Illinois to Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. 2. Newsboy to be bimonthly instead of monthly. 3. Horatio Alger Stamp presentation to be at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. 4. Authorization of "Official First Day Covers" to be made by Bob Williman. 5. Authorization of Cup Plates to be made by Carl Hartmann. President Chase explained that due to our diverse membership some decisions must be made fast and after consultation with Board members by phone he took the responsibility upon himself. The Board agreed with all of President Chase's decisions and gave him a vote of confidence.

Secretary Hartmann suggested that the next Roster be published after the 1983 Convention. The Roster will be computerized starting in July of 1982, and additions and deletions will be made until June 1, 1983, and the new Roster will be published in July. A motion was made to cover the above and it was carried. Bob Sawyer suggested that all members keep the Secretary up to date on their Roster listings.

We now have 250 members.

A motion was made and seconded that the profits from the Horatio Alger Society's Cup Plates be used for the Strive and Succeed Award. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report--as listed elsewhere in this issue.

Stamp Report by Bob Williman. Bob was given a vote of thanks for all of his work on the stamp presentation and the production of beautiful first day covers we can all take pride in.

Jerry Friedland reported that a new

price guide is now out and may be ordered from Bob Bennett for \$5.00.

Nominations Committee (Jerry Friedland, Carl Thieme, Bob Bennett) presented a slate of officers as follows: President, Robert Sawyer; Vice-President, Eugene Hafner; Treasurer, Alex Shaner; Directors, 3 year, Paul Miller; 2 year, Dale Thomas; 1 year, Bob Bennett. Directors Emeritus, Ralph Gardner and Max Goldberg. Accepted by Board for presentation to general meeting at large on Saturday, May 1, 1982.

Editor Jack Bales reported on changes in Newsboy. The Newsboy will be published six times a year and some issues will be typeset as Jack desires and as money is available. Issues will be much larger than previous monthly issues, thus allowing for more features and articles. Motion made by Gil Westgard to give Jack a vote of confidence. Seconded and approved.

Paul Miller presented a resolution to the Board. See report in next issue.

Rolfe Chase made a motion on first editions. See report in this issue.

Meeting adjourned by President Chase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, PART II

At the annual meeting on May 1, 1982, the slate of officers as listed above was elected by unanimous vote. 100 first edition plates were presented to Ralph Gardner and Jerry Friedland. A motion was made by Bob Eastlack, seconded by Ralph Gardner, amended by Bob Williman, that the flag and large stamp poster be auctioned off to those present at the next convention. The meeting was closed by our new President Robert Sawyer.

Our thanks go to all those who donated to the Society's auction. But our special thanks go to Jerry Friedland, Bob Williman, Dale Thomas, Dave Kanarr and Bob Sawyer, whose contributions brought in, respectively, \$600.00,

\$385.00, \$235.00, \$133.00 and \$125.00. Without the auction, the Society would have to charge about \$27.00 a year for dues to cover the services received by members. Start thinking now about what you will be able to donate for the "Collected in Columbus" Convention on May 5-8, 1983.

The first day covers designed and produced by Bob Williman as the official covers for the Society are beautiful and should be a part of every Alger collection. The post cards produced by Bob are also terrific. If you are interested, see Bob's ad in this issue (and see his letter on page 8).

Please note that if the date on your mailing label (01 for January, 02 for February, etc.) is circled in red your dues are due and payable that month. It takes time to check dues dates every month and it would be appreciated if you would send your dues in early.

Bob Bennett's Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography with price list may be ordered from Flying Eagle Publishing Company, P.O. Box 111, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858, for \$20.00. This book, as was Ralph Gardner's Horatio Alger, Or the American Hero Era twenty years ago, is a must for every serious Alger collector. This printing is limited and if you don't have a copy you had better order one now.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY FOR 1982-83

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chairman Eugene Hafner (V.P.)
Brad Alexander
Carl Hartmann
Ralph Gardner

Function: To encourage and promote membership in the Society.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairman Alex Shaner (Treas.)
Paul Miller
Carl Hartmann

Function: To consider needs, expenditures, and ways and means of

raising funds for the Society.

C. 1983 AWARD COMMITTEES:

Luck & Pluck Award:

Chairman Bob Williman, 1982 recipient. He will choose two other members to serve with him.

Newsboy Award:

Chairman Eddie LeBlanc, 1982 recipient. He will choose two other members to serve with him.

Dick Seddon Award:

Chairman Dale Thomas, 1982 recipient. He will choose two other members to serve with him.

Strive and Succeed Award:

Chairman Bob Sawyer, 1983 Convention Host. Committee will be made up of Columbus school officials who will choose a winner from Columbus area schools.

NOTE: The following committees are new:

D. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairman Brad Chase (Immediate Past President); Bob Williman (Author of Horatio Alger Estate Service, see Newsboy, August-September, 1981); Alex Shaner; Jack Row.

Functions:

1. To render proper recognition to deceased members. (Floral, contributions to fund drives, etc.).
2. To aid and assist the families of said members to take advantage of the Estate Service, and to clarify through Newsboy how our members can use it.
3. To notify Newsboy Editor of deaths in the Society.

NOTE: All Society members, in the case of the death of a member, please contact one of the committee members by phone as soon as possible.

E. ALGER FIRST EDITION COMMITTEE:

Chairman Bob Bennett
Jerry Friedland
Dale Thomas
Rolfe Chase

Functions:

1. To help clarify points of discussion among members regarding first editions.

2. To form a clearing house through Newsboy on first editions:

a. Accept offers from members who wish to buy or sell Alger first editions. Suggest through Newsboy that members interested send detailed information to the committee on what they have to sell or wish to buy. Any Society member wishing to buy or sell an authentic Alger first edition send complete data, description and condition to Bob Bennett, Jerry Friedland, Dale Thomas or Rolfe Chase of Horatio Alger Society First Edition Committee.

3. To analyze and study the results of the 1982 Convention First Edition Committee headed by Rolfe Chase, and to implement the suggestions adopted by the membership.

4. To approve and award first edition plates to members qualifying with 100 first edition Algers.

F. FUTURE CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Paul Miller
Brad Alexander
Jim and Dee Thorp

Function:

To determine well in advance of the 1983 Convention in Columbus, the definite site of the 1984 Convention, and at least a tentative site for the one in 1985.

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PRESIDENTIAL CHIT CHAT
by Bob Sawyer

As this is my first article as your new President, I shall begin by introducing myself to those whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting. I am a Sears Roebuck retiree, living with Elizabeth, my wife of 46 years, in Gahanna, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. I am 71 years old and still work part-time for a local auto supply dealer, delivering and picking up auto supply parts in the Columbus area. This gives me my "fun" money. I am an avid golfer, a less than avid bowler, a wood worker and carver, dulcimer maker, antique restorer and collector of books--Algers, Tom Swifts (both Sr. & Jr.) and Rover Boys. Through Ralph Gardner I heard of the Horatio Alger Society, and I joined in November 1974. I am PF-455. I have

attended every convention since Rosemont in 1976. I read the Algers, the Swifts, and Rovers as a boy and I still read the Algers. My collection consists of 160 different titles, and about 70 first editions.

As always, it was a pleasure to attend our last convention, "Philed in Philadelphia," so ably hosted by our hard working Partic'lar Friend, Bill Russell. As the details will no doubt be fully reported in Newsboy I won't go into that. The issuance of the Horatio Alger stamp was of course the high point. Our outgoing President, Brad Chase, is to be complimented on climaxing his most successful regime with such an accomplishment. 1982 Luck and Pluck Award winner Bob Williman, who was largely responsible for it all through his sheer determination and good old Alger "Strive and Succeed" attitude, climaxed the whole thing by following through and getting Postmaster General William Bolger to head up the ceremony. Working with Helen Gray, PF-475, of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, together our two organizations realized the nearly impossible task of the Horatio Alger Commemorative Stamp. This was recognized in syndicated news articles throughout the country.

In mini-ceremonies the event was celebrated in many major cities. I attended the one in Columbus, Ohio on May 5th. It was held in conjunction with a general meeting of all state of Ohio postmasters. Here Mr. Paul Carlin, Regional Postmaster General, honored three former recipients of the Horatio Alger Distinguished Americans Award, by presenting them with folders containing sheets of the Alger stamps. They were John Galbreath, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Dean Jeffers, retired Chairman of the Board of Nationwide Insurance, and R. David Thomas, owner of Wendy's International. After Mr. Carlin's presentation I was given the opportunity to tell how our two Alger organizations worked together for more than three years to accomplish our goal of getting the stamp. I presented each of the honorees with a copy of Newsboy, an

FULL-COLOR ALGER STAMP ENLARGEMENTS

A 6 x 9½ enlargement of the Horatio Alger stamp has been printed on heavy card stock by Gilbert K. Westgard II. The size of the print is 8½ x 11, and may be cut down for framing in an 8 x 10 frame. This is a 600% enlargement, and shows details too small to be seen on the individual stamp without a powerful magnifying glass.

Enclosed with this issue of Newsboy is a self-addressed envelope and an order form printed on the back of a portion of the enlargement. This shows the high quality of this reproduction, revealing even the roughness of the lettering, a feature too small to be seen on the stamps.

The price is just \$3.00 each, to which 75¢ should be added to the total price of the order to pay for postage and the large envelope needed to send it flat. If you use an Alger stamp on the envelope take 20¢ off the charge for the postage and handling. Use Alger stamps and save!



official first day cover, and a first edition copy of Cast Upon the Breakers autographed by Ralph Gardner.

"COLLECTED IN COLUMBUS"
by Horatio Alger, Jr.

Afterwards, Mr. Thomas joined the Horatio Alger Society and also enrolled Mr. Galbreath, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Gene Scott (Columbus Postmaster), and Denny Lynch of his staff at Wendy's.

My first official act as your new President was to set up our standing committees for 1982-83. Please see them listed on pages 27-28 of this issue of Newsboy. Keep this list at hand and refer to it with specific problems, checking with the proper chairman. I will endeavor to keep our little ship on the right course during the next two years and will appreciate the thoughts and letters of each member as time goes on. Let us know what you want from the Horatio Alger Society.

Bob Sawyer
President

Horatio Alger did not write this article, but he surely will be most responsible for our "Collecting in Columbus" on May 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1983. Ever since the 1982 Convention gave me the go-ahead, I have been hard at work formulating plans for a record breaking attendance in 1983. I have already had several calls from members indicating plans to be there. Forrest Campbell, one of our co-founders, called and said, "Bob, my wife and I are planning on being there if at all possible."

I told the membership at Willow Grove that Columbus wants this convention, and to prove it I have letters from the Columbus Convention Bureau; the Mayor of Columbus, Tom Moody; and Governor of Ohio, James A. Rhodes, all personally inviting and welcoming us. Richard Luber of the Convention Bureau says, "We are at the center of things. Columbus,

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THE HORATIO ALGER, JR. COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

It was a thrilling experience to have been invited by the Honorable **William F. Bolger**, Postmaster General, to attend the **First Day of Issue Ceremony Program** at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, on April 30th. The stamp commemorates the 150th year since Alger's birth. The ceremony was held at the Convention Center at Willow Grove at the time of the annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society.

Charles G. Baugh, MSC Manage/

Each year Amos Smith covers our convention for his publication.

Postmaster of Philadelphia presided at the meeting. Presentation of the colors by the Willow Grove Naval Air Station Color Guard was followed by our National Anthem by the fine Willow Grove High School Concert Band directed by Edward F. Brehony, Jr.

As Horatio Alger, Jr. was a Unitarian minister until he left the ministry to write his many books, the Rev. Deborah J. Pope-Lance, pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing gave the invocation.

Words of welcome were given by Bradford Chase, the president of the Horatio Alger Society.

An introduction of several distinguished guests by Robert E. Williman, chairman of the Society's Commemorative Stamp Committee, followed. Kenneth B. Butler, one of the founders of the Horatio Alger Society was among those honored.

Helen Gray, Executive Director of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans and Ralph D. Gardner, author of Horatio Alger or the American Hero Era and many other writings, lecturer and New York broadcaster, made interesting remarks.

There were several selections by the band followed by an address and presentation of albums by **William F. Bolger**, Postmaster General.

The benediction was given by Rev. Pope-Lance.

April 30 was a busy day at the Willow Grove Post Office with stamp dealers and collectors purchasing thousands of stamps, placing them on commemorative envelopes and having them hand cancelled with the First Day of issue and the date.

Ohio is only 550 miles from two-thirds of the nation's population." Columbus has a fine new International Airport facility. I had letters of invitation from twenty of our finest motels and have personally called on the twelve most suitable for our needs. I have chosen THE ROYAL MOTOR INN, a Best Western Motel on Olentangy Drive close to the Ohio State University Campus and only ten minutes from downtown Columbus. This motel prides itself that they are The Small Group Specialists. Their quiet setting, excellent facilities, and efficient presentation sold me. Their rates will be \$30 for a single and \$34 for a double. \$5 and \$9 less than this past year at Willow Grove.

It is my plan to start taking reservations about January 1st and I would like to encourage members to register early, if possible by March 1st. In this way the motel will guarantee that our rooms will be in the same general area. Watch Newsboy for the latest developments. Plan now to be a part of "Collected in Columbus." If you have never attended a convention you've missed at least half the benefits of your Horatio Alger Society membership.

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MORE ON THE ALGER STAMP

Bob Williman reports that the Postal Service used his collection for a news release which was sent to some 600 television stations. The television film was produced by a private filming company under contract to the Postal Service and the final product was one minute long. The film featured books arranged on Bob's shelves showing various titles and editions. It ends rather dramatically with a copy of Ragged Dick

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THE HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS**

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THE COVERS ARE THE FIRST CACHETS OF ROBERT E. WILLIMAN, LONGTIME ALGER COLLECTOR AND PHILATELIST. MR. WILLIMAN, A SPEAKER AT THE FIRST DAY CEREMONY HELD AT THE ALGER CONVENTION, SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP WHICH LOBBIED FOR THE STAMP. HE IS PRESIDENT OF A BIOMEDICAL ELECTRONICS FIRM AND THE SUBJECT OF A BIOGRAPHY IN "WHO'S WHO IN THE EAST".

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being opened to the frontispiece showing the four boys. The frontispiece is then faded out and the stamp is superimposed on the film, showing very clearly that the stamp design came from the book.

In lieu of a consultation fee, Bob received ten copies of the film which he has given to friends in the Society. Each has indicated that he would try to get a local television station to show the film and hopefully interview the member as to his Alger collection interest and HAS.

Bob says that he enjoyed the experience of the film making which took two days at his home and several more at the studio. The producer, director and film crew were willing to answer questions and he gained a real appreciation of their art.

The official Alger first day cover

sets are selling very well. Bob Williman has received several letters from stamp collectors ordering additional sets and complimenting him on the fine quality of the covers. He reports that at the rate they are selling it won't be long before they are all gone. Members who desire a set of the covers would be well advised to place their orders without delay in order to avoid disappointment. Orders go directly to Bob at Box 415, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

Bob has also received inquiries about HAS. He says that he expects we will get some new members through the covers. He has placed several display ads in the leading stamp collecting publications, which show the covers (see p. 31).

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FROM THE EDITOR'S FILES
by Jack Bales

More convention and post-convention news will be in the next Newsboy. There are more pictures, more reports, plus additional articles.

Something I forgot to list in the BOOK MART. Gil Westgard has a very good copy of From Canal Boy to President for sale, American Publishers Corporation, "Berkeley Series" edition, mint green color. The price is \$30.00. Write Gil at 9226 W. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

Robert Banks, PF-253, has donated \$50.00 to HAS "to help out on the printing costs and expenses." Thanks very much, Bob!!

Gil O'Gara, Editor of the popular Yellowback Library, announces the birth of a new son in his and his wife's family. He writes: "Info on Scott Michael O'Gara: Born March 4, 1982, weighed in at 8 pounds, 0 ounces, and was 21½ inches long. He sure is growing fast; doesn't seem that he is already a month old. Good kid, but he doesn't sleep well at night—snoozes all day, but as soon as it gets dark—Hello, Folks!"

Newspapers on June 30 gave the results



Bob Williman (right) accepts the 1982 Luck & Pluck Award from Gene Hafner.

of a Gallup Youth Survey. The leading sentence reads, "The latest Gallup Youth Survey learned that eight in ten of America's teen-agers believe that people can actually live a Horatio Alger story.

"Alger's characters were typically portrayed as poor boys who, through self-reliance, hard work, perseverance and a bit of good luck, achieved great wealth.

"Nationally, 81% of the teen-agers interviewed in the survey said they thought it was possible for someone in this country to start out poor and become rich by working hard." The question brought positive answers from 82% of the boys interviewed and 80% of the girls. A 17-year-old girl from Limestone, Maine said: "Through hard work, I think anything is possible." A girl from Brookfield, Wisconsin said, "If a person has enough ambition, he will succeed." A 15-year-old boy from Burton, Michigan (the state with the highest unemployment level in the U.S.) has no faith in the success ethic "because of the recession and President Reagan's tax cuts." 1,010 boys and girls, ages 13 through 18, were interviewed by telephone for this survey.