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**"COLLECTED  
IN COLUMBUS"**

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Over fifty Horatio Alger Society members attended the annual convention, held this year in Columbus, Ohio, and hosted by HAS President Bob Sawyer. This Newsboy contains full convention coverage, and many thanks are given to Bob for making this occasion such a memorable event.

## HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

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## NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

PF-378 Robert Walters  
961 McClain Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Robert rejoins the Alger Society, having been a former member. He attended the last convention in Columbus.

PF-700 R. B. Orr  
RR 9 Box 204  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

R. B. read of us in the Tri-State Trader. Owner of 73 Algers, he collects Henty, and also is interested in model ship building and model railroads and airplanes.

PF-701 Frank E. Mosher  
12 Fairlawn Ave.  
North Weymouth, Mass. 02191

Frank is a retired insurance consultant, and learned of HAS through Dale Thomas. 45 titles are in his collection, and he is interested in "anything about Horatio Alger, Jr. and his works."

PF-703 Earl Unicker  
418 Crest Wood Ct.  
Washburn, Illinois 61570

PF-704 Karen Wickliff  
2579 N. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43202

Karen, a bookseller, heard of HAS from fellow "Columbusian" Bob Sawyer. Besides Algers, she is interested in "buying and selling scholarly and collectible books."

PF-705 Michael W. Overall  
174 W. Second Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43202

Michael learned of the Society at the Columbus convention.

PF-706 William R. Gowen  
923 So. Lake St., Apt. 6  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

William is a newspaper reporter and editor, and was told of HAS by Bob Sawyer. Besides Horatio, he is interested in Edward Stratemeyer and his Syndicate.

PF-707 Mary Jo Tschetter  
881 Montford Rd.  
Cleveland Hts, Ohio 44121

Mary Jo, a music teacher, choreographer, and mother, heard of the Alger Society through Dale Thomas and her parents. She is also interested in singing, piano, community theater, dance, and old books.

PF-708 Elmer F. Jones  
P. O. Box 675  
2793 Terrace St.  
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Elmer, a retired realtor, read of HAS in the Tri-State Trader. Besides collecting Algers, of which he owns 29, he also collects political badges and enjoys buying and selling old books.

PF-711 Lisa Cobb  
418 Wheatland Rd.  
North Adams, Mich. 49262

Lisa, age 13, "likes the Alger stories," and has 20 titles in her collection. She read of us in the Tri-State Trader. She writes that "I started collecting on my 12th birthday a year ago," and is interested in first editions.

PF-712 Rev. Kenneth A. Anderson  
3900 30th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55406

Kenneth, a retired Lutheran pastor and high school teacher, owns 63 Alger titles. He counts as his other hobbies the following: "Violin playing, gardening, U.S. stamp collecting, reading, church, studying names and their meanings, visitng our five children and ten grandchildren." William Baach told him of the Society.

PF-713 Alexander Baker  
14 Horace Court

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218

29 Alger titles rest in Alexander's collection, and his other hobbies include stamps, coins, baseball cards, and video discs and compact audio digital discs. He would like "to acquire all titles if at all possible."

PF-714 Paul H. Worth, Jr.  
81 Bullit Park Place  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Paul, owner of 3 Algers, is also interested in art.

PF-715 Al White  
700 Walnut St.  
Three Rivers, Mich. 49093

Al, a bank president, heard of HAS in a book store. Owner of 15 Algers, he is also involved in raised bed and organic gardening, and dulcimer construction."

PF-716 J. R. Lefontaine  
Post Office Box 872  
Vashon Island, Wash. 98070

J R's various hobbies include detective and mystery fiction, pulp magazines, Big Little books, and old-time juveniles. He is a publisher and author.

PF-717 A. Jack Burney  
501 Holly Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Jack, a wholesale appliance distributor, heard of HAS through member Jim Ryberg. He has 28 titles in his collection, and also collects Clair Bee books.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

PF-475 Helen Gray  
101 Lombard  
San Francisco, CA 94111

PF-661 Dean C. Steele  
606 Dry Valley Road  
Lewistown, Penn. 17044

PF-674 Henry Avery  
 80 Bacon Street  
 Waltham, Mass. 02154  
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 L E T T E R S

119 N. Harper Ave.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90048  
 June 12, 1983

Dear Jack,

I've been on a writing sabbatical and that has included stories, articles, letters, and other epic forms of literature, so that should explain, I hope, why you haven't heard from this character. But I still managed to pick up a few Alger clippings and here they are.

What's happened around here since last I wrote to you or heard from you? Here in Los Angeles and throughout the state we had one hell of a wet winter, and as you can see by the newspapers and television, you ain't seen nothin' yet. The Spring, as usual, has been overcast but warm. A couple of months ago my family threw a lovely party for my 80th (yeah!) birthday, and one of the younger granddaughters baked a cake with two pictures of me stuck on it--one with a Manhattan in hand, and the other in repose, and on the surface was the facsimile of the newspaper (Buffalo Evening News) I'd worked on for some 20 years, and a three-column story of my life and career in chocolate. Wow!! But, dammit, man, I don't feel a day over about 60, but my gang, all 29 of them, say, "Well, maybe 62." Then in December we took a Caribbean cruise for the second time, and then spent a few days in Florida.

The ubiquity of the Alger name in newspapers, ads, on the television, is really something that the HAS should be proud of. Did you happen to catch a TV version of the typical Alger story some months ago? The boy runs away from home so he can pay off the mortgage on Mama's little cottage, is suckered out of his dough by a couple of hobos, and generally acts pretty insipidly. Very bad production. Pity.

I've been getting the Newsboy, of course, and think it's a fine job, but how do you manage to do it all in addition to working at the College library?

Jack, forgive me for not having written sooner and show it by writing me first chance. In the meantime, my very best to you, personally and professionally. The Post Office still works, despite the rain, snow, sleet, gloom of night, and other troubles attributed to Herodotus.

As ever,

Dave Soibelman

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Apt. 305-D  
 4310 Leisure Lane  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Jack,

Could you please mention in the next issue that I thank everybody for their best wishes from the convention in Columbus. I didn't know that we had so many doctors in our membership until I tried to read their signatures. There were a lot I have never met yet. I hope to meet them all next year.

Sincerely,

Forrest Campbell  
 Co-Founder, HAS

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NEWSBOY WINS HIGH HONOR

One of the top indexes in the country is the Modern Language Association's International Bibliography. Of particular significance to researchers, this work indexes hundreds of scholarly publications devoted to literature and authors. Newsboy has recently been selected for inclusion in this index, and will thus now be accessible to Alger scholars throughout the world.

Of course, the contributors to Newsboy deserve much of the credit for this significant achievement, and I hope that it will inspire others to write articles for publication.

"COLLECTED IN COLUMBUS";  
AS REVIEWED BY GILBERT K. WESTGARD II

With more than fifty members attending, and many of them new, or present for their first convention, or, in fact, joining the Horatio Alger Society at the convention, it is impossible to cite each member by name. It is hoped that this report of our being "Collected in Columbus" will prove to be interesting to those who did not attend, and may interest them in attending our next gathering in Nashua, New Hampshire, to be hosted in 1984 by Jim Thorp. If you were among those who were present, may this report put into words those aspects of "Collected in Columbus" that made being present such a pleasure for all of us.

Assembling at the Royal Motor Inn we journeyed for a Thursday evening dinner at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse, a congenial setting for the renewing of old friendships and meeting several members previously known only by mail. Almost from the first there was a steady hum of conversation and movement from one seat to another as we waited for our orders to be taken. A program of entertainment was provided by the New Tradition Ladies Barbershop Quartet. Their first song temporarily put an end to all conversation, but those who were more interested in the subject of Alger, than in singing, soon found they were able to continue their discussions at all times except when the entertainment moved into their immediate proximity. The nostalgic decorating elements of the Old Spaghetti Warehouse provided an interesting and appropriate background for a gathering of Alger enthusiasts.

After returning to the motel, individual gatherings for the purpose of making buys and exchanges were soon taking place in many of the rooms which were identified by door cards that displayed the names of some of Alger's greatest fans. The hallway could well have received the sobriquet "Alger Alley." Each night our room roaming lasted into the wee hours of the morning.

In the matter of rooms there was no favoritism shown. Our Newsboy editor Jack Bales, together with Alger expert Gary Scharnhorst, found that there was no room for them at the motel, and they were shunted down and across the road to an inn more than a quarter of a mile away from the center of convention activities. However, friends soon discovered their location and made the trek to discuss some of the latest Alger discoveries.

Tracy Catledge, probably one of the best sources of out-of-print boys' books, was attending his first Alger convention. He was known to many of us by mail and telephone, and proved to be a highly popular figure. In a deal made at the convention he obtained an Addressograph machine to help speed his catalogs to an ever widening circle of collectors. If you collect books by any boys' authors be sure to write to Tracy, and request that you be placed on his mailing list. His address will be found in our Horatio Alger Society roster.

Ralph Gardner was kept busy for a time on Thursday night in autographing copies of those Alger books to which he contributed introductions, and also his biography and bibliography.

Jim and Beverly Lowe flew in from Vermont, and found special enjoyment in the antique shops of the German Village and the quaint architecture of the area. Jim, quite a watch and clock fancier, found a number of interesting timepieces in several shops, but nothing of sufficient rarity to warrant immediate purchase. He may have been reserving his funds for the auction on Saturday night.

Rohima Walter, and her husband John Co., made the journey to Columbus by bus. Their son, John Henry, was unable to accompany them, but sent a number of highly unusual items for the auction. They brought a number of interesting volumes for the book sale on Saturday morning, and were highly pleased with the results. On their way home, in the

tradition of some of Alger's young heroes, John was relieved of the weight of his wallet by a pickpocket in the bus station. A few days later the billfold was returned, but of course the money had mysteriously disappeared.

On Friday morning the annual business meeting passed most of the measures presented with little discussion and no dissenting votes. An exception to this was the matter of raising dues caused by our rising expenses. There was a great deal of discussion pro and con. A feeling was expressed against the idea by some who felt raising our dues from \$10.00 a year to \$15.00 might cause some to drop out. In the end it was the reality of the expenses we face each year that made it imperative that each member contribute an additional \$5.00. That's less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a day, and even the most ragged of Alger's grubby urchins could scrape that together, so don't let this small but vitally necessary increase keep you from renewing when your renewal notice arrives. Where else, but in the Horatio Alger Society, do you get back more in value than the amount you contribute?

Friday afternoon was free, but many of us took the opportunity to visit the German Village. There we strolled in company with agreeable friends from the Alger Society along the brick sidewalks of the area, and visited many of the antique shops that offered a fascinating assortment of merchandise from the Alger era. Most of the prices were fair and reasonable, and in the cases where this was not so, it didn't cost anything to look.

The Friday evening buffet provided an informal atmosphere for comparing notes on what each had done during the day. One scheduled event was a showing by Carl Hartmann of slides depicting the process of designing and manufacturing of the Horatio Alger cup plates. We watched the engraver cut the design of the steel mold by hand, and observed how test impressions were taken at various times as the work progressed. Finally the mold was finished and molten

glass globs were transformed into cup plates. Annealing of the plates was the final process to remove any stress which might otherwise cause the plates to break.

Finally, we enjoyed the showing of the recent ABC-TV presentation of Alger's Frank and Fearless. This was kindly provided by John Juvinal, and was shown without commercial interruption. When Our Hero appeared there were cheers, and when the bully arrived, hisses were elicited. The final triumph of Our Hero over a wicked step-mother, an overbearing and bullying step-brother, and a band of kidnapers, called for an enthusiastic round of applause. What more could a flock of Alger fans want?

After the scheduled events were concluded, some remained in the hospitality room, while others dispersed to various rooms to either get some much-needed rest, or to continue their wheeling and dealing for sought-after titles and editions.

At the Saturday morning book sale quite a number of members displayed their wares. Books in poor condition, or in bindings by less desirable publishers, unless they were titles of extreme rarity, tended to remain unsold. One gentleman who was hoping to find a copy of the rather common title of Tattered Tom was unable to find a single copy. Only one professional book dealer availed herself of the opportunity to offer a selection of books from her store to us. When asked later, she stated the sales had been quite satisfactory, and that she had purchased a few tapes of early radio show programs from John Juvinal. Among the items that surprisingly went unsold were a group of mint condition Street & Smith paperbacks that were part of the Alger Series, though by other authors than Alger, which John Juvinal had very reasonably priced at \$5.00 each. John also had tapes of the Alger stamp first day of issue ceremony, and a few are still available by mail.

In the afternoon Bob Bennett led a

symposium on what to look for in determining first editions, and gave many answers on fine points of differences in the early printings. Type wear, advertisements, and minor variations in such things as the blind stamping of a cover design can mean the difference between an edition worth perhaps \$20.00, and one that may fetch several hundred. This was an event that was well worth attending!

Brad Chase lectured on the many differences encountered in the Alger books published by A. L. Burt. The various cover designs and styles of bindings shown proved conclusively that simply to say that a book is published by Burt is far from an adequate description. Brad hopes to eventually publish the fruits of his fine research. It will be a volume that will be well worth having.

There was a little free time before the scheduled activities of the evening, and several members made final forays to the book and antique stores in the area.

During the "Congeniality Hour" a cash bar was opened, and we had the chance to inspect the numerous items that would later be sold at the auction. It also gave everyone the opportunity to go from table to table in search of their place-cards. This activity provided many surprises, and gave many of us the opportunity to get to know someone we might otherwise have missed.

Tan souvenir napkins imprinted with an enlargement of the Alger stamp in brown had been prepared for our use. Due to a misunderstanding by the dining room staff they provided us with their own napkins. The ones with the Alger stamp were then hung over the backs of the chairs, and each time anyone brushed against them while searching for their place cards, the napkins fluttered to the floor like flower petals in an orchard. They were rescued from the floor and saved as souvenirs, while the others were used for more mundane purposes. It was a case of "one for show, and one for blow!"

Our place cards were very nicely done by William Wright, and each had a genuine cancelled Alger stamp to the right of the name.

The hospitality room, always an attraction, was enhanced through the generosity of Floyd R. Martin of Helena, Montana, who sent us two delicious hams.

The main souvenir of "Collected in Columbus" was a neat volume of over fifty pages, conceived and produced by our host, President Bob Sawyer. It told the story of how the Horatio Alger Society evolved, and reproduced a number of rather interesting letters, some from more than twenty years ago. An especially interesting section was devoted to "Who's Who in The Horatio Alger Society." Copies may be ordered from Bob Sawyer. This is a limited edition of only 100 copies, with each one numbered by Bob. It is a most unique and appropriate item.

Following the dinner all members with numbers 200 and below were proclaimed to be "Charter Members," and all were awarded special membership pins with the word CHARTER on a curved bar below the wreath. These were very handsomely done, and may be worn with pride by those who have remained members since the administration of our first President, Ken Butler.

Although he was saddened to see the previous attendance record established at Dick Seddon's 1977 convention, "Booked in Boston," surpassed, our host and President, Bob Sawyer, announced that "Collected in Columbus" had established a new record. Two more records would be established later in the evening.

At last it was time to announce our award winners. Helen Gray, formerly of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, received the Luck and Pluck Award for her activities in support of issuing the Alger stamp. The Newsboy Award went to our highly capable and valued Newsboy Editor Jack Bales. It was a fine choice, and certainly

well-earned over a period of years. A tearfully emotional Dale Thomas presented the Dick Seddon Award to Jerry Friedland for his activities in promoting amity among members. Those of us who fondly remembered Dick Seddon were moved by Dale's remarks, and also by Jerry's response. Two Strive and Succeed Awards of \$300 each were presented to two local newspaper carriers, and will be described elsewhere in this issue. Jean Hartmann, who so ably assists and supports her husband Carl, in his position as Secretary of the Horatio Alger Society, was chosen by Bob Sawyer to receive the Presidential Award. Instead of a plaque, Bob had hand-crafted a jewel box with a suitably engraved plate inside the lid. Jean was also made an honorary member of the Society.

One of the carriers who had received the Strive and Succeed Award wanted to obtain some books by Alger, and the best place for such volumes was the auction. Having had a suitable lot pointed out, he bid to the limit of his available funds, but was outbid by Jerry Friedland. Then with a characteristic generosity, Jerry presented the volumes to the young man. With a sharpness worthy of any of Alger's young heroes he sold a couple of the books to Reverend Eastlack who coveted two rather unusual bindings. (But for Eastlack's speed, I would have bought one of them myself)! Before he was forced to leave by a parental time limit the young man had purchased two additional lots.

From time to time, with the intense volubility and penetrating sharpness of a prairie hailstorm on a tin roof, Wally Palmer proclaimed praises of Edward Stratemeyer (for whom he worked), whenever any item with Stratemeyer connections was up for bid. He eventually obtained two books done under the pseudonym of Edna Winfield.

A unique item in the auction was one of the poster-sized representations of the Alger stamp. Two of these were displayed on either side of the speakers' platform during the first day ceremony last year. It was one of the last items

auctioned, and it was interesting to note that it was not what at first glance it appeared to be. Rather, it was a combination of the original artwork of "Cuthbert Bede" (Reverend Edward Bradley), with the lettering that appears on the stamp. The interlocked CB monogram was clearly seen, and the fineness of the shading lines distinguished it from the contemporary work of the artist Robert Hallock who redrew the four boys for use on the Alger stamp. (For more information and understanding of this subject see pages 6, 7, 13, and 29 of the August-September 1982 Newsboy. Some things are just never what they appear to be)!

At the conclusion of the auction it was announced that a new record total had been raised for the Horatio Alger Society, \$3,024. The number of items in the sale was also a high total, in excess of 175. Our treasury will be solvent for some time to come!

One of our members who was unable to come to Columbus was Les Langlois, due to the death of his beloved wife Bertie. Only four members have attended as many Alger conventions as Les, and his many friends expressed their sadness at learning of Bertie's passing. We hope that he will be able to join us next year.

The long distance champions were Alex Shaner and Helen Gray. Both made the trip from California. It was Alex's seventh convention, and Helen's fourth.

Sunday morning brought to a close our 19th convention, one of our most memorable, where we were "Collected in Columbus" in honor of Horatio Alger, Jr. Individual departures and last minute deals were still being arranged, and many parted with the sentiment, "See you next year in Nashua!"

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Editor's note: Grateful thanks go to Gil Westgard for writing this convention report. More convention news appears elsewhere in this issue. See you next year as Jim Thorp hosts the annual meeting in Nashua, New Hampshire!!!

## 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	25	PF 004 Ed Levy
1969 - Kalamazoo, Michigan	10	PF 000 Forrest Campbell
1970 - Revere, Massachusetts	14	PF 264 George Clark
1971 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota	14	PF 014 Judson Berry
1972 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	21	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	36	PF 334 Les Poste
1976 - Rosemont, Illinois	36	PF 024 Gilbert Westgard
1977 - Waltham, Massachusetts	52	PF 324 Dick Seddon
1978 - Jacksonville, Illinois	39	PF 258 Jack Bales
1979 - Cleveland, Ohio	31	PF 315 Dale Thomas
1980 - Windsor, Connecticut	37	PF 412 Brad Chase
1981 - Annapolis Junction, Maryland	38	PF 569 Bob Williman
1982 - Willow Grove, Pennsylvania	47	PF 549 Bill Russell
1983 - Columbus, Ohio	51	PF 455 Bob Sawyer
1984 - Nashua, New Hampshire		PF 574 Jim Thorp
1985 - Brockport, New York		PF 461 Brad Alexander

NINETEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 102 - Carl Hartmann, Lansing, Michigan (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)

SIXTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 006 - Ken Butler, Mendota, Illinois (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83)  
 PF 053 - Ralph Gardner, New York, New York (65-66-67-68-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83)

FOURTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 093 - Les Langlois, Brookfield, Wisconsin (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-78-82)  
 PF 265 - Bob Bennett, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)

THIRTEEN CONVENTIONS

PF 315 - Dale Thomas, Garfield Heights, Ohio (71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 710 - Jean Hartman, Lansing, Michigan (68-69-70-72-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)

TWELVE CONVENTIONS

PF 024 - Gilbert Westgard, Des Plaines, Illinois (65-66-67-68-74-75-76-77-78-79-82-83)

ELEVEN CONVENTIONS

PF 099 - Paul House, Indianapolis, Indiana (65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75-83)  
 PF 101 - Jack Row, Lutz, Florida (65-66-67-69-71-72-73-74-76-78-79)  
 PF 258 - Jack Bales, Fredericksburg, Virginia (69-71-72-73-75-76-77-78-81-82-83)

TEN CONVENTIONS

- PF 351 - Paul Miller, Vienna, Ohio (73-74-75-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 376 - Jerry Friedland, Monsey, New York (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 412 - Brad Chase, Enfield, Connecticut (74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)

NINE CONVENTIONS

- PF 175 - Eugene Hafner, Timonium, Maryland (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 360 - Bill McCord, Wurtsboro, New York (73-75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83)

EIGHT CONVENTIONS

- PF 015 - Eddie LeBlanc, Fall River, Massachusetts (68-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)  
 PF 274 - Carl Thieme, Dyersburg, Tennessee (72-73-74-76-78-79-81-82)  
 PF 318 - Evelyn Grebel, Abilene, Texas (72-73-74-75-76-77-78-83)  
 PF 455 - Bob Sawyer, Gahanna, Ohio (76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83)

SEVEN CONVENTIONS

- PFOA1 - Irene Gurman, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (69-72-73-74-75-76-77)  
 PF 325 - Anne Sharrard, Chelmsford, Massachusetts (75-77-78-80-81-82-83)  
 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 339 - Glenn Corcoran, Wilmette, Illinois (75-76-77-78-79-82-83)  
 PF 348 - Keith Barnes, Wyoming, Michigan (72-73-74-75-76-77-78)  
 PF 394 - Alex Shaner, San Jose, California (74-77-78-79-80-82-83)  
 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 160 - Rohima Walter, Lafayette, Indiana (73-74-76-78-79-83)  
 PF 324 - Dick Seddon, Andover, Massachusetts ~~(75-76-77-78-79)~~ (74-75-76-77-78-79)-Deceased  
 PF 362 - Marilyn Saurer, Big Prairie, Ohio (73-74-75-77-79-83)  
 PF 381 - Bill Leitner, Tenafly, New Jersey (77-78-79-80-81-82)  
 PF 537 - John Juvinal, Hinsdale, Illinois (78-79-80-81-82-83)

FIVE CONVENTIONS

- PF 104 - Herb Risteen, Baraboo, Wisconsin (65-66-69-76-78)  
 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 473 - Owen Cobb, Cherry Hill, New Jersey (76-77-81-82-83)  
 PF 506 - Neil McCormick, Madison, Wisconsin (78-79-80-81-83)  
 PF 549 - Bill Russell, Hatboro, Pennsylvania (79-80-81-82-83)

FOUR CONVENTIONS

- PF 008 - Max Goldberg, Natick, Massachusetts (65-68-75-77)  
 PF 014 - Judson Berry, Howard, South Dakota (67-71-72-73) - Deceased  
 PF 020 - Milton Salls, Little Falls, New York (68-72-75-77)  
 PF 144 - Ralph Anderson, Grundy Center, Iowa (66-67-68-76)  
 PF 368 - Gary Scharnhorst, Richardson, Texas (73-76-81-83)  
 PF 487 - Pauline Westgard, Boynton Beach, Florida (76-77-78-79)  
 PF 544 - Gil Kapelman, Weston, Connecticut (79-80-81-82)  
 PF 565 - Bea Fortner, Olympia Fields, Illinois (80-81-82-83)

FOUR CONVENTIONS (Con't)

- PF 569 - Bob Williman, Bowie, Maryland (79-80-81-82)
- PF 574 - Jim Thorp, Nashua, New Hampshire (80-81-82-83)
- PF 586 - George Owens, Crozet, Virginia (80-81-82-83)
- PF 697 - Helen Gray, San Francisco, California (76-77-82-83)

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 557 - Robert Eastlack, Berwick, Pennsylvania (81-82-83)

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 475 - Linda Neglia, New York, New York (76-77)
  - PF 492 - William Baach, Minneapolis, Minnesota (78-83)
  - 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 533 - James Ryberg, Houston Texas (82-83)
  - PF 570 - Richard Hoffman, Washington, D.C. (81-82)
  - PF 589 - Robert Linguiti, Wilton, Connecticut (80-82)
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- PF 602 - Rolfe Chase, Las Vegas, Nevada (81-82)
  - PF 603 - Dee Thorp, Nashua, New Hampshire (81-82)
  - PF 612 - Wallace Palmer, Independence, Missouri (82-83)
  - PF 629 - Jack Schnell, Silver Spring, Maryland (81-82)
  - PF 641 - Jon 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 119 - Clyde Willis, Westerville, Ohio (83)
- PF 120 - Frances Henry, Cambridge, Illinois (65)
- PF 121 - George May, Metropolis, Illinois (65)
- PF 122 - Pauline Millen, Des Moines, Iowa (67)

ONE CONVENTION (Con't)

- PF 125 - Paul Alger, Bridgeton, New Jersey (68)  
 PF 127 - William Murrell, Dallas, Texas (76)  
 PF 131 - Walter Moore, Urbana, Illinois (78)  
 PF 148 - Paul Fisher, Green Valley, Arizona (75)  
 PF 164 - Steve Press, Poughquag, New York (68)  
 PF 169 - Don Shinner, Missouri Valley, Iowa (67)  
 PF 170 - Harlan Miller, Des Moines, Iowa (67) - Deceased  
 PF 171 - Philip Neufeld, New York, New York (68)  
 PF 176 - L.F. Hartsock, Clarion, Iowa (67)  
 PF 184 - Norman Peterson, Big Rapids, Michigan (72)  
 PF 186 - Jack Barker, Dunwoody, Georgia (77)  
 PF 193 - Max Sheldon, Clarion, Iowa (67)  
 PF 199 - Jacqueline Steele, Rockport, Maine (68)  
 PF 206 - Robert Birkheimer, Burlington, Iowa (67)  
 PF 217 - Bill Sausaman, Springfield, Illinois (78)  
 PF 220 - Karl Weber, Warsaw, New York (75)  
 PF 223 - Sylvester Mangini, Somers, Connecticut (68)  
 PF 231 - Stewart McLeish, Everett, Massachusetts (68)  
 PF 235 - Russell Dock, Arlington, Virginia (68)  
 PF 237 - J. Yale Rubin, Hamden, Connecticut (68)  
 PF 253 - Robert Banks, Framingham, Massachusetts (70)  
 PF 264 - George Clarke, Pawtucket, Rhode Island (70) - Deceased  
 PF 270 - George Blackburn, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (72)  
 PF 271 - William DiCarlo, Revere, Massachusetts (70)  
 PF 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 Róyar, 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 (72)  
 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 375 - Bob Walters, Columbus, Ohio (83)  
 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, Geneseo, 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 499 - Robert Jennings, Dudley, Massachusetts (77)  
 PF 507 - Tracy Catledge, Fern Park, Florida (83)

ONE CONVENTION (Con't)

- PF 508 - Harry Smith, Long Beach, California (81)
- PF 509 - John Beirne, Jacksonville, Florida (77)
- PF 524 - Bernard Biberdorf, Indianapolis, Indiana (83)
- PF 525 - Nancy Schmidt, La Mesa, California (79)
- PF 531 - Thomas Noonan, West Boylston, Massachusetts (80)
- PF 566 - Philip Block, Newington, Connecticut (80)
- PF 584 - Hank Gravbelle, Redondo Beach, California (82)
- PF 593 - Walter White, Lima, Ohio (83)
- PF 619 - Ema Harrington, Oelwein, Iowa (81)
- PF 626 - Charles Murphy, York, Pennsylvania (81)
- PF 633 - Paul Cripe, Bremen, Indiana (83)
- PF 639 - Will Wright, Chillicothe, Ohio (83)
- PF 642 - Vicki Duncan, Crofton, Maryland (81)
- PF 654 - Frank Jacques, Ada, Oklahoma (83)
- PF 662 - Leo Kiley, Morristown, New Jersey (82)
- PF 665 - Ray Leight, West Point, Pennsylvania (82)
- PF 666 - Hobart Grazier, Glenside, Pennsylvania (82)
- PF 668 - Jim Lowe, Colchester, Vermont (83)
- PF 700 - R.B. Orr, Greenfield, Indiana (83)
- PF 703 - Earl Unzicker, Washburn, Illinois (83)
- PF 704 - Karen Wickliffe, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 705 - Mike Overall, Columbus, Ohio (83)
- PF 706 - Bill Gowan, Mundelein, Illinois (83)
- PF 707 - Mary Jo Tschetter, Cleveland Heights, Ohio (83)
- PF 709 - Katie Grunwald, Columbus, Ohio (83)

HAS member Bob Bennett prepares--each year--a list of all attendees at Alger conventions. Thanks much, Bob!!!!  
Your hard work is always appreciated!

## Names in the news



AP Laserphotos

Former President Gerald Ford, left, and retired Pittsburgh Pirate Willie Stargell were among winners of Horatio Alger awards.

### Gerald Ford among Alger honorees

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Saluting hard work, honesty and perseverance—hallmarks of the famed Horatio Alger characters—11 of the nation's notables received awards named after the 19th-century author.

"The harder you work, the luckier you are," said former President Gerald Ford, the adopted son of a paint salesman who worked his way through college to the nation's highest office.

"From a very, very early age, I was naive and probably much too idealistic. I think part of that goes back to my many hours of reading Horatio Alger books," Ford told about 500 people at a banquet Friday night honoring the former president and 10 others.

The 11 were chosen from among some 300 people for the awards, which were presented by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

All recipients, including Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd, news commentator Paul Harvey, Dallas Cowboys football coach Tom Landry and retired Pittsburgh Pirate slugger Willie Stargell, overcame early difficulties and handicaps to attain success. And they all attributed their opportunities to America's free enterprise system.

Other recipients this year include Ruth B. Love, general superintendent of Chicago's public schools; J. Paul Lyet, former chairman of Sperry Corp.; John H. McConnell, chairman of Worthington Industries Inc.; Fred W. O'Green, chairman of Litton Industries Inc.; and Henry Viscardi Jr., founder of Human Resources Center.

Similar copies of this article were sent in by several HAS members, including Roy Wendell. It appeared in May 14, 1983 newspapers around the country.

## PRESIDENTIAL CHIT CHAT

by Bob Sawyer

Well, the 19th Annual Horatio Alger Society Convention is now history. As host I can report a new record for members attending. I also might add--by the skin of my teeth. We had 50 registered at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and that tied the record set in 1977 in Boston. Jean Hartmann came to my room and reported that a young lady was in the Hospitality Room and would like to join the Society. Grabbing a membership application I headed for the H. R. and found a very nice young lady named Katie Grunwald and her mother. She was indeed interested in joining and was promptly signed up giving us 51 and indeed a new record.

[Editor's note: See Bob Bennett's totals for the various conventions on page 9. When I asked him how Dick Seddon's total had increased by two, he replied that Jean Hartmann and Linda Neglia had attended the 1977 convention, and although they were not members then, they had attended. Both, he explained, were also counted in the 1983 convention figures].

I had visions of 60 to 65 members attending as there were many of the early registrants who were attending their first convention. Then I started getting regrets from many of the regulars who always attend--for reasons too numerous to mention but really unavoidable. I finally decided we would have about 45, then as the convention got underway, brand new members showed up to join. During the three days we signed six new members, plus one who joined the week prior, plus an old member who came back into the fold. That saved the day. I feel that many of these members will be active and are truly interested, this as a result of letters received from many of them thanking me as host for the great times they had, and how pleased they were with their membership.

Many attending were there for their first first convention: Will Wright,

PF-639; Frank Jaques, PF-654, and his wife Nan; Paul A. Cripe, PF-633; James J. Lowe, PF-668, and Beverly Lowe; Tracy Catledge, PF-507; Bernard Biberdorf, PF-524; and Marcene; Clyde E. Willis, PF-119; and Jeanne; R. B. Orr, PF-700, and his wife; Earl Unzicker (New member) and his wife; Walter L. White, PF-593, Bill Gowan (New member); Bob Walters, PF-378; Mike Overall (New member); Karen Wickliff (New member); Mary Jo Tschetter (New member); and Kate Grunwald (New member).

Our stay at the Best Western Royal Motel was pleasant. The staff was friendly and helpful, the motel was clean, and located in a quiet area. However, a mixup in the room reservations resulted in some inconvenience and while the buffet was beautifully served, the same could not be said of the banquet. This was contracted for Swiss Steak and oven browned potatoes. The meat was very tough and poorly cooked beef, and there were no potatoes served at all. The hotel staff apologized later, but it was too late to rectify a spoiled meal. They did give us a substantial rebate on the contracted price which allowed the convention to more than break even.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Thursday night trip to the Spaghetti Warehouse where we enjoyed the surroundings, the food, and the fine singing by a ladies barbershop group, The New Tradition Quartet. Another feature was a trip to the German Village for several hours, where we visited antique shops, craft shops, and fine German restaurants. Those who ate at Schmidts will be interested to know that it was destroyed by fire less than one week later. Plans are underway to rebuild.

The two symposiums led by Bob Bennett on first editions, and by Brad Chase on the Burt Algers were well attended and enthusiastically received.

Finally, the Annual Auction brought in a record amount, well over \$3,000.

All in all, I enjoyed hosting

"Collected in Columbus." Why? Because I had the great support of people like Bill McCord, my co-host; Will Wright, the one who gave of his skill as a calligrapher and who made those great convention badges and banquet place-cards; Jerry Friedland, Bill Russell, and Jim Ryberg on the auction; Jean Hartmann, Mary Ellen Thomas, and Bea Fortner on banquet seating; Paul and Ruth Miller who organized the German Village Trip; Bob Bennett, auctioneer and lecturer; Brad Chase, lecturer; and many others who pitched in when they were needed to make things run smoothly. My ulcer never twitched once. May Jim Thorp have the same great cooperation next year when we meet in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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Editor's note: Gil Westgard mentions on page 7 that charter membership pins were distributed at the convention. Those receiving such pins included Gene Hafner, Clyde E. Willis, Carl Hartmann, Paul House, Ralph Gardner, Gilbert K. Westgard II, Eddie LeBlanc, and Kenneth Butler. Pins will be sent to all members with a PF number of 200 or less in the near future.

Bob Sawyer sent me a list of all who attended "Collected in Columbus." At the end he writes: "Checking over my records, I find I missed one new member at the convention---Paul North, a friend of Alex Shaner's. So add him on, and our official count is now 52." These members, with guests, include: Bob Sawyer, his wife Elizabeth, and his son,



The last issue of Newsboy featured on pages 14-15 an "Alger Crossword" by HAS member Herb Risteen. Above is the answer to this puzzle.

Robert R.; Carl T. Hartmann, and his wife Jean; Jack Bales; Will Wright; Frank Jacques and his wife Nan; Bill Russell; Paul Miller and his wife Ruth; Jerry Friedland; Eddie LeBlanc and his wife Florence; Paul A. Cripe; James J. Lowe and Beverly Lowe; Ralph D. Gardner; Glenn Corcoran and his wife Lorraine, their daughter Mary Jo Tschetter, and their granddaughter Jill Lorraine Tschetter; Tracy Catledge; George W. Owens; Gary Scharnhorst; Owen Cobb; Gene Hafner and his wife Wynone; Dale Thomas and his wife Mary Ellen, their daughter Anita Royer, their son-in-law Dave Royer; their daughter Marlene Heering, and son-in-law Rick Heering; Wallace Palmer.

Also, Ann Sharrard, and her husband George Sherrard; William Baach and his wife Margaret; Bernard A. Biberdorf and his wife Marcene; William J. McCord; Kenneth B. Butler; Bradford Chase; Beatrice Fortner; Jim Ryberg; Gilbert K. Westgard II; Evelyn M. Grebel; Leo (Bob) Bennett; Neil McCormick; Alex Shaner; Clyde E. Willis and his wife Jeanne; R. B. Orr and his wife Caroline; Earl Unzicker and his wife; M. Miller Sauer; Rohima Walter and her husband John; William Gowen; Bob Walters; Paul House; Mike Overall (the manager of the convention motel); Karen Wickliff; John Juvinal; Robert Eastlack; Jim Thorp; Helen Gray; Walter White; Katie Grunwald.

Also, Timothy Riegel (winner, Strive and Succeed Award); Robert Riegel (Tim's father), plus Tim's mother; Kevin Sherrill (winner, Strive and Succeed Award); Jeffrey Sherrill (Jeffrey's father), plus Jeffrey's mother; from the Columbus Dispatch Printing Company there was: Mr. and Mrs. Terry De Vassie; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bauer; Mr. and Mrs. James Garity. Paul North.

HAS President Bob Sawyer sent each of the Strive and Succeed Award winners the following letter:

Dear -----:

Each year the Horatio Alger Society

presents their Strive and Succeed Award to one or two deserving boys and girls. It is the pleasant duty of the host of that year's convention to make this selection. To help me make this difficult and challenging selection I enlisted the aid of Mr. De Vassie of the Columbus Dispatch. He was willing and eager to help come up with the excellent choice of [Kevin Sherrill] & [Timothy Riegel].

The brief history and background Mr. De Vassie has given me of both of you boys is evidence that he made a choice that no one can challenge.

The Strive and Succeed Award gets its name from the Horatio Alger story by that name. This story was first published in 1872, over 111 years ago.

I am sure that your parents are very proud of you and I am sure that they will continue to be in the future. Please accept my congratulations upon receiving this small monetary boost for your future. We hope it will aid you to obtain the high goals you have apparently set.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Sawyer  
President  
Convention Host

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A biographical sketch of Timothy Riegel is as follows:

Tim is 17 years old, lives at 161 Deland Avenue, Columbus, and is the son of Robert and Miriam Riegel. His route consists of approximately 50 daily and 60 Sunday subscribers. Tim has saved over \$10,000 from his route profits, lawn business, and other endeavors.

In 1982, Tim was selected as the Outstanding Newspaper Carrier, Senior Division for The Columbus Dispatch. He represented The Dispatch in statewide competition and received an Honorable Mention Award. The Awards are given for successful route management, scholastic achievement, and personal accomplishment.

In addition to managing his route, Tim has represented Dominion Junior High in the City Spelling Bee, is a member of the Academic Hall of Fame, represented Whetstone High School at OSU Science-Math Day, was a National Merit semi-finalist, received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Mathematics and Science Award, and continues to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

In school, Tim is active in the German Club, Concert Band, Marching Band, Choir, Glee Club, Mixed Ensemble, Handbell Choir, Chess Club, and is a member of the Whetstone High School "In the Know" team. He is a member of the Clinton Heights Lutheran Church and quite active in church related activities. Tim's hobbies include chess, computers, softball, bicycling, photography, and fishing.

A biographical sketch of Kevin Sherrill is as follows:

Kevin is 13 years old, lives at 5311 East Shore Drive, Columbus, and is the son of Jeff and Beverley Sherrill. He delivers to approximately 45 daily subscribers. Kevin has saved over \$300 of his route profits for future educational purposes.

In 1982, Kevin was selected as the Outstanding Newspaper Carrier, Junior Division for The Columbus Citizen-Journal. He represented The Citizen-Journal in statewide competition and received an Honorable Mention Award. The Awards are given for successful route management, scholastic achievement, and personal accomplishment.

Kevin is an Honor Carrier, was chosen to attend the Young Authors Conference in 1979 and 1980, had a poem published in the school paper, and had an art project displayed at Otterbein College. He is an Honor Student, is involved in Boy Scouts, plays soccer and baseball, is a junior referee, plays the piano, trombone, and participated in a piano recital at Ohio Dominion University. Hobbies include reading, model rockets, video games, and coin collecting.

#### NEWSBOY EXHIBIT PLANNED

An exhibit is being planned to mark the 150th anniversary of the homeless newsboy, a little known phenomenon of 19th century American life.

The homeless newsboys, those waifs who hawked papers on the streets of New York and other large American cities, can trace their beginnings to street sales of the New York Sun on September 3, 1833, a century and a half ago.

Peter J. Eckel of South Plainfield, New Jersey, Staff Photographer for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, has assembled a comprehensive collection of 19th century New York City newsboys memorabilia and is currently seeking sponsors to put together an exhibit that will document the birth of the street newsboys.

His collection includes numerous badges, passes, sheet music, prints from Harper's Weekly, and copies of the actual newspapers sold by the boys. Also included are prints and photos of Printing House Square, the headquarters of the American Press in 19th century New York City.

This assembly has taken over ten years to complete and details the history of the newsboy movement in the 1830s when thousands of homeless children were saved from starvation by selling newspapers.

It is a little known fact that during the 19th century there existed thousands of homeless children living on the streets of lower Manhattan. This was before any effective social service was ever organized and they were forced to support themselves by doing any menial job. The era was also the "golden age" of the American press that saw the founding of New York's legendary newspapers--The Sun, Herald, World, Tribune, and The Times. A fierce competition existed between the rival editions and gave birth to an American institution. The newsboy was born from the ranks of these young waifs who were forced to

make a living and selling newspapers soon became their salvation, enabling them to earn their daily bread.

These were the poor lads made popular by Horatio Alger, Jr., who recognized their plight and drew on their true life experiences for some of his rags to riches sagas of American life at the turn of the century.

The newsboy would yell the news of the day, cupping his hand to one cheek in order to send his voice far into the distance and keep it above the wind. His voice was the loudest and his laugh the merriest. The newsboy shouted his wares in a way that was more noisy than distinct. Most people had no more idea of what he said than if he had been speaking in a foreign tongue.

It was in 1833 that Benjamin H. Day and the New York Sun pioneered the newsboy system by which people could buy a paper on the street. Before that day, the newspapers were either sold over the counter or delivered by carriers to the homes of subscribers who paid six to ten dollars in advance on a yearly basis. This was more than most men earned in a week. The old newspapers contained mostly political speeches, advertisements, and shipping news. The Sun boldly threw over all traditions, and adopted the slogan "News not Views."

By using new technology The Sun increased production and lowered its price, becoming the first successful penny newspaper. Scoring an instant success, it was the poor man's paper, the newspaper for the masses.

Population shifts from large cities to suburban areas gradually changed the newspaper business. The traditional shouts of the street newsboys were replaced by courteous carriers who now deliver newspapers to the homes of subscribers.

From a humble beginning the newspaper carriers of today number over one million and render their service to people throughout America, enabling

young people to learn the value of money and develop habits of thrift and honesty.

For further information, contact Peter J. Eckel, 1335 Grant Avenue, South Plainfield, N. J. 07080.

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[Editor's note: Peter welcomes any ideas on promoting his exhibit, and would appreciate any suggestions, comments, words of support, etc.]

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RANDOM REPORTS FROM ALGERLAND  
by Jack Bales

## Kelly-Bales

Mrs. Mary Annette K. Kelly of 119 Lake Shore Drive and Walter B. Kelly of 1020 William St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Dodd, to James Edward Bales III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Bales of Aurora, Ill.

Miss Kelly, a graduate of Mary Washington College, is executive director of the Fredericksburg Personal Counseling Service Inc.

Mr. Bales graduated from Illinois College and holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois. He is readers service librarian and assistant professor at Mary Washington College.

The wedding will take place in December of 1984.

During the past 9 years as Editor of Newsboy I have included hundreds of news items in this regular column. The above is my all-time favorite.

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You collectors of Edgar Rice Burroughs books may wish to subscribe to the Edgar Rice Burroughs Quarterly. Edited by George T. McWhorter, it began publication in Fall 1982. Cost is \$20 per year. Write to the Dept. of Rare Books, the University of Louisville Library, Louisville, Kentucky 40292.

Bob Sawyer reports that he received a nice letter from Terry DeVassie of The Columbus Dispatch Printing Company.

Terry writes that "on behalf of my staff here at The Dispatch and especially our carriers, I want to thank you and the Horatio Alger Society for the honor and money bestowed on our carriers and for the gracious hospitality shown Faye and I and the others who attended your banquet. It was a pleasure and an honor to have you include us in your convention activities. Please extend my best wishes to your lovely wife, Elizabeth, and your son, Bob. To you, Mr. President, you handled the evening masterfully and it has been my pleasure to have worked with you on this project. I know your term as President will continue with much success and I hope the convention record stands for a while as the leader in attendance. Thanks, Bob!"

Carl Hartmann writes that he has boxes of back issues of Newsboy that he'd like to store. Anybody want to do HAS a good turn?

We are saddened to hear that HAS member Everett Johnson has recently died. Our

condolences are expressed to his friends and family.

I recently received a letter from Mrs. Galvin P. Hansen, 880 Delaware Road, Kenmore, N.Y. 14223. She has a copy of The Erie Train Boy that she would like to sell.

Bob Williman sent me a lengthy review of the play, Horatio, from the July 14, 1974 issue of The New York Times. The reviewer notes that "Ron Whyte, its young author, is interested in Horatio Alger, Jr. as the prophet of social mobility and the work ethic, . . ." Thanks, Bob!

Gil Westgard gave me the ad which appeared on page 9 of the last Newsboy. Gil notes that these books by McLoughlin Brothers "were published in 1912. This is the only advertisement I know of that shows the cover designs for every Alger book by a single publisher." Gil has 3 in his collection, but still needs The Telegraph Boy, The Store Boy, and The Cash Boy. (The following cartoon is from Gil's collection).



*"He says this sermon's going to have something for everybody!"*