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HOSTS WILL AND NELL WRIGHT WELCOMED 89 ALGER ENTHUSIASTS FROM
21 STATES AND CANADA TO THE 25th., ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY.

President's Column



Greetings to all members of the Horatio Alger Society and to their families.

I have just recently returned from the H.A.S.'s Silver Anniversary Convention held in Chillicothe, Ohio and want all the members who were not able to attend to know that it was a fantastic affair.

Hosted by Will Wright, with the able help of his wife Nell and their family, it was a festive affair from beginning to end and even the rain did not dampen the spirit of the occasion.

The convention was well organized with many tours of Historic Chillicothe and surrounding areas and transportation was provided in the form of buses, round trip from the Holiday Inn parking lot.

We enjoyed a Chinese dinner on Thursday night followed by an Alger skit put on by one of the school groups from Chillicothe. Also a member of the Mayor's Office addressed the attendees, welcoming us to Chillicothe.

Friday afternoon and evening were spent at the Wright's residence browsing thru rooms of wall to wall books, fishing in the pond and a buffet dinner preceded and followed by music and singing by Will's and Nell's talented daughter and son-in-law, the Warners.

Saturday night's dinner was held at the Holiday Inn and the entertainment was again by the Warners with Will's and Nell's grandson on the drums.

After dinner Nell Wright gave a delightfully funny soliloquy about Willie [Will Wright]. I was in tears from laughing so much

This is just an example of the goodtimes and fellowship shared at the H.A.S. Conventions. If at all possible, please try to attend Bill McCord's in N.Y. in 1990.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Bob Sawyer, the winner of the 1989 Richard Seddon Award, Bob Royar, winner of the Newsboy Award and Bob Williman, winner of the President's Award. All of the above recipients highly deserved this recognition.

I could not close without a resounding "thank you" to the Wright family. What a wonderful reception they gave to everyone. If you want to join in on all this fun, start making plans now to attend the N.Y. Convention.

I hope to see all of you there.

Your Particular Friend,
George Owens



Photo: Paul Miller

Long-time, oft contributing members, Owen Cobb, Bob Sawyer, Eddie LeBlanc, and Bill McCord.

THE HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

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REPORTS

"HORATIO IN OHIO"
Convention Headquarters
Holiday Inn Chillicothe, Ohio

Date: Friday, May 5th., 1989

Subject: Horatio Alger Society Annual Business Meeting,
President George Owens Presiding.

President Owens called the meeting to order at 8:42 A.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT: In the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, President Owens asked that everyone review the copy of the report and we would not read it. The report indicated that the Society is solvent. A motion was made to this affect, seconded, discussed and approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: President Owens called on committee chairman Jerry Friedland for a report. Jerry got his committee together and the President deferred his request until the banquet.

MOTION: A motion was made to compliment Will and Nell Wright for their outstanding effort in putting on a super convention. Motion was seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Dues committee chairman Eddy LeBlanc reported that his committee had studied the dues and recommended a three tier price structure in the interest of generating additional funds for the association. The recommendation was discussed and died for lack of a motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

***NEW ROSTER:** President Owens reported that a new roster would cost approximately \$600.00 to produce. Jerry Friedland entertained a motion to print the new roster. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved.

***1990 CONVENTION:** Convention Chairman Bill McCord reported that the 1990 Convention would be in Catskill, New York. He indicated it would be something like "HORATIO IN CATSKILL IN 90". He is working on a site presently and has a couple of very interesting items for the convention. He extended a personal invitation to all of his Partic'lar Friends to attend.

***THANKS:** President Owens, on behalf of the Horatio Alger Association, extended thanks to Will Wright PF-639 for an outstanding job on the convention.

***1991 CONVENTION SITE:** PRESIDENT Owens called for a volunteer to host the 1991 convention. Jerry Friedland volunteered to help find a host for the 1991 Convention.

***Paul Miller** spoke to recognize PF-684 Paul Schott, Book-binder, who will do binding for H.A.S. members. He has done lots of binding for other members. It was recommended and approved that the Editor give recognition to Paul Schott for his bookbinding talent and contributions there of to his Partic'lar Friends. Recommendation was approved.

*Brad Chase made and gave the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that we here gathered recognize, remember and appreciate those members who have passed from our ranks this year.

We particularly recognize Morris Olsen PF-106, Max Goldberg PF-008, Paul House PF-099 and Stanley Pachon PF-087, who over the years have consistently contributed to our Alger Lore and interests.

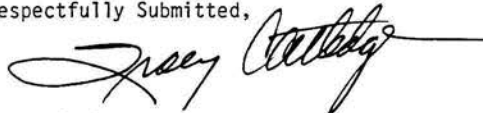
In addition, many of us who have broader interests wish to recognize the passing of Bob "Chief Mummy Inspector" Chenu, a true Giant in the series book collecting field and a true friend to all of our interests.

We of the Horatio Alger Society, this 5th., day of May, 1989 in Chillicothe, Ohio, wish to formally recognize the immense contributions of these individuals to all of us".

The resolution was approved and it was recommended that the Newsboy Editor send a copy to Paul House's widow.

There being no further business, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy Catledge
Acting Secretary

NOMINATIONS

OFFICER NOMINATIONS SOLICITED

Brad Chase has been appointed by our President, George Owens, to head up a Nomination Committee to recommend a slate of officers for next term. The slate will be recommended to the attendees at the Catskill annual convention for consideration. Brad has asked your editor to solicit interest from the membership in the next issue of Newsboy. If you know anyone who is a member of the Society or would like to have an officer role yourself, please make it known to Brad. His mailing address is:

Brad Chase
6 Sandpiper Road
Enfield, Conn. 06082

Do it today and include your reasons as to why you feel your nominee would make a good Society officer. Brad has set December 1st. as the cutoff date for suggestions so think about your society and send Brad a suggestion now while it's fresh in your mind.

REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT APRIL 30, 1989

	1988/89	1987/88
CASH BALANCE [BEGINNING]	\$1,311.91	\$2,973.31
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR:		
DUES [1]	3,350.00	2,624.00
AUCTION	1,078.00	1,989.00
BOOK SALES [2]	245.35	254.90
TILES, PINS, MISC.	14.00	14.00
BACK ISSUES	56.00	300.00
DONATIONS [3]	510.32	120.86
ADVERTISING	26.50	66.70
HOUSE AUCTION	94.35	-0-
	<u>5,374.52</u>	<u>5,363.56</u>
	6,686.43	8,336.87
DISBURSEMENTS [4]		
PRINTING	2,815.06	3,723.97
POSTAGE	1,125.00	1,455.49
AWARDS	206.99	568.06
EDITORS EXP. INC. FILM	.00	102.38
EDITOR HONORARIUM [5]	410.00	1,075.00
PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES [6]	100.00	.00
FREIGHT-HOUSE COLLECT [7]	<u>[100.00]</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>4,557.05</u>	<u>7,024.90</u>
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1989	<u>\$2,129.38</u>	<u>\$1,311.91</u>

FOOTNOTES:

1. Dues receipts were higher principally because of sales of life members.
2. Mable Parker has brought in \$890.50 of our cost of \$1,012.50. We need to sell 8 copies to make her an honest woman. Lets all try for Mable's sake.
3. Donations included \$133.92 refund from convention and membership support of the new editor of \$79.89. We have a very generous membership.
4. Disbursements were down in all areas because of the vigorous cost controls adapted at the last convention.
5. Editors Honorarium was for Gil Westgard II, who also received the \$500. electronic typewriter purchased in the 1986/87 year.
6. President's expenses were high due to a number of phone board meetings concerning various problems of our publication.
7. We received back the \$100.00 freight for the Paul House Collection from the gross proceeds of the auction \$729.00 less \$534.65 to Mrs. House.

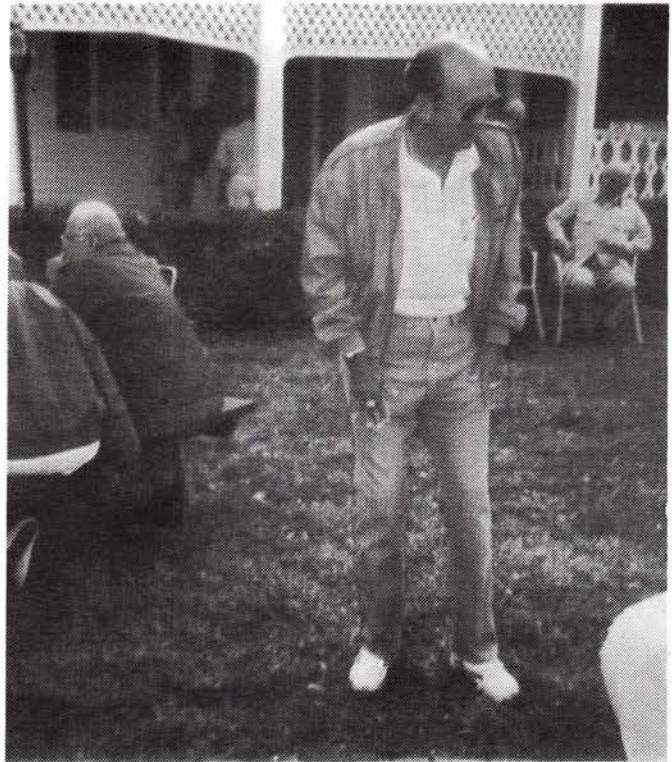


Photo: Paul Miller

Hank Gravbelle had to dance for his Friday night dinner. He called this soft-shoe number a "Redondo Beach Shuffle".

CONTEST

POETRY CONTEST
\$11,000. in Prizes

American Poetry Association's worldwide poetry contest is now open. Over \$11,000 in prizes will be awarded to 152 winners. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to enter. The grand prize is \$1,000 and the first prize is \$500. Other prizes include cash awards and publication. Poets may enter the contest by sending up to 6 poems, each no more than 20 lines, English language only, name and address on each page to:

American Poetry Association
Dept. CT-79
250-A Potrero St.
P.O. BOX 1803
Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Entries should be mailed by December 31. Each poem is also considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of contemporary verse. Every poet receives a free copy of "The Poet's Guide to Getting Published," A booklet full of useful information. The American Poetry Association was founded in 1981 and has run 32 contests and awarded \$145,000 in prizes to 3,040 winning poets.

NEWS FROM ALGERLAND

Welcome back to Percy H. Seamans, PF-405, glad to have you and Hazel back with us, Percy.

We are glad to report that we have found William Baach, PF-492. He was not lost - just a mix-up at the post office. William was not be able to attend the convention this year but he says, "I certainly do like the new edition of Newsboy".

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

Percy Seamans PF-405
P.O. BOX 377
Lake Delton, WI 53940

Joseph Markind PF-606
4 Agawam Rd
Acton, MA 01720

Joseph and his wife Nancy sponsored her father - Martin J. Vigerman, PF-839 and rejoined the HAS.

Gil O'Gara PF-627
811 Boulder Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50315

Richard L. Pope PF-740
Overlook Drive RD. #3
Corning, NY 14830

Robert S. Brooks PF-829
824 Gaffield
Evanston, IL 60201
T-115

Robert comes to us thru the Yellowback Library. His interests besides Alger are books on Chicago History and books by Chicago authors. Bob is in Real Estate and enjoys Gold and Bridge.

B. W. Conrad PF-830
2005 Beecham Circle
Raleigh, N.C. 27607

B. W. is interested in boys' books and classics.

D. K. Vaughan PF-831
3138 Lantz Rd.
Beavercreek, Ohio 45432
T-10

D. K. was sponsored by Will Wright.

John S. Hayes PF-832
13 Trow Ave.
Stratford, Ontario
Canada N5A4L4

John is a retired Theatrical Producer and is interested in collecting historical childrens' books. His main interest in Alger is first editions.

Robert F. White PF-833
123 Summer St.
Maynard, MA 01754

Robert is retired but does some trucking part time. He likes to read Alger and has 63 titles now. He comes to us thru Dale Thomas. Robert also collects old paper money.

Forest P. Porter PF-834
844 E. Uintah St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Forest is a retired Hotel Accountant and collects Alger for reading. He also likes cabinet making, skiing and fishing.

Hugh Alley PF-835
1335 Neel St.
Huntington, WV 25701

Hugh is a VA Loan Specialist and likes Alger's short stories best. He collects books "of all type, style, etc." Hugh was sponsored by Wil Wright.

Tom Brady PF-836
P.O. BOX 2604
Gearhart, OR 97138

Tom's main interest in Alger are the Stratemeyer Algers. Tom was sponsored by Wil Wright.

Paul Rich PF-837
BOX 1300
Doha, Qatar, Arabian Gulf

Paul is our newest LIFE member. Paul has just had published "ELIXIR OF EMPIRE, The English Public Schools, Ritualism, Freemasonry and Imperialism." His main interest is Juvenile fiction.

Sol Saks PF-838
14623 Sutton St.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Sol has over a 100 Alger titles and also collects Tom Swift, Tarzan, and old books. Sol is a writer and would be interested in members in his area with the same interests.

Martin J. Vigderman PF-839
341 Sinkler Rd.
Wyncote, PA 19095

Martin is a long time collector and reader of Alger books. His daughter and son-in-law presented him with a HAS membership on his last birthday.

Paul Ruby PF-840
4615 Valdez Dr.
Des Mones, IA 50310

Paul is a teacher/contractor.

Robert G. Huber PF-841
3012 Cameron Drive
Springfield, IL 62704
T-90

Robert is interested in Juvenile series from 1900-30. He heard about H.A.S. thru the Yellowback Press.

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Marolyn Parker PF-842
404 Riverside Drive
Johnson City, NY 13790
Gilbert T-17

Marolyn heard about the Society from Bill McCord.

Gordon W. Huber PF-843
2767 8th. Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221
Jeanne

Gordon is retired but is an avid collector of Boys and girls series books. Gordon heard about us thru Will Wright.

Margi Riker PF-844
129 East Grand River Ave.
Williamston, MI 48895

Margi owns the Incognito Book store, one of over 45 Antique dealers in Historic Williamston. She carries a fine line of books covering all topics. Margi's main interest in Alger is acquisition and historical. She also sells antiques and art at her store. Williamston is the Antique Center of Michigan with many fine shops.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Thomas A. Bayless PF-294
17 Andrea Lane
Arcadia, CA 91006

Bea Fortner PF-565
131 Pineneedle Dr.
Bradenton, FL 34210

George Locko PF-739
12350 Mercy Blvd., Apt. 371
Savannah, GA 31419

James Morrison PF-793
30 Newhall
San Rafael, CA 94901

RANDOM REPORTS FROM ALGERLAND

By Jack Bales

[As told by Ralph D. Gardner]

Dear Jack,

This is about the "black band" cover on "The \$500 Check," for the column you indicated you'd write from time to time on interesting ways we come into possession of some of our Alger books.

This book was not the most difficult for me to acquire, but there's an intriguing little story that goes with it. Actually, I have three copies of this one; I'll go into that in a minute.

It was back in 1962, when I used to go to Los Angeles to call on clients of my advertising agency. I took a day off to visit Frank Gruber at his Beverly Hills home. Later, I told him, I hoped to visit some of the bookshops I'd listed in hopes of finding an Alger or two. [After I'd worked hard on a business trip, I enjoyed treating myself to a needed Alger book, if I could find one].

Frank said: "Let me see your list. I can tell you at which shops you'd be wasting your time."

One that he crossed off was Zeitlin and VerBrugge on La Cienega Blvd. Frank told me they specialized mostly in science and art; at any rate, NOT juveniles. I didn't give it much more thought until the next day when, riding in a taxi, I noticed we were on La Cienega. I remembered there was some shop on that street that was on my list, so--impulsively-- I asked the driver to stop and let me out. He probably thought I was crazy, but ardent book collectors get accustomed to that. A "radar" was buzzing in my head.

I looked at my list, saw it was one that Frank crossed out, but when I saw the shop--a big red wooden barn like structure-- right across the street, I decided to go in anyhow. I was happy to meet Jake Zeitlin, a charming, helpful, wonderful man who died in 1987. "Yes," he answered my inquiry, "I recently got an Alger in a batch of other books I bought." He soon found it and handed me the first hardcover edition of "The \$500 Check," with the Porter and Coates imprint at the base of the spine obliterated with a 1/2" black ink strip. The price was \$5.00, which I happily and quickly paid. I told Jake that was an unusually low price, especially as I had never before seen a copy in more than 20 years [at that time] of Alger collecting. "I know that, he said, "but it's not in my line and I'm happy to let it go at that price.

Although I recall this adventure well, I don't depend upon memory and have slipped little notes into many of my books to remind myself of how I got them. I now have three copies of this binding. One of the others, with the identical black band at the base of the spine, is autographed by Alger to Jennie Carlson: "Miss Jennie Carlson / With a Merry Christmas / from her friend / Horatio Alger, Jr. / 1891"

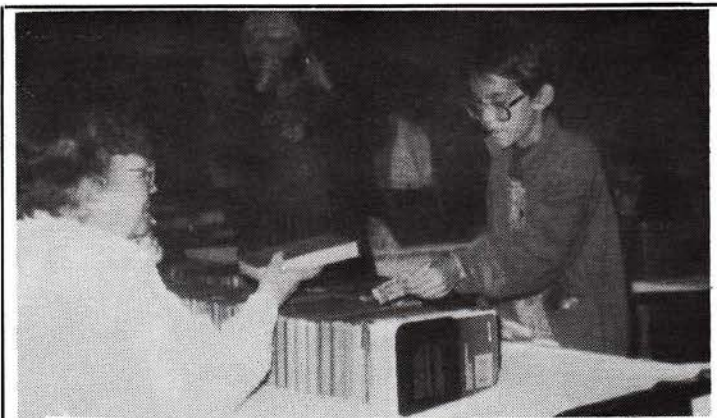


Photo: Paul Miller

One of Gil O'Gara's boys makes a purchase at the Saturday Book Sale.

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Jennie Carlson was, at that time, engaged to John M. Downie [one of the boys Alger had earlier adopted], but they never married. [She later married a man named Muller]. My third copy differs from the others in two points: It has "LOVELL" printed in gold at the base of the spine and has robin's egg blue colored endpapers. The other two have the brown endpapers typical of Porter & Coates.

Incidentally, "The \$500 Check" [the earliest book printing, of course, was the paperback, Leather-Clad #23, titled "\$500; or, Jacob Marlowe's Secret"] is one of a few Alger titles that I've tried to collect in virtually every edition. This is partially because it came out under about five different titles [I don't have my bibliography at hand and don't remember exactly how many], and also because they came out in a number of attractive bindings. I'M quite sure I have an edition with Porter & Coates printed in the copyright notice, but [as I have books shelved in seven rooms], I can't find it at the moment. Two of the other titles I've collected in various editions and bindings are my two most favorite Algers "Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy" and "The Erie Train Boy." But that's another story.

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Incidentally, Ralph recently addressed the Horatio Alger Association's Youth Seminars. He flew to Washington, D. C. to talk to about 300 high school students. His talks were, as I put it, "inspirational," telling them "about American free enterprise, and I gave some specific suggestions how young people today can still get ahead. I was very pleased when some of the teenagers came over to me after I spoke, with interesting questions. Lunch came next, so I suggested we all sit together and continue our conversation. It was a fine experience for me, and I was impressed with these kids."



Nell and Will Wright, Convention hosts, and Society President George Owens, are recognized by members for their outstanding efforts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jim,

Your good efforts are causing many Old Timers to write in and I would like to participate by posing a question about Alger's TRY AND TRUST: or, THE STORY OF A BOUND BOY.

I noticed that on my copy, which meets all the present first edition requirements cited by Bob Bennett and Ralph Gardner, there is an error on Page 81 which is not mentioned as a first edition characteristic.

The question on the fifth line from the top on this page is incomplete as the word "it" is required to provide a direct object for the verb.

It would seem that a mistake as obvious as this would be indigenous to the earliest edition and corrected in those which followed and, if so, its presence will qualify as a first edition characteristic.

Perhaps some members who have Loring editions of TRY AND TRUST will comment on whether or not their copies do or do not have complete sentences.

Best regards,

Jack Barker, PF-186

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Dear Jim,

Hank and I want to thank Will Wright and his family for putting on the best show the East and the West side of the Mississippi that has ever been held. The annual convention for 1989 was a tremendous success because of their efforts.

The turnout was great...to see old friends and meet new ones was a genuine pleasure for both of us.

Thanks again to all the HAS members whose conversation, books, and friendship made for such a wonderful time.

Sincerely,
Elaine and Hank Gravbelle.

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Jim,

You're doing a great job- Sorry I had to miss convention but just couldn't get away.

Alex Shaner

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HORATIO

25th CONVEN

by
PAUL

A stranger wanders into our banquet, and tells of how she was courted and wooed and lost her name,.....To Will Wright - long ago!!



Bob Kasper reading [but exposing, at the same time] the Alger item in the local newspaper.

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Tracy Catledge makes a key-note presidential nomination for.....Tracy Catledge.



Revered members, Wallace Palmer and Ralph Gardner discussing the qualities of Alger's writing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jim:

I was sorry to learn that you were unable to attend "Horatio in Chillicothe". Will and Nell did themselves proud and all had an excellent time. We sure had a lot of good food, fellowship and good book sales. I got a 1910 Boy Scout handbook and several Tom Swifts. Also had a good visit with Bob Sawyer and his roommate, Dolly.

I wanted to drop you this note to tell you that I announced at the "Horatio in Chillicothe" Convention that I was earnestly seeking the nomination for President of the Horatio Alger Society in 1990.

I would also like to convey my personal thanks to you for re-introducing the peopleization of the NEWSBOY. I think its great and you're write-on with the articles and format. When I become President, I'll recommend you for a raise.

I hope to see you at "HORATIO IN CATSKILL" in 1990.

Best regards,
Tracy Catledge
OLE SLOW & SURE
PF-507

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Dear Carl:

I just received my copy of the HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY Membership Roster for 1989 and, as always, was impressed with its format of listing members both by name and state. I wish all the organizations I belong to would do as good a job.

As I read the roster I was a bit confused by some of the answers to #4 [Number of Alger titles & number of First Editions]. Some members seem to have more titles than exist.

When I filled out answers to the above I took the "number of titles" to mean the number of different titles in the collection, not the total number of Alger books in the collection. Has anyone else expressed confusion on this?

Maybe we should have three categories for #4
B- Number of books by Alger
T- Number of different titles
[]- Number of First Editions

If we did this, my listing would change to:
B - 600, T - 120, [60]

Perhaps we should check to make sure that everyone is interpreting the required data in the same way.

Sincerely yours,
Bob W. Fertig PF-374

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Dear Jim:

It is with personal sadness that I report the death of my brother, Ralph A. Brandt PF-266, at age 85, in Bridgeton, New Jersey, on July 20, 1989.

Ralph remained a loyal member of the Horatio Alger Society until his death and his obituary notices carried mention of his membership in the society as well as his many other activities associated with his long career as a newspaperman and columnist.

Ralph always enjoyed his friendships with fellow members, some of whom he met at the conventions which he attended with his wife, Mary. His interest in the society was responsible for my joining up later on.

His listing in the Alger Society membership roster sets the number of his Alger collection at 110 books and six firsts. These figures are probably on the conservative side but I do know that many of his Alger books were those he had read as a boy and which I also read as his kid brother growing up in the same household. These books were reprints and could be bought quite cheaply. We both read and re-read these books many times over. Ralph continued to enjoy reading them as an adult, and as a student of Alger, gained his perception of the author through the reading of his books and articles.

My brother Ralph was adding to his collection up until his death with the purchase of some of the rare titles under new formats but he also clung zealously to the old ones. Oliver Optic was another favorite of his.

Please pass the news of Ralph's death to the general membership through Newsboy. Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours
Del Brandt
[J. Delbert Brandt]

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Dear Mr. Ryberg,

My father, Ralph A. Brandt, died on July 19, 1989 following a hip operation. He was a long time Alger collector and a member of your society.

His daily column in the Bridgeton Evening News, "The Scribbler", would have been 65 years old this December.

His brother, Delbert, and his sons Ralph Jr. and Garry would like to put his collection of over 400 books up for sale.

We will be in Bridgeton at the above address during the month of October and will be disposing of his life-long collection with care and love.

FROM PAGE 10

LETTERS

Interested buyers may contact us by mail or phone. Perhaps the following would suffice as an ad in your magazine in September. [You can revise as necessary]:

For Sale. Entire Collection of Algers, or in part;
Contact Ralph A. Brandt, Jr. 76 Hampton Street,
Bridgeton, N.J. 08302: [609] 455-1082 During October.

Sincerely,
Ralph A. Brandt, Jr.

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Dear Jim:

I would like to add my congratulations to those of the others who have written to comment favorably on your first few issues of the NEWSBOY. Your stewardship is off to an exemplary start. It is nice to have the NEWSBOY back on the right course!

Hank Gravbelle's recent letter re the Hurst miniature editions resparked an old interest of mine: how many different covers and titles did Hurst publish in this format? I have 33 titles and collectively I have 14 different covers. My Bertha has three ladies "at tea." I have six with dust covers, of two different types. All covers but one are pictures pasted on the cover. My YOUNG ACROBAT is a printed cover with the title and four red flowers on it. I would be glad to act as a clearinghouse for the collection of data on editions and covers of the Hurst miniatures. If other HAS members would send their title/cover information to me, I'll be happy to collect and disseminate results.

I have the following books for sale:

20 different Hurst titles, five with dust jackets. \$85. postpaid.

38 different New York Book titles with the same spine - look great on a book shelf. \$125. postpaid.

4 New York Book 1910 double title editions. \$35. postpaid

All books in the above three groups are good or better in condition.

Fame and Fortune [1st Ed.]. Good+. \$100 postpaid.

Strong and Steady [Late Loring]. Good \$25.00 postpaid

Young Outlaw Porter & Coats]. Dark Brown leaves/berries F/G. \$7 plus \$2. mailing costs.

Ragged Dick [1st. Ed. except for cover design, thick]. Good. \$60 postpaid

Hector's Inheritance [1st. Ed.]. Poor \$7. postpaid

Sincerely,
Rolfe B. Chase.

Dear Carl,

On a recent trip to Maine I purchased A Loring, "Slow & Sure", which appeared to be different. I will let the readers of Newsboy decide which is the real 1st. edition.

You will note that the Bennett Edition has Second Series, Julius in Preparation with a Nov, 73 issue date and an April, 73 issue date for Try & Trust.

The copy I have has Julius in preparation without a date [apparently they hadn't decided] and Try & Trust in May, 73. I submit that after my copy was printed they knew they could make the Apr. 73 date that was estimated in a later edition.

How do you account for the different printer? Was Rockwell & Churchill an earlier printer? From my collection I note that they also printed Tattered Tom and Julius. Come on readers what do you think? Lets get our new Newsboy [& girl] off to a better start with reader participation - thats what we all want to see when the NEWSY - "Newsboy" Arrives-

Gene Hafner P.P., PF-175

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard S. Ferguson PF-466, passed away on October 29, 1988. Richard loved his collection of boy's and girl's books and looked forward to each addition of the Newsboy.

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Clara Gwynne PF-094, a long time member of H.A.S. passed away on March 12, 1989. Ove the years we have had much correspondence with Clara and will miss her very much. Her son Richard informed us that her Alger collection has been given away.

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Ralph Brandt Sr. PF-266, Former managing editor and columnist for the Bridgeton Evening News, died July 19, 1989 at West Bridgeton Hospital in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

He began his newspaper career at the Evening News in 1922. In 1924 he introduced his column "The Scribbler," which appeared daily on the editorial page until 1972 and twice weekly until his death. It was believed to be one of the longest-running columns in the United States. In 1940 he became managing editor a position he held until his retirement in 1972. He is survived by his wife Mary; two sons; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a brother.

[Thanks to the Philadelphia Inquirer for this information]

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Kenneth B. Butler PF-006, co-founder and first President of the Alger Society passed away on September 22nd., 1989. We will miss Ken very much. His wit and wisdom always kept the society on an even keel. He is survived by his widow Doris. Ken's Alger Collection will be sold at auction at the H.A.S. Convention in New York.

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Gene Hafner making a presentation to H. R. Royar, PF-300 [in absentia].

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Original Cartoons by Society Member Louis Bodnar, Jr., PF-490. The cartoon on the left was published in the March-April issue of the "Yellowback Library." The cartoon below was published in the May, 1979 issue of "Ragged Readin."

Finding Alger, Optic and Nick Carter paperbacks and hardcovers at the city dump, years 1927 and 1928.

WANT AD PAGE

Starting December 30, 1989 the H.A.S. will be publishing a WANT AD page to be mailed to all members on Newsboy off months, therefor Dec. 30, 1989, Feb. 28, 1990, April 30, 1990, and so forth....

The following rates are for the Want Ad page only:

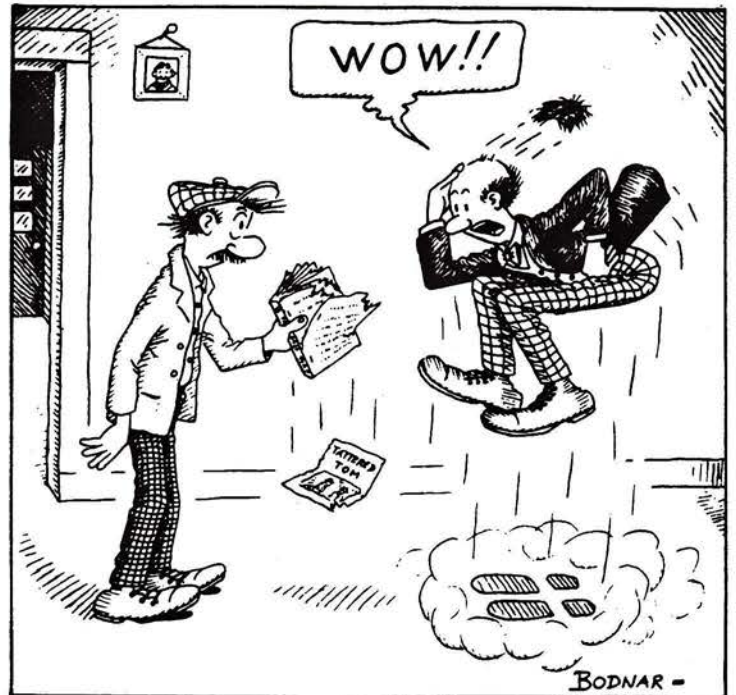
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HORATIO IN OHIO

"HORATIO IN OHIO, '89"
CHILLICOTH, OHIO, May 4,5,6, 1989

HOSPITALITY ROOM AND REGISTRATION, reported by Will Wright, PF-639:

Thursday, May 4, Registration was the order of the day. There were some late registrations on Friday. All registrants received a home made tote-bag of indian-design cloth. The tote-bags were made by our Hostess, Nell Wright. The bags were filled with advertising items from local merchants, industries and the Chillicothe Convention and Travel Bureau. The Treasurer of the State of Ohio provided packages of real money [shredded]. The State Auditor furnished 8" Seals of the State of Ohio.

One of the features in the Tote-bag was a booklet on the Construction and rebuilding of Governor Worthington's Mansion on Adena, a hill overlooking the Scioto River Valley. This area is now a State Memorial. Opposite Adena across the Scioto is a range of hills known as Mt. Logan. The view of Mt. Logan from Adena is a part of the Great Seal of Ohio.

The Hospitality room was the central meeting place for the convention. Coffee, soda and snacks were available at all times. Tours and other activities started from the Hospitality room. Bulletins of the programmed activities were posted in the windows.

CHINESE BUFFET AND PLAY, reported by Will Wright PF-639:

Thursday My 4, at about 6 P.M. registration was suspended and the Hospitality room was closed. An auto caravan was formed and went to the Diamond Head Restaurant in downtown Chillicothe. The owner, Peter Lin, closed the restaurant to the public for the period that the Horatio Alger Society was there. Seventy two members and guests were in attendance. A social period followed with a cash bar for those so inclined.

Promptly at 7 o'clock, the host began the evenings activities by introducing Ms. Edna Reed, the Assistant to the Mayor of Chillicothe, who welcomed all to the chillicothe area. She told of some of the city's highlights and invited everyone to comeback. The invocation was given by Brad Chase.

A Chinese Buffet followed. After eating, [there were seconds and some thirds,] the seating was rearranged for a Reader's Theater. Students of the Chillicothe High School under the direction of Ms. Gloria Fox, a teacher of english, speech, and drama, read a play, "Rufus and Rose". The play, written by Will Wright, followed closely the story as written by Horatio Alger. The play lasted about thirty minutes, after which, everyone returned to the Holiday Inn, and many went to the Hospitality room for visiting.

THE 1989 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, reported by Paul F. Miller, PF-351:

The meeting was called to order at its announced 9A.M. convening time, Friday, May 5th. There were 48 in attendance.

It was immediately pointed-out that a conflict in scheduling other activities [precisely, a prearranged trip by chartered bus] would interfere with the annual meeting.

Bob Sawyer pointed-out that the inclusion of the Stanley Pachon Collection Book Auction on Friday afternoon had necessitated schedule rearrangements for our host, Will Wright, and that future hosts should be acquainted in advance of the problems that Will had been confronted with. Further, that this serve as an indication to them of what might occur. That the overall thrust of Bob's statements were not any criticism of Will's handling of the problem, but an effort to impress upon us all of the importance of plenty of time for our annual meeting at future conventions.

After a discussion, it was moved and seconded and unanimously approved to reschedule the Board of Director's meeting for 2 P.M. on Saturday.

After a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to commend Jim Ryberg for the competent and able manner in which he had accepted responsibility for producing a great "Newsboy" within the Board's framework.

After a discussion, Brad Chase's motion to recognize the death call of members, Morris Olsen, Max Goldberg, and Stanley Pachon was ammended to include Friend-of-the-Society, Bob Chenu's name to this list, received the unanimous approval of the session.

The nominating committee was not prepared to make its report at this time, so, on motion, it was decided to delay this report until our Dinner meeting on Saturday night. Full consideration and appropriate handling would be given to the report at that time.

Following a brief period of comments "For the good of the order" the meeting was adjourned in favor of the scheduled bus trip.

TREASURER'S REPORT, by Alex Shaner, PF-394 [See Page 4].

MUSEUM TOUR, reported by Dick Durnbaugh, PF-530.

On Friday, May 5th., at 9:45 A.M., thirty five "Partic'lar Friends" boarded a bus that took us to the Ross County Historical Society Museums located on West Fifth Street in downtown Chillicothe.

The bus was furnished by the Chillicothe Convention Bureau, but the driver donated his services. Our host Will Wright, passed the hat for our friendly driver.

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At the entrance to the museum, the Director Mr. Brian Hackett, gave us a short introduction and then divided the group into three smaller groups to facilitate the tour. Mr Hackett led one group and the assistants, Hayley Rickey and Nancy Redd led the other two groups. As there are three museums, each in their own building, there was no crowding or overlapping of the groups.

The Historical Society collection is housed in the so-called McClintock House, named after the last resident. The three story plus basement house was built in 1838. All four floors are filled with fascinating items of historical significance. Many of displays are unique to the southern Ohio area such as the large Indian artifacts display. A typical pioneer kitchen in the basement complete with original fireplace equipment gives a good picture of what women of that day went through to provide meals for the family.

The most interesting part for me was the third floor childrens' rooms with their fabulous collection of early toys. Trains, trucks, wagons, mechanical toys, dolls, dishes, animals, furniture, etc., were outstanding. Back on the first floor we visited a small gift shop.

The David McCandless McKell Library next door contains many rare historical books and papers as well as many works of art. We saw documents signed by such notables as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison and others. Mr. Hackett had placed for us many rare volumes of McGuffey Readers, Wizard of Oz first editions, and many others. There is also an extensive early Ohio research library located in this building.

The third building in the museum group is the Franklin House built about 1906 on South Paint Street, just around the corner. It is dedicated to the women of Ross County. There are articles of clothing both old and new, glassware, furniture, paintings, and quilts. We also were delighted with the Tiffany windows and the architecture of the many rooms.

About noon, we boarded our bus and were transported safely back to the Holiday Inn greatly impressed with the variety, history and accomplishments of the Chillicothe area residents.

PACHON AUCTION, Friday, May 5th., 1 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE, reported by Paul Miller, PF-351

Late afternoon of Friday, May 5th., was the occasion for forming an auto caravan in the parking lot in the rear of the Convention Hospitality Room. We then caravand to the estate-like-setting of our Host Family, the Will Wrights, of 16826 U.S. 50, Chillicothe, Ohio.

What a place it was!!!!!! We soon learned that the Lord of the Manor, Will, had his own separate building for a library, housing some 50,000 volumes, from his Algers, Boys-books-by-other-authors, cookbooks, all the way to Zoological-books on the haunts of native Ohio animals.

Naturally we had our own lake; and, conveniently stocked with bass and other fresh water fish. [We understood that on other occasions - like when the children were younger and swimming was in vogue - then, father Will had the beaches "stocked with eligible boys/or swimming-suited girls" as the occasion demanded].

Off to one corner, one of the offspring had a residence under construction. Foundations for a disattached springhouse and a wine cellar were in evidence. Already a picnic shelter and outdoor bar-b-que were assembled.

Then there was the Manor-house, with a long rambling portico from which the melodious tones of the musically talented husband-and-wife team [Dallas and Dee 'Wright' Warner] in this extended family of diversified talents, were emanating.

Too, here on the Portico, serving tables were beginning to groan with the huge, buffet-type dinner, which was sumptuously prepared. The nearby tree shaded lawn, was dotted with picnic tables and benches.

The threat of imminent rain hung heavy, but continued in abatement. While we browsed through the books, others tried a hand with rod and reel and found the fish responding to baited lines. Sooner or later, a stroll around the golf-green-like lawns by all, ended in seated conversations under the trees near the veranda.

When the call went out for dinner, super chow hounds like Bill McCord and Brad Chase [stags tonight, free from the mannerly restraints of home-bound wives - busy at the toil which makes such jaunts possible for these - their spouses] led the charge of the more gentlemanly and lady like couples who partook of the nectar and ambrosia that had been prepared for us by Nell, and the rest of the Wright family. Included in the buffet was the delicious ham, baked and furnished by our Partic'lar Friend Floyd Martin of Helena, Montana.

Then, after all of us had partaken-to-the-full of all the "goodies", and had saddled-up for the trek back to Convention Motel, the rains came to wash down the trail for our return journey.

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