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

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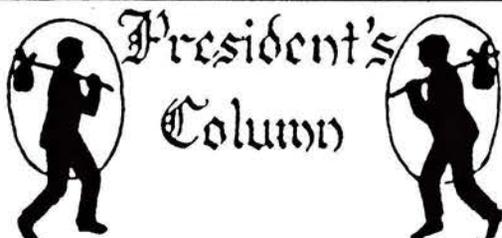
HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY  
**ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**1991**  
**May 2, 3, 4 & 5**  
 Indianapolis, Indiana

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## HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

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

To all "Partic'lar Friends", members of the Horatio Alger Society. This year's annual convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2,3,and 4, where the future and policy of the Society will be discussed. Your counsel and guidance is requested.

In the back of your membership roster is a list of "By-Laws". These have not been revised since 1975. There are some changes that should be made to bring them up to date. Please read through them and make some notes as to what you would like to be changed, added, or deleted.

Bring your notes on By-Law revision to the convention so that they may be acted upon at the annual business meeting, Friday morning, May 3rd at 9a.m.. This meeting is open to everyone attending the convention, however only H.A.S. members may vote.

Those of you who cannot be there should send your comments to me so that they can be presented at the business meeting.

Your comments do not need to be restricted to the by-laws. You may suggest anything for the good of the Society.

I am still looking for a volunteer to fill the position of "Editor" for the "Newsboy".

Send your registration to our convention host, Bernard Biberdorf, 5739 Winston Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226. Advance registration helps the host to plan accomodations, snacks, souvineers, etc.

Be sure to bring or send something to donate for the annual auction. Society expenses keep going up, printing, postage, etc. The auction funds help to keep our membership dues within reason.

When you make your reservation at the motel, be sure to mention the "Horatio Alger Society" for special convention rates.

It looks as though we will have another good convention. Bernie and Marcy have the program well in hand. All that remains to be done is for you to be there.

Your Partic'lar Friend,  
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### BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE H.A.S.

The Society recognizes Bob Bennett's Horatio Alger, Jr: A Comprehensive Bibliography, as the most current, definitive authority on Alger's works.

PUBLICATION FORMATS OF THE FIFTY-NINE STORIES BY HORATIO ALGER Jr. as reprinted by the John C. Winston Co. COMPILED BY Bob Sawyer, PF-455 and Jim Thorp, PF-574.

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## Memories of Indianapolis

It was a glorious spring day in Indianapolis-- year 1930. All was right with the world. Johnny White and I were chosen to be "milk" monitors. A prestigious appointment, delivering milk crates to each class every morning. Yes, public school #32 at Illinois & 21st. St., was a great place for a nine year old.

As I walked home from school holding a tree branch- to bash fences or anything else in my way, I cut through to Meridian St., and bashed at several boxes at the curb in front of the Kirshbaum Community Center. They did not budge so I bashed them again. Wondering what was inside these large cardboard boxes, I pushed the top of one of them open and peeked inside. "BOOKS" - a closer look "BOYS" books!! I reached in and moved some of them around seeing several titles- my heart leaped - stacks of BOYS books - all kinds "Boy Allies", "Boy Scouts", "Horatio Algers", "Tom Swifts" and others I had never heard of!!! New, never read - Who, in their right mind would throw out books like that? There must be a mistake!

What should I do? I looked around- should I take any? Were they to be picked up by someone? Who to ask? Yes, the office in the Center. Marching bravely into the building, I approached the office window, asking the pleasant face that appeared, about the books that had been placed at the curb?

I was told that these books were being discarded by the new Librarian at the Center as "unfit" for young minds. Therefore the trash collector would pick these boxes up the next day. Could I take some of the books home? Of course, as many as I cared to cart away!!!!

I almost exploded with excitement- my heart sang - all those books MINE- To hold and to read- a treasure trove- a bonanza!!!

Rushing back into the street, I opened up the top box for a closer inspection, discovering that there were full sets of Merriwells- Rover Boys and many others. I was almost hysterical with joy as I loaded up both arms with books and staggered towards my house a few short blocks away on 24th, St - just off Meridian- the books getting heavier & heavier- the distance becoming like miles - my arms becoming numb- but I had to hurry-- what if "SOB" someone came along and took the boxes???

Grabbing my "coaster" wagon, I rushed back to my treasure trove and loaded it up. After several "Frantic" trips back & forth, I managed to get over 150 books up to my room. A whole wall, stacked with boys books to read... A boys dream come true.

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*Life is more fun if you don't keep score.*

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*He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything.*

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A whole new world had opened up to me - school was secondary. I was simply enchanted by these books- soaring through days and nights of adventure, travel, and excitement- I was living in a dream- a make believe world!!

Alas, after a poor report card- all my books were removed to my Dad's study under lock and key - and I was placed on a ration basis....

Several months after I had brought my bonanza home- CALAMITY - my Dad was being transferred to Canada - out family had to move- personal belongings only. All the books had TO GO!!

I was heartsick - Plucky Paul - Phil the Peddler - The Rover Boys - Tom Swifts - all had to be left behind... What to do???

Why not leave them with a trusted friend and return some day to claim them? That is exactly what I did. I even helped carry them over to Ross's house.

I have never been back to Indianapolis since 1931. My wife and I hope to attend the HAS convention there. Remember me Ross? let me warn you Ross Gatto- you had better have those books waiting for me- OR ELSE!!!

S. Percy Dean

PF-753

8010 Esperanza Bay  
Boynton Beach, FL 33436

[Oh Boy, Fisticuffs....]

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## WANTED TO BUY - ALGER BOOKS

I would like to buy the following books:

*Adrift in the City - Ben Bruce*  
*Bernard Brooks Adventures*  
*Dan the Detective - Luck and Pluck*  
*In Search of Treasure*  
*Mark Stanton - Rufus and Rose*  
*A New York Boy - A Rolling Stone*  
*Tattered Tom - Tom Thatchers Fortune*

Condition is not important as long as book is complete. Would like lower price editions when available.

Would also like, if anyone has them, lazer printed copies of Donahue and Winston dust jackets.

Quote price and condition to:

**Forest P. Porter**  
844 East Uintah St  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
[719] 632-4973

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*The grand essentials in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.*

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## AN HONEST CONFESSION

Some wise man once said: "An honest confession is good for the soul."

Herbert R. Mayes, author of "Alger: A Biography Without a Hero" made such a confession when he attended a convention of the Horatio Alger Society in 1977.

He repeated it later in his autobiographical book, "Magazine Maze", with a more detailed explanation as follows:

..."Back in 1927, while still a newcomer with the Hearst publications, I decided that in my spare time I would do a biography of Horatio Alger, Jr. "The Alger name had long been legendary because of the more than a hundred books had been written about boys who rose from the ranks to achieve some modest fame and fortune.

..."From initial research it appeared that Alger, for all his stupendous output, was a dull man and had led a dull life. If he was dull, the story of his life would be dull and I lost interest. But when the idea was advanced that I might fabricate a biography, undertake a parody of the debunking vogue of the period, I took to it quickly. It seemed something I could dash off in a few months, or even weeks, during evenings and weekends, not interfering at all with my trade-paper job. Unencumbered by facts, I could make everything up. I did make everything up to the extent of giving Alger mistresses he never knew, establishing him in Paris when actually he was still a student at Harvard, having him adopt a Chinese boy who never existed, crediting him as a child with essays and verses he did not write. I put in his mind the notion that someday he might be President of the United States. I had him acquire memberships in clubs and societies he never joined. I attributed to him in early life a speech defect - a stutter - that was a figment of my imagination. With no basis for the statement, I had schoolmates taunting him with the nickname Holy Horatio. Occasionally I had him put on a wig he never owned. To a bibliography of books Alger had written, I added a number of whatever titles came into my head at the moment.

"All of it was fantasy. Neither George Macy, president of the publishing company, nor any of the few other individuals involved thought it could be taken for anything but the spoof it was intended to be. What happened was contrary to every expectation - the book was looked on as a true account of Alger's life and was greeted with mixed reviews. Half of them were disparaging but with no critic at the time questioning authenticity. Since then, almost every biographical dictionary and encyclopedia including the Britannica, has used "Alger: A Biography Without a Hero" as basic source material.

"More than 30 years after my book was born, four other Alger biographies were published. All to no small extent repeating as fact what I made up out of the whole cloth. In the interim, hundreds of articles about Alger also appeared in newspapers and magazines. How, one may wonder, could so many writers, including eminent scholars, have taken so much for granted? The plausible, if not wholly satisfactory answer was the one given by Harry Hansen, book reviewer for the New York World. If the book has been about a historical or literary character - a Bismarck or Keats, for example - Hansen said he would have had some frame of reference for making a judgment; as no Alger biography had previously appeared, he took for granted that mine was a volume that could be relied on." Some may contend that Mayes and Macy, his publisher, should have revealed the fabrications immediately and explained what the rationale was for making them. Such a revelation was, in fact, considered but ruled out for fear of embarrassing some reviewers, who had praised the book, one of whom was Hansen, a personal friend of the publisher, and because Macy was just getting started in the publishing field. Anything at that point that smacked of a hoax was just too much for a young publisher in New York to risk.

Finally, in 1973 Mayes wrote an article in Newsboy telling how the writing of the fanciful biography came about. As a result, demand for the book, which had been out of print for many years, increased to such a degree that another edition was published. With the text unchanged, the re-issued edition sold at ten times the original price of \$3.50.

Mayes joined H.A.S. [Ed. Note: PF-469] and attended just one convention - that in 1977 in Waltham, MA., hosted by Dick Seddon. Standing before the membership at the annual dinner was not easy for this proud, veteran editor who had directed Collier's Magazine and other widely-circulated publications during a distinguished career. However, he won friends for his straight-forward approach to a subject of which he could not speak with his usual pride and personal satisfaction. We don't remember what the dinner menu was that night but Mayes "ate crow."

Actually, many of the facts in the biography were accurate, something that Mayes didn't give himself credit for while apologizing for the trumped-up episodes.

Had Mayes written the Alger story as just that - a story - he probably would not have felt compelled to make his late-in-life confession. In hindsight, Mayes subscribed to what Catherine Drinker Bowen, herself a distinguished biographer, once said: "In writing a biography, fact and fiction should not be mixed. And if they are, the facts should be written in black ink and the fiction in red ink."

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## LITERARY QUIZ

[Our thanks to Bob Royar PF-300 who sent us this Quiz from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Jan. 20th.

The authors listend from A to Z in the left column all have January birthdates. Match them with the work in the right column, which in each case is at least arguably the most famous composition associated with the author, whether it be a novel, poem, play or work of non-fiction. Unless you're a rank amateur, it ought to be easy. A passing grade is 12 correct answers, but 16 correct answers gives you expert status.[Answers found elsewhere in the Newsboy.] Lots O'luck.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ A.Horatio Alger Jr. | 1. THE AGE OF INNOCENCE       |
| B.Simone deBeauvoir   | C 2. ALICE IN WONDERLAND      |
| ✓ C.Louis Carroll     | 3. APPOINTMENT IN SAMARRA     |
| D.Anton Chekhov       | T 4. THE CATCHER IN THE RYE   |
| E.Wilkie Collins      | 5. CHICAGO                    |
| F.E.I.Doctorow        | Q 6. COMMON SENSE             |
| G.John Dos Passos     | L 7. CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY |
| H.E.M.Forster         | 8. THE GUNS OF AUGUST         |
| I.Zane Grey           | W 9. THE HOBBIT               |
| J.Jack London         | 10. THE MOONSTONE             |
| K.Norman Mailer       | 11. MRS. DALLOWAY             |
| L.W.Somerset Maugham  | 12. THE NAKED AND THE DEAD    |
| M.A.A.Milne           | 13. OF HUMAN BONDAGE          |
| ✓ N.Richard Nixon     | 14. A PASSAGE TO INDIA        |
| O.John O'Hara         | A 15. RAGGED DICK             |
| P.Joe Orton           | 16. RAGTIME                   |
| ✓ Q.Thomas Paine      | S 17. THE RAVEN               |
| R.Alan Paton          | 18. THE RED AND THE BLACK     |
| S.Edgar Allan Poe     | 19. RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE |
| T.J.D.Salinger        | 20. THE SEA GULL              |
| U.Carl Sandburg       | 21. THE SEA WOLF              |
| V.Stendhal            | 22. THE SECOND SEX            |
| ✓ W.J.R.R.Tolkien     | N 23. SIX CRISES              |
| X.Barbara W.Tuchman   | 24. U.S.A.                    |
| Y.Edith Wharton       | 25. WHAT THE BUTLER SAW       |
| Z.Virgina Woolf       | M 26. WINNIE-THE-POOH         |

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WELCOME BACK PETER! WHERE'D GO?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Carl;

I haven't been active in the Society since I retired. Miss seeing the "NEWSBOY". Enclosed please find my check for my 1991 Dues.

Over the past twenty years I have accumulated a very unusual collection of 19th Century memorabilia regarding the homeless newsboys of New York City and Printing House Square. The subject of the homeless newsboys was overlooked in history and hasn't been documented. This will soon change. I have been collaborating on a book with Vincent DiGiralomo, a very talented young man who did a Master's Essay on Child Labor, of the 19th Century at the University of California and is currently a Jacob K. Javits Fellow in the Doctorial Program on history at Princeton University. He is also an award winning journalist and documentary film maker who has taught at the University level and has published a novel. Working together we will bring a rare combination of unusual expertise, historical knowledge and literary experience.

We are seeking any information on the homeless newsboys that the Alger membership would like to share.

Best regards

Pete Eckel

PF-555

Glad to have you back Pete..Thanks for the nice words about the NEWSBOY..Waiting for your book...

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Dear Carl:

Reference our discussion this evening pertaining to the revision of the book written by Ralph Gardner entitled, "Horatio Alger, Or The American Hero Era."

As stated in our conversation, a check is enclosed for one copy of the referenced book.

As mentioned, I am donating this book to a local educational school to complement others I have previously given. It is my hope that these books will serve as a source for future term papers as well as the enlightenment of students on the tremendous impression Alger made on the American scene.

Thank You

M.R.[Bob] Royar PF-300  
Fort Worth, TX 76112

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Don't find fault with what you don't understand.

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People shop like bulls; they charge everything.

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## MY COLLECTION/HOBBIES

## LETTERS

## My Collecting Interests:

Stamps, Plates, Railroad Memorabilia, Old Tools, Old Toys, Old Skis.

December 8, 1990

My Collection: I started to school at a one room school house and learned to read when I was five. My first book was a tattered copy of the Young Salesman. I must have read this book a hundred times over the years. The areas of the country where I grew up were somewhat of a desert for Horatio Alger books as I did come across another one for over twenty years. Even then, they were few and far between. By the early 1970's I had acquired only three more Alger books and, although I often attended auctions and flea markets, I had fewer than a dozen titles in the mid 1980's. I now have 83 titles but no first editions in my collection. I have over 150 Alger books, so have many duplicates. I enjoy reading them and have read most of them several times. It is the best way I know of relaxing after a hectic day.

## Additional Information:

I enjoy river rafting and have gone on several Outward Bound rafting courses. I also ski, hunt for Elk Deer and Grouse and Fly fish for Trout. I am also a cabinet maker and build furniture as a hobby. My father was a newsboy in the early 1900's and also a street peddler as a boy. Some of his recollections are very much like an Alger story. My life has had aspects similar to some Alger stories. I started supporting myself at age fifteen dropping out of school and taking a full time job. I continued my education by myself from that date, mostly through omnifarious reading. On reading Louis L'Amour's Education of a Wondering Man, the books he listed as having read are very similar to a listing of those I have read. I started at the bottom of my chosen profession [Hotel Management and Accounting] and over the years I worked my way very close to the top. Over the years I worked at every job a hotel offers, from laundry helper to manager and ended up as controller of hotel accounting for a nation wide company. I became financially independent through investments related to my business and was able to retire at age 50.

Forest P. Porter PF-834

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Dear Carl,

What a pleasant surprise! To find my Rip Van Winkle material in The Newsboy. Thanks for reprinting it.

I have written a musical about Rip. It's called Let Mirth Abound! My brother-in-law, Kenneth Harrow, teaches at Michigan State University [he's been there for over 20 years!] and he is trying to get the University drama department to put on a production of it.

I've also been in contact with the Boarshead Theater [in Lansing] about my work. At one time they were going to put on one of my children's plays but the plans fell through. As it is said, "That's show business!"

But I keep trying. So one of these days, I hope to be writing to you to tell you we're coming out to Lansing to work on a production of one of my plays.

The interest in my Rip Van Winkle research continues. The wonderful part of all the publicity is that people have come forward from around the country -- offering me new information about the real Rip. Each new thread fills out the tapestry of the extraordinary story.

The latest journals to carry the information are the National Enquirer [four million readers!] and Grit, that wonderful family journal out of Williamsport, PA. How is that for disparate? I've enclosed copies and a copy of an article about some new work I'm doing.

Again thanks! The Newsboy is always a special treat. Have a joyous holiday and a bountiful new year. As Rip Van Winkle used to say in that old Dutch toast, "To your good health and your family's May they live long and prosper!"

Your Partic'lar Friend!

Steve Press, PF-164

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*Happiness is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it.*

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*We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.*

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*A good example is a great gift to give others.*

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**SPECIAL CONVENTION INFORMATION RELEASE**

For assistance in making travel plans, a map of Indianapolis and the surrounding area is enclosed. The convention site is the **JONATHAN BYRD'S CAFETERIA & BANQUET FACILITIES** near Greenwood, Indiana. It is accessible from Indianapolis by Interstate 65. Be sure to take exit 99 and go west about 1/4 of a mile. The **INDIANA MOTOR LODGE** is located within walking distance of **JONATHAN BYRD'S**.

For those coming by air or train, you may want to consider a car rental during your convention stay. As a guide, I checked with **ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR** [1-800-325-8007]. Their rates are \$36.95 and \$39.95 per day for compact and midsize cars with 10% Sr. Citizen or AARP membership. Weekly rates with unlimited mileage are also available. Other auto leasing companies in the Indianapolis area that have 800 numbers include: **ACTION** [1-800-833-4117], **AVIS** [1-800-331-1212], **BUDGET** [1-800-527-0700], **HERTZ** [1-800-654-3131], **GENERAL** [1-800-327-7601], **NATIONAL** [1-800-227-7368] and **PAYLESS** [1-800-729-5377]. When you make your reservations, be sure to have all fees outlined and explained to you: damage insurance, fuel refill, airport access fee, etc. **INDY CONNECTION** [1-800-888-4639] offers limousine service from airport or train station to the convention site for \$23. for 1 person or \$32. for 2 persons. This does not include gratuities for the driver. **METRO TAXI** [634-1112] offers taxi service \$20. plus tip plus .50 for each additional person.

We are waiting to hear from you.

Bernie & Marcy Biberdorf, PF-524  
 H.A.S. Convention '91 Hosts  
 5739 Winston Drive  
 Indianapolis, IN 46226  
 [317] 546-7393



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There are a number of book dealers in the area. Winona Eads is furnishing this years' convention bags. She is a member of **Antiquarian Book Dealers of Indiana**. Her specialty is mysteries. Winona's store **FOUNTAIN OF MYSTERY BOOKS**, is located in the Fountain Square area of Indianapolis. Her husband's book store, **ODDS & EADS**, next door has all varieties of used books. There are several antique stores in this same Fountain Square area.

Early reservations have been received. Bill & Helen McCord's [last year's convention hosts] arrived shortly after the Jan-Feb. **Newsboy** came. A reminder to all: Early reservations will help in convention planning. Our committees are looking forward to doing their best for all of you.

Please don't overlook your auctionable items. Send or bring them to the convention with you. Florence Schnell has sent several Qgilvie publications. Doris Butler has donated additional books from the Ken Butler collection including **Frank Gruber's Bibliography** and a Japanese version of **RAGGED DICK**. Keep Auction Chairman Bob Sawyer busy! In the Indianapolis area we have an ongoing radio-TV pitch by Bob Catterson for Dave Mason Buick that goes like this **"OLE' DAVE NEEDS THE MONEY!"** With our **HAS Society**, **"OLE' HORATIO NEEDS THE MONEY TOO!"** the Society will be a good steward in using the funds wisely.

Authors and Publishers: if you haven't done so, please send your **H.A.S. Author Search Form** that was inserted in your **NEWSBOY** TO Judy Roobian-Mohr.

*Friends were consoling the widow of a tugboat skipper who had fallen overboard and drowned. "Dearie", said one, "I hope you were left with something." "Oh I was, she replied, "He left me a million dollars." "Imagine that," said the friend. "And he couldn't even read or write." The widow nodded earnestly and added, "Or swim."*

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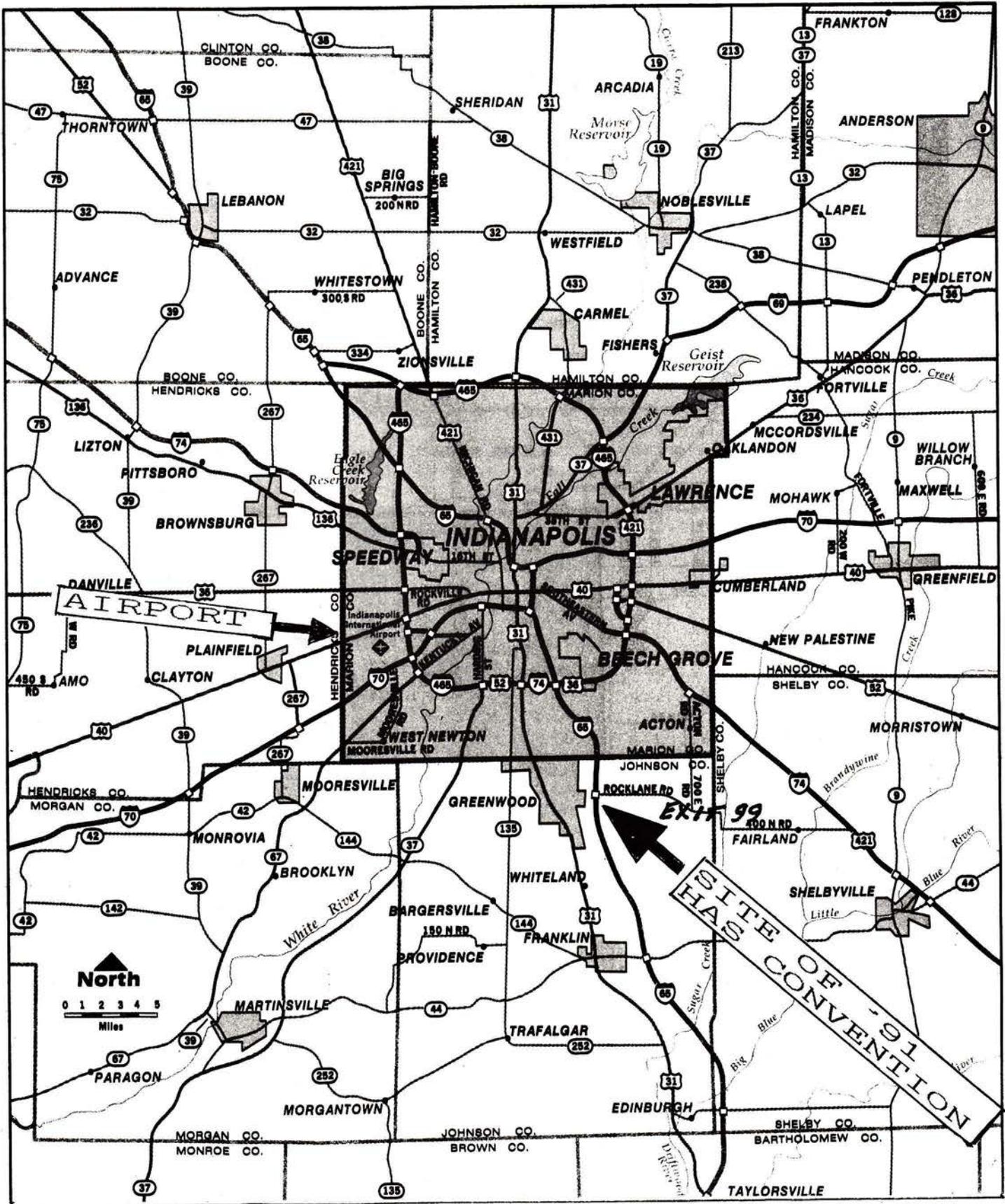
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**"INDIANA BOUND, HOOSIER EDITION"**

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 JONATHAN BYRD'S CAFETERIA & BANQUET FACILITIES  
 AND INDIANA MOTOR LODGE, GREENWOOD, IN  
 MAY 2, 3, 4, 1991 [THUR, FRI, SAT]**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2nd**

2:00 PM: **REGISTRATION:** Hospitality Room at Indiana MOTOR LODGE: get-acquainted time [coffee, pop, snacks]; hospitality room will close at 6:00 PM.

**DINNER:** Eat on your own.

7:30 PM: **OPEN HOUSE** Hosted by Bernie & Marcy Biberdorf and Bob Born at Hartman Hall St. Joseph Catholic Church, 245 Broadway, Greenwood, IN; [approximately 2 miles from Motel]; Pie Social, coffee, punch and fellowship.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3rd**

8:00 AM **DIRECTORS' BREAKFAST MEETING:** Chaired by Will Wright, H.A.S. President; nearby site to be selected.

8:00 AM **HOSPITALITY ROOM OPENS:** [Coffee, soft drinks, snacks]

9:00 AM **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Chaired by Will Wright; **JONATHAN BYRD'S** meeting room.

10:00AM **DUO-PRESENTATION:** BY H.A.S. Members and publishers Gil O'Gara [YELLOWBACK LIBRARY] and Eddie LeBlanc [DIME NOVEL ROUNDUP]

11:00 to 11:30 AM **S - T - R - E - T - C - H T - I - M - E.**

11:30AM **LUNCHEON:** JONATHAN BYRD'S meeting room.

12:30AM **SEMINAR:** by Nancy Missbach, Hand Bookbinder/Designer, Denver

3:30 AM On your own for the rest of the day; visit points of interest in the Indianapolis area

**SATURDAY, MAY 4th**

8:00 AM **HOSPITALITY ROOM** Open until 9:00AM [Coffee, soft drinks, snacks]

8:00 AM Meeting room open for setting up **ANNUAL BOOK SALE & SILENT AUCTION** Bob Sawyer [Overall Auction Chairman] Ann & George Sharrard [Silent Auction Chairpersons]

9:00 AM **MEMBER ANNUAL BOOK SALE AND SILENT AUCTION** Held concurrently.

11:00AM **SILENT AUCTION & BOOK SALE** concludes

12:00AM **LUNCH** On your own.

**AFTERNOON FREE TIME** For excursions, antiqueing, book trading; etc.

6:00 PM **GATHERING:** JONATHAN BYRD'S Banquet Room Reception Area.

6:30 PM **BANQUET:** JONATHAN BYRD'S Banquet Room.

\* Presentation of Alger Society Awards

\* Wright Skit

\* Gardner Quiz

\* Author/Publisher Acknowledgments \* Oral Auction: Jerry Friedland, Auctioneer Carl Hartmann, Dale Thomas and others.

10:30PM **GOODBYES AND "SEE YOU NEXT YEAR"**

## BY-LAWS HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

B. Life membership: Any natural person interested in Horatio Alger, Jr. and/or his works may become a Life member upon application to the Secretary and on approval of the membership committee, and payment of twenty [20] times the yearly dues if paid with the application or twenty two [22] times the yearly dues if paid in yearly installments, become such member, annual installments to be paid in addition to the regular dues.

SECTION 2. The benefits and obligations of the memberships shall be identical as set forth in these By-Laws.

SECTION 3. Membership shall be on a yearly basis to start from the time dues are received.

SECTION 4. Of each member's dues, not less than six [\$6.00] dollars shall be ascribed as subscription price for the official publication which shall be received by each member, and used to defray cost of its publishing and mailing.

SECTION 5. Society roster, bibliography, edition evaluation, index, and other club literature may be printed and circulated to members, as income permits. Also, all members with 100 or more titles are eligible for the "100 Club", for which they are sent an engraved plate for their Alger Society Plaque.

ALL MEMBERS WITH 100 OR MORE FIRST EDITIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE "SUPER 100 CLUB", FOR WHICH THEY ARE SENT AN ENGRAVED PLATE FOR THEIR ALGER SOCIETY PLAQUE.

### ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be one annual meeting which shall include a meeting of the Board of Directors. If necessary, other meetings may be called by the officer. The annual meeting shall be held between May and October each year. Bids for the place and time of the annual meeting for the following year shall be tendered to the Board of Directors and acted upon at the annual meeting by the membership in attendance.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be as follows:

A. To elect and install officers for the following year.

B. To receive reports from officers and committee chairpersons.

C. To present Horatio Alger Society Awards.

D. To discuss any other matters pertaining to the Society.

### ARTICLE III - VOTING

SECTION 1. Only members in good standing [current dues paid] and in attendance at the annual meeting shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. All matters involving the policies of the Society, selection of the convention city, amendments to the By-Laws and election of Officers shall be submitted to the general membership for vote.

SECTION 3. A simple majority of the votes of those present at an annual meeting shall be necessary to amend the By-Laws and to pass resolutions.

In the election of Officers, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes for any given office shall be declared elected.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

SECTION 1. The Officers of the HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY shall consist of the following:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Board of Directors [Trustees]

#### ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall perform the usual duties of such office. The President shall preside at the annual business meeting. It shall further be the duty of the President to secure desirable invitations for the annual meeting as prescribed elsewhere in the By-Laws. He shall serve a two year term.

SECTION 2. The Vice-President shall aid and assist the President in any way possible. The Vice-President shall assume the Office of President during the absence of the later, or at his written request, or in the event of his death or resignation. The Vice-President shall serve a two year term.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall serve for a two year term. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. Keep a record of all funds received and funds paid out by the Society.
- B. Balance the books and prepare a written financial report for the Board of Directors at their annual meeting.

C. The financial reports shall be so arranged as to show separately the transactions of each fiscal year. The fiscal year shall run from July 1, to June 31.

D. The Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Financial Committee.

E. Set up such depository bank accounts as he or she feels required for the convenience of those persons such as the Editor of NEWSBOY, who will have occasion to draw on such accounts.

F. All disbursements of the Society shall be made by the Treasurer by check upon receipt of an invoice, properly approved by the person responsible for the expenditure. Persons authorized to make miscellaneous expenditures out of personal funds may be reimbursed in a similar manner.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors [Trustees] shall consist of the following:

A. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and nine [9] Directors.

B. Three [3] of the nine Directors shall serve for a three [3] year staggered term. The ninth [9] Director shall be the immediate past President.

C. It will be the duty of the Board to formulate Society policy, which in turn will be presented to the membership for vote.

D. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, once at the Annual meeting and once not less than three [3] months nor more than nine [9] months from the Annual meeting.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary is appointed by the President for a term of three [3] years. He/she is not an officer of the Society and has no vote.

The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be as follows:

A. Keep minutes of the Annual business meeting and of any other meeting of the Society.

B. Sign, countersign or attest all official papers and perform the usual duties of a Secretary.

C. Handle all the everyday working details such as tax returns, new membership information, ordering of supplies, prospective member follow ups, and all other matters relating to the HAS.

SECTION 6. Historian. The Historian is appointed by the President for an indefinite term of years. He/she is not an officer of the Society and has no vote.

The duties of the Historian shall be as follows:

A. Compile and keep a scrapbook[s] of newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. that relate to Horatio Alger, Jr. and/or the Horatio Alger Society. This/these will be on display at all Annual Conventions.

B. Revise the By-Laws when amended by the Board of Directors at the Annual Convention.

C. Keep the Horatio Alger Society history up to date.

D. Do research as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Chairperson of any committee shall have the power to replace any member of his committee who does not satisfactorily perform the duties required of him/her.

SECTION 2. The standing committees of the Society and their duties shall be as follows:

A. The Editorial Committee for NEWSBOY shall consist of the Editor, appointed by the President, and such members as the Editor may deem necessary.

B. The Membership Committee shall be headed by the Vice-President as Chairperson. He/she may appoint such other members as he/she deems necessary.

The function of these committees shall be:

1. To increase the membership of the Society.

2. To secure adequate publicity for the Society.

3. To generally promote good public relations.

4. To promote interest in Horatio Alger, Jr., and his works.

C. The Financial Committee shall be headed by the Treasurer and consist of all the elected officers of the Society.

D. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two members to be appointed by the President to examine, submit, and nominate candidates for the offices of the Society.

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

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

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

H. The Richard Seddon Award Committee shall consist of the President and any other person he may choose. The Richard Seddon Award Committee shall select that member of the Society who best emulates the qualities and comradeship possessed by Dick Seddon, and so admired by those who knew him.



## FYI

Twenty-six different states in the U.S. have a city or town named Washington.

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Who was the only U.S. President to graduate from the Naval Academy at Annapolis? [Answer at bottom]

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Oddly enough, all the major events in the life of U.S. President Calvin Coolidge happened precisely on the 4th of the month. He was born July 4th, 1872 [the only president born on the 4th. of July]; he married on Oct. 4, 1905; he became Vice-President on March 4, 1921; he was elected President on Nov. 4, 1924.

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In a strange co-incidence, President Theodore Roosevelt's mother and wife both died on the same day -- Valentine's Day February 14, 1884 -- of completely unrelated causes.

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Only one U.S. Vice-President in history served under TWO different Presidents. He was John Calhoun who was Vice-President under both John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. *Always a brides maid never a bride..*

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[Jimmy Carter]

## ANSWERS TO THE LITERARY QUIZ FOUND ON PAGE 5:

A-15; B-22; C-2; D-20; E-10; F-16; G-24; H-14; I-19; J-21;  
K--12; L-13; M-26; N-23; O-3; P-25; Q-6; R-7; S-17; T-4; U-5;  
V-18; W-9; X-8; Y-1; Z-11.

[From the Hunting Library]

Natick, Mass  
Jan. 1, 1898

Dear Irving, [Blake]

I have been quite busy, or I should sooner have answered your last letter. I was sorry to hear of your illness. Your father's sudden death, and the cares and worry which it brought with probably some extra work will account for it.

I hope this letter will find you entering upon the new year in a state of convalescence. I hope we shall see in a year a greater Irving with a greater income to correspond with greater New York which today comes with being.

As to my last book I wrote it with a special purpose and Walter Sherwood is atype of a class to be found in all our colleges. I never feel as much interest in a rich boy as in a poor boy who has to struggle with circumstances. Walter had pecuniary troubles for a time.

I suppose Youth + Home is dead, and have heard nothing of it of late. Isn't it strange that juvenile magazines + papers don't seem to flourish? By the way Golden Days is republishing one of my old serials, Andy Gordon.

I didn't go to N.Y. to act as judge on Dec. 24, being afraid of taking cold. Besides it was not convenient to go the day before Xmas.

I think I should like to see and read the biography of Lord Tennyson. Have you seen or read it?

I think of giving Tommy a vacation from work and sending him to a commerical college soon. He will be 18 in March. He has been under my charge a little more than 3 1/2 years. I sent John Downie to the same institution at 18. I may not be able to leave Tommy much but I want to leave him a better education at any rate. He is a boy of good ability.

I can't find your letter + may have omitted to answer it fully. I wish you a Happy New Year.

Your Sincere friend,  
Horatio Alger, Jr.

1990 CONVENTION "CATSKILL"



Photo: THE MOUNTAIN EAGLE  
**BOB SAWYER AND JIM THORPE** conduct the bidding at an auction of rare Horatio Alger memorabilia. The event was part of the weekend long annual convention of the Horatio Alger Society.

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