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EVAN BAYH
GOVERNOR

May 3, 1991

Greetings!

It is my pleasure as governor to welcome you to the 1991 Horatio Alger Society Convention. I am pleased that Indiana has been selected to host this year's conference. I hope you experience the warm "Hoosier Hospitality" for which our state is known, and I invite you to visit some of the attractions in our capital city.

As you join together in remembrance of Horatio Alger, his spirit lives on. It certainly is true that in no other country does an individual have the same opportunity to rise through hard work from humble beginnings to wealth and respectability as here in the United States. Horatio Alger will be a symbol of the Great American Dream for many future generations.

I wish you all the best for a successful and productive convention.

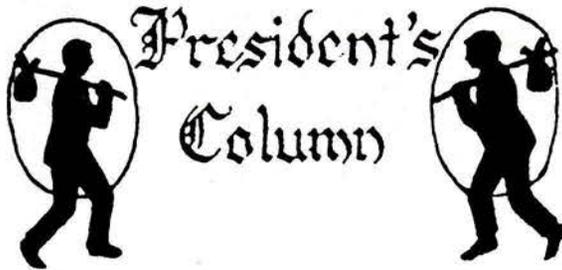
Sincerely,

Evan Bayh

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**CONVENTION
ISSUE**



The twenty-seventh Horatio Alger Society annual convention in Greenwood, Indiana was well received and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Friendships were renewed, and new friends were made. The by-laws were revised and updated.

Our new editor for the "Newsboy" is William R. Gowen, PF-706, who lives at 923 South Lake Street, Apt. 6, Mudelin, Illinois 60060. Bill works nights so if you phone him, do so only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. central time. All members are encouraged to write letters to the Editor. The Newsboy will only be as good as you make it.

Mark your calendar for the first weekend in May, 1992 for the next annual Horatio Alger Society convention to be held in Waco, Texas. Start a special vacation fund just for the convention. Plan your work so that you will be free for those three or four days.

The convention should be attended by every member. Not only do you get a chance to meet other members, buy, sell, and/or trade books, but the policy and direction of the Society is discussed.

More than anything else is the need to get new members whose youth, vitality and vision can best carry the Society over into the twenty-first century. Invite your book dealer, bibliophiles and friends to become a member of our Horatio Alger Society.

The "Newsboy" needs input from every member. Especially members who are unable to attend the conventions can contribute to the Society by sending your letters, photos, experiences, research, news articles to our editor.

Your Partic'lar friend,
Will Wright
16826 US 50, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
[614] 775-3871

NEWSBOY NOTES:.....

Dale Thomas has informed us that there were a few errors in the Alger booklet he donated to the Society and were sold at Indianapolis. If you will return your booklet to him he will make the corrections and return it to you.

Mail to:

Dale Thomas
5397 E. 132nd. St.
Cleveland, OH 44125

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Article published in the Indianapolis News, May 2, 1991.

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

Celebrating the message of upward mobility

By ABE AAMIDOR
The Indianapolis News

It'll be "Luck and Pluck" and how to make a buck as the Horatio Alger Society holds its national convention today through Sunday in Greenwood.

The society, which collects literature and lore about the man whose message was "strive and succeed," was founded in 1961. It numbers 300 members in the United States, Canada, Australia and Japan.

Bernie and Marcy Biberdorf are hosts for the convention. "When I was small, I read a couple of Alger stories, then put them in the back of my mind," recalled Biberdorf, a retired electrical engineer. "But a friend gave me an Alger book about 12 years ago, and I started collecting them."

In a way, the Alger aficionados are akin to "Trekkies," those friends of endless "Star Trek" reruns. They

know all the characters and story lines, plus the value of every first edition. Some Alger titles are said to be worth up to \$5,000.

For those too young even to have had a grandfather who read Horatio Alger stories, the 19th century American author wrote about boys who rose from poverty to wealth and fame through hard work, clean living and luck.

Ralph Gardner, a former New York Times correspondent, has written extensively about his hero. Gardner, one of the guests at this week's convention, says there are some myths surrounding Alger.

"None of the heroes became rich," said Gardner. "They achieved middle-class respectability."

And not once did a young man in an Alger story marry the boss's daughter to get to the top, though in one the

boss's daughter was set to tie the knot five years after the hero moved up in the company.

Gardner, who worked in a blue-collar job five years and later earned an honorary degree from New York University, said he was inspired by the Alger stories as a youth. So were University of Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne, New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith, poet Carl Sandburg and Cardinal Francis Spellman, among others, he says.

Gardner's book, "Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era," includes an extensive bibliography of all Alger stories, such as the Luck and Pluck and Ragged Dick series.

The Indiana Motor Lodge is the convention hotel. A book sale at 9 a.m. Saturday is open to the public. For information about the society, call Bernie Biberdorf at 546-7393.



OR
THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.
By Horatio Alger, Jr.

'Indiana Bound, Hoosier Edition'

The longtime tradition of "Hoosier Hospitality" was never more in evidence when members of the Horatio Alger Society, their families and guests were welcomed by hosts Marcy and Bernie Biberdorf the first weekend in May at Greenwood, Ind. for "Indiana Bound, Hoosier Edition," the society's 27th annual convention.

Although registration didn't officially open until 2 p.m. Thursday, May 2, the traditional "early arrivals" including Ralph Gardner [PF-053] Carl Hartmann [PF-102] and Jerry Friedland [PF-377] signed in at the Indiana Motor Lodge several days in advance. Ralph and Bernie were interviewed by reporters Abe Aamidor of the Indianapolis News and Bob Dillier of the Franklin Daily Journal for articles published in time for the opening of the convention.

As Thursday afternoon rolled around, the hospitality room began to hum with activity as registrants arrived from all over the United States [21 states were represented] as well as Canada. By the time the final registration tally was in, 54 HAS members actually attended the convention, plus 32 additional family members and guests. Eight registrants sent their regrets that they couldn't attend, including Eddie LeBlanc [PF-015] one of the society's most longstanding members, who was at a family wedding. As has become traditional, member Floyd R. Martin [PF-580] of Helena, Montana made his presence felt through the donation of two of his home-grown hams.

Ralph Gardner offered his artistic talents to the society in the form of caricatures of members drawn in the hospitality room, for which they paid a donation. Several hours of work on Ralph's part netted the society treasury \$41.55 on Thursday.



Convention host Bernie Biberdorf presents Jerry Friedland with a videocassette of the film "Hoosiers" for scoring the highest point total on Ralph Gardner's Alger Quiz during Friday night's pie social at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Of course, our love of books [and those of Horatio Alger, Jr. in particular] is the main reason these annual gatherings take place, so as members arrived throughout Thursday afternoon and early evening, a lot of serious wheeling and dealing took place. For someone looking for that favorite volume to help complete his or her collection, the operative question was "What do you have to sell or trade?" Several members had stopped at bookstores en route to the Indianapolis area and had many tales to tell. One store that attracted a steady stream of conventioners throughout the weekend was Good News Books in Rossville, located about 35 miles north of Indianapolis. Even though several of the society's most diligent bookhounds had pored through its children's room Thursday afternoon, seldom did someone go there later in the weekend and return empty-handed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

ALGER NOVELS - ANTIQUES?

In early June, for the fifth consecutive year, Sophia and I will attend the nationally-famous Shakespearean Festival at Ashland, Oregon.

Included in the agenda, during the 4-day stay there, is a visit to Jacksonville, a small quaint town, 15 miles from Ashland. In Jacksonville there is a new and used book store. Surprisingly, in each of the first three years that we visited there, the proprietor had only one Alger book which, in each instance, was a title that I did not already possess, and which I happily purchased.

Last year on our fourth visit there, there was not even one Alger in stock. Realizing my disappointment, the proprietor said: "There is another possibility. We do have an antique store in this town and, since Alger novels are now considered antiques, they may have one or more there. I will call them for you." Returning from the phone conversation, he said: "You are in luck. They tell me they have five Alger books,"

I was directed to the antique store and upon arriving there the owner produced his supply. The four books that he first presented were ones that I now have. But, the fifth, "Strong and Steady" was one that I did not have, and which I readily purchased. To my surprise, not at an antique price, but at a very reasonable used-book price. I was interested to learn that Alger novels are classified as antiques. Would you agree?

We will be departing soon for Ashland and again we will visit Jacksonville. I hope that I will luck out once more and return home with at least one additional volume to enrich my Alger collection.

I regret that I have not been able to attend any of the Conventions. It seems they are always held east of the Mississippi. Would the Society consider a western location, even as far west as San Francisco?

Sincerely yours,
Robert J. Conley
PF-777

BAYLOR

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

May 13, 1991

Mr. Carl T. Hartmann
4907 Allison Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48910

Dear Carl:

This somewhat-formal letter will put on record that the Horatio Alger Society will be welcome to meet on the Baylor University campus (or hold some of its sessions on the campus, as the group wishes) on April 23-25, 1992.

On behalf of Alys, John Cadick (Garland, Texas), and myself, I wish to express the pleasure we experienced from the vote taken at the meeting of the society in Indianapolis on May 4, 1991, accepting the invitation.

I have talked with the director of the Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor campus about using his magnificent building for some or all of the sessions. He is enthusiastic about having the group meet there, for the Victorian aspect of Robert and Elizabeth Browning matches interestingly with the nineteenth-century environment of Alger, his novels, and his readers.

Thank you for welcoming Alys and me so enthusiastically to the meeting. Being there was one of the happiest occasions we can recall in recent years.

Congratulations on doing so much to keep the Horatio Alger Society alive for nearly thirty years!

John will come down to look at the facilities soon. Together we shall lay plans for the program. Please give us your suggestions and your expression of wishes.

Welcome to Texas!

Cordially yours,



Robert G. Collmer
Dean of Graduate Studies
and Research

xc: President Herbert H. Reynolds
Vice President John S. Belew
Dr. Roger L. Brooks, Armstrong Browning Library
Mr. John Cadick

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find my check for my 1991 dues. I almost decided to cancel my membership as I will be 94 years old in July and don't seem to get too much out of it. However, since I am a Charter Member, I decided to continue to help the Society as long as I am able. I am in very good shape for my age, am able to live alone in my own home and take care of most of my needs. Attend Church [First Baptist] each Sunday and play the piano! Continued success to the society.

Yours truly,
Viola M. James PF-165

[and continued success to you also Viola.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bill;

Just a note; I have an item for The Book Shelf in next NEWSBOY:

When I discontinued the Sun Series, I set aside 4 sets of the nine volumes to be made up later for those in the that did not get a set on the first go round. There are 9 Vols., all authenticated as First Editions. They are nine of the earlier stories by Alger that ran as serials in the N.Y. Sun [and Marie Bertrand in the N.Y. Weekly]. The titles are as follows: Madeline, the Temptress, The Secret Drawer, Herbert Selden, The Cooper's Ward [later rewritten by Alger as Timothy Crump's Ward], Manson the Miser [later rewritten as Charlie Codman's Cruise], The Gipsy Nurse [later rewritten as Paul Prescott's Charge], The Discarded Son [later rewritten as Helen Ford], The Mad Heiress, and Marie Bertrand.

I had these bound by Frank Schott before the convention. Due to increases in the cost of binding materials I now must get \$135. for the set of nine 1st Editions. I have two sets left, first come first served.

Bob Sawyer PF-455
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Columbus, OH 43207
[614] 491-5569

P.S.

I am very pleased that you have taken over as editor of NEWSBOY. I am sure this will take the load off of Carl's shoulders and give us a very worthwhile house organ.

Best regards.
Bob

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Judy Roobian-Mohr
Treasurer, Horatio Alger Society

RE: '91 HAS Convention Surplus Funds.

Judy--

As I mentioned in our telephone call this evening, I am sending the surplus funds remaining from the '91 Alger Convention held recently in Indianapolis. The \$140. is the amount that was left over after expenses of the convention were paid.

Bernie Biberdorf PF-524
'91 HAS Convention Host

P.S. Thanks again for doing the **great** job with the HAS Authors/Publisher's project. It was interesting to note the far reaching talents of our members. I am looking forward to the NEWSBOY edition of the list.

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Dear Mr. Hartmann:

In reviewing the last envelope I received from HAS, I discovered this envelope referencing late dues. I had removed the newsletter from the envelope without noticing the small envelope. Please forgive my late dues, and please accept the extra as a contribution to the Society.

We are making plans to attend the convention in Indiana in May and hope we will see you there.

Thanks for your efforts for the Society.

Nina Tegarden
PF-821
Glendale, OH

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Dear Carl,

Once again I see with regret that I will miss the Alger Convention. I still do my best to promote his books - this past week I spoke on the subject to a Juvenile Literature class at Hollins College, where I ordinarily teach a different kind of Classics [Latin, Greek, Archaeology, etc.]

Yours,
Liane Houghtalin PF-699

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

E. Patrick Cordon PF-873
15 Klafehn Dr.
Hilton, NY 14468
Mary T-100+

This is a gift membership from E. Patrick's sister Former member Peggy Roach. A very nice gift if I do say so. E. Patrick also enjoys Photography.

Kathlen Chamberlain PF-874
P.O. BOX 116
Emory, VA 24327
Robert T-4 [703] 944-4542

Kathleen is an Assistant Professor of English, at Emory & Henry College. Kathleen has over 2,000 Juvenile Series Books and is just getting started with Algers.

Harold Crumpley PF-875
3100 Neptune Way
Modesto, CA 95355
Joan [209] 529-7738

Harold teaches U.S. History and would like to acquire some Alger titles to expose him to his students. Harold also collects political buttons.

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While the renewal of acquaintances and early book-trading took place, the Biberdorfs [and most generously assisted by local HAS member Bob Born] were setting up that evening's first scheduled event of the weekend: a pie social in the meeting room of St. Joseph Catholic Church, located a couple of miles west of the convention motel in historic downtown Greenwood.

Throughout the evening, old friendships were renewed and new ones made, most of the anecdotes revolving around book collecting and the "great ones that got away." There was coffee [or punch] for everyone, plus a selection of pie that would put on the pounds just looking at it.

The main event of the evening was Ralph Gardner's annual Alger Quiz. When the scores were tabulated, Jerry Friedland was the champion and was awarded the top prize of a videocassette copy of the movie "Hoosiers" starring Gene Hackman as a basketball coach who brings a state championship to fictional Indian town of Hickory in 1952.

Friday's traditional big event is the annual business meeting, and so it was again at 9 a.m. May 3, with President Will Wright [PF-639] graveling the meeting into session at the special meeting room in Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, a large restaurant-banquet complex located adjacent to the convention hotel.

Wright's first announcement was that Bill Gowen [PF-706] had agreed to become the new editor of Newsboy, effective this summer. Executive Secretary Carl Hartmann has been serving as acting editor. Bill, a newspaper editor himself, made a brief self-introduction and explained that the Newsboy will be undergoing a transition period for the next several issues until new computer equipment, etc., will allow him to facilitate editing and production. Because he works nights, he announced the best time to call him was between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. most days [central time]. Because of a change in the Chicago suburban area code since the publication of the last HAS member directory, his correct telephone number is [708] 566-9217.

President Wright then offered an appreciation on behalf of the society for Carl's outstanding service as interim editor.

Executive Secretary Hartmann presented the membership report as well as the annual treasurer's report as of April 30, 1991 as submitted by Alex T. Shaner [PF-394] of San Jose, Calif. Carl added that Alex had included a note that personal and business commitments had prompted a desire to give up his treasurer's office. Carl then outlined the duties of the position and asked for volunteers. Judy Roobian-Mohr [PF-849] from Columbus, Ohio, volunteered. Her name was placed in nomination by Gordon Huber and seconded by Bill Leitner and Dale Thomas. No other nominations were made and Thomas moved [seconded by Paul Miller] that Judy Roobian-Mohr be the new treasurer for a term of two years. She was so named by acclamation of all members present.

Article from the Franklin (Ind.) Daily Journal, April 30, 1991.

Rags-to-riches author still attracts following

Alger Society convention set for Greenwood

By BOB DILLIER

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The Horatio Alger Society is taking a page from its namesake — that hard work leads to success.

No one popularized that formula more than 19th-century writer Horatio Alger, who wrote 115 books about spectacular rises to success.

Alger sold millions of books between the Civil War days and his death in 1899. Yet today few people recall either the books or his name. Indeed, not one of his books is still published.

The society hopes to inspire interest about the author during its annual three-day convention, starting Thursday, at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria in Greenwood.

The society is still small, with less than 200 active members throughout the United States and Canada, said Bernie Biberdorf of Indianapolis, convention organizer.

But the message counts for more than size in the society — just as it did in Alger's books.

"I feel there's still a message in his books for today," said Biberdorf, who expects 80 members to attend to the conference. "People should do the best they can."

Biberdorf said Alger's books contained several other messages, suggesting people honor their parents, do

what they can for their fellow man, and avoid greed.

Alger's stories were immensely popular at a time when a young America was just beginning to flex its industrial muscles. Fortunes were ready for the making, and it was possible for a newsboy, selling papers on the street, to go on to publish that paper.

But like many popular authors, Alger faded as times and tastes changed.

Although Alger's books have been out of print for years, Biberdorf said society members still manage to scrounge copies. "People go to flea markets and garage sales in search of the books," he said.

Sometimes those books mean big bucks.

According to Ralph Gardner, a former New York Times staff member who wrote an Alger biography, a first-edition copy of "Timothy Crump's War," published by A.K. Loring in 1866, can command \$3,500 to \$5,000. Gardner, who will attend the convention, said copies of "Ragged Dick," which he said made Alger a best-selling author in 1868, can bring as much as \$1,500.

But, conventiongoers shouldn't be scared away by such high prices, Biberdorf said. "There'll be good copies of books there for \$2 or \$3," he said.

The book sale begins Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Auctions of higher-priced books begin at 9 a.m., Biberdorf said.

Biberdorf said the convention would end with a banquet Saturday night to honor an Indianapolis high school student who best exemplified Alger's ideals.



ALGER

The next order of business was the nomination of three directors to fill the expiring terms of Tracy Catledge [PF-507], Bill McCord [PF-360] and Evelyn Grebel [PF-318]. The nominating committee of Gene Hafner, Brad Chase and Carl Hartmann reported that they would have a slate of directors ready for election at the HAS banquet on Saturday night.

The revised society by-laws, which were published in the March-April issue of Newsboy, were brought to the floor for approval. Jerry Friedland noted that the by-laws were legally correct, so it was moved by Ralph Gardner and seconded by Bob Sawyer that the report of the by-laws committee be accepted and that the revised by-laws become official. They were approved by acclamation.

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Treasurer's Report: April 30, 1991

	1990/91	1989/90
CASH BALANCE [BEGINNING]	\$1833.35	\$2139.38
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR:		
Dues	\$2596.00	\$2722.00
Club Auction	1050.00	1455.00
Special Auction Net	743.56	1071.00
Inventory Book Sales	191.75	170.90
Consignment Book Sales	1023.80	605.55
Back Issues	15.00	6.00
Donations [1]	612.76	221.16
Advertising	131.00	32.00
Misc.	24.00	42.00
	<u>6387.87</u>	<u>6327.61</u>
TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE	\$8221.22	\$8466.99
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing	\$2339.96	\$2361.94
Sec/Editor/Postage	3643.00	3727.45
Awards [2]	271.20	160.00
Book Purchases	1049.75	384.25
Directors Expenses [3]	74.35	-0-
	<u>7378.26</u>	<u>6633.64</u>
	\$842.96	\$1833.35

- 1] Donations were high due to the very well run convention turning over \$582.76 to the treasury.
- 2] Awards for '90 cost \$231.20 with \$160. estimated so \$71.20 added to the \$200. estimated for 1991.
- 3] Director expenses were for special projects of Bob Sawyer and Will Wright plus one bad check charge of \$5.37.

Newsboy still costs over \$30.00 per member. We cannot continue spending more than we take in.

Have A great convention.
Miss everyone...

Alex T. Shaner
Treasurer



Melissa Melick, left, a graduating senior at Indianapolis Lutheran High School, receives the "Strive and Succeed" Award from convention host Bernie Biberdorf. The presentation included a check for \$200, a certificate and a copy of Alger's "Strive and Succeed."

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Executive Secretary Hartmann also announced that because of the death last year of HAS co-founder, Kenneth Butler of Mendota, Ill., the society, since it was organized in that state in 1961, must have an agent for legal purposes. John R. Juvinal [PF-537] of Hinsdale, Ill., is now the society's registered agent in Illinois.

Discussion then centered on possible hosts for next year's convention. Because a commitment to host a convention is a very serious and complex issue, Jerry Friedland reminded the membership that it has been accepted practice that next year's convention host to be in attendance at the previous convention. Paul Miller moved [and Judy Roobian-Mohr seconded] that a person volunteering to be the host should send a letter to the Executive Secretary confirming his commitment to serve as convention host. The motion was carried by voice vote. It was then decided to hold the announcement of the 1992 convention host until Saturday night's banquet.

By far the longest and loudest discussion of the annual business meeting involved the society's dues and whether or not they should be raised. Several motions were made on various dues plans and all were defeated by votes of the membership. It was evident that many members did not want the annual dues raised from their present \$15.

to a proposed \$20. However, it became apparent as the discussion became more and more intense that [a] increased revenue was needed to maintain publication of Newsboy for six issues per year; and that [b] delaying the implementation of a dues increase until 1992 would only further drain the society's financial resources.

Finally, new treasurer Judy Roobian-Mohr moved that the dues be raised from \$15. to \$20., with indication that this covers two-thirds of the cost of Newsboy, and that any additional contributions to help defray the production costs of Newsboy can be made on a member-to-member basis. Bernie Biberdorf seconded the motion and on a hand vote the "ayes" were 22 and the "Nays" were 12.

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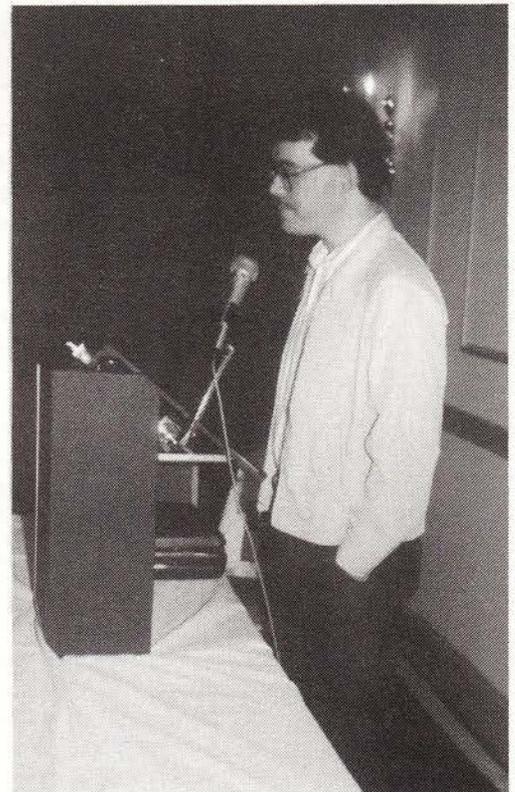
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APRIL 23-25, 1992
WACO TEXAS**



HAS President Will Wright (PF-639), right, goes over the weekend's agenda with host Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524).

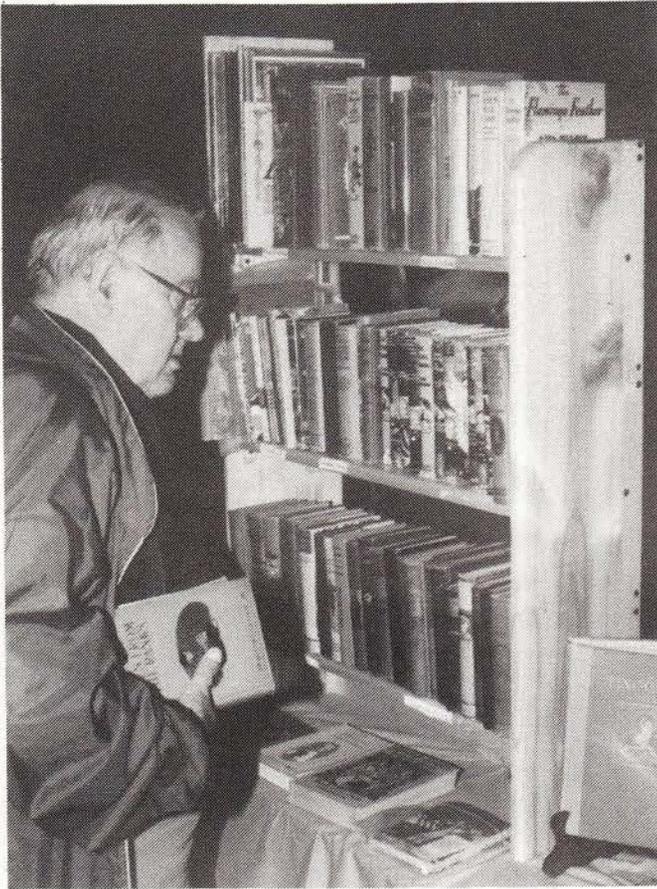


Ralph Gardner (PF-053) and Executive Secretary Carl Hartmann (PF-102) share a happy moment as Ralph prepares to autograph a copy of his newly revised edition of "Horatio Alger, or, The American Hero Era."

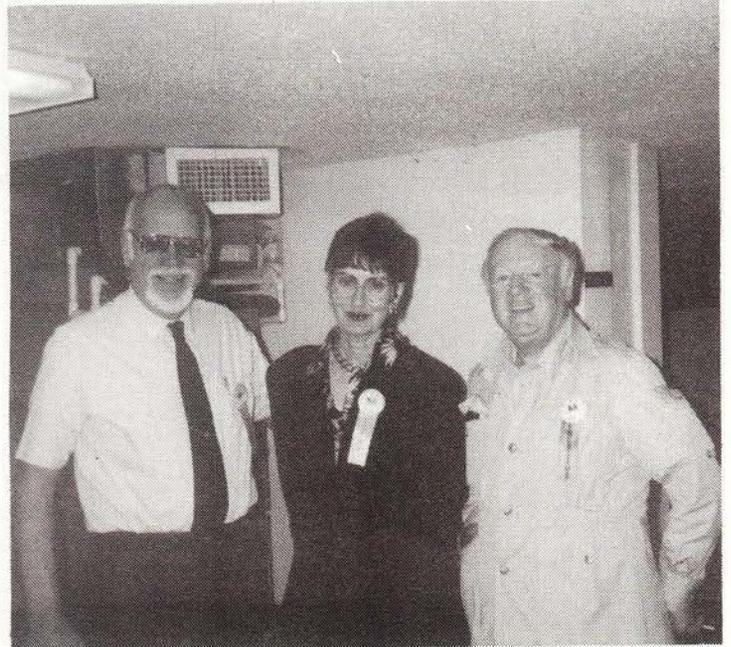


Gil O'Gara (PF-627) discusses plans for the second decade of publication of his magazine Yellowback Library.

A few memories of Convention '91

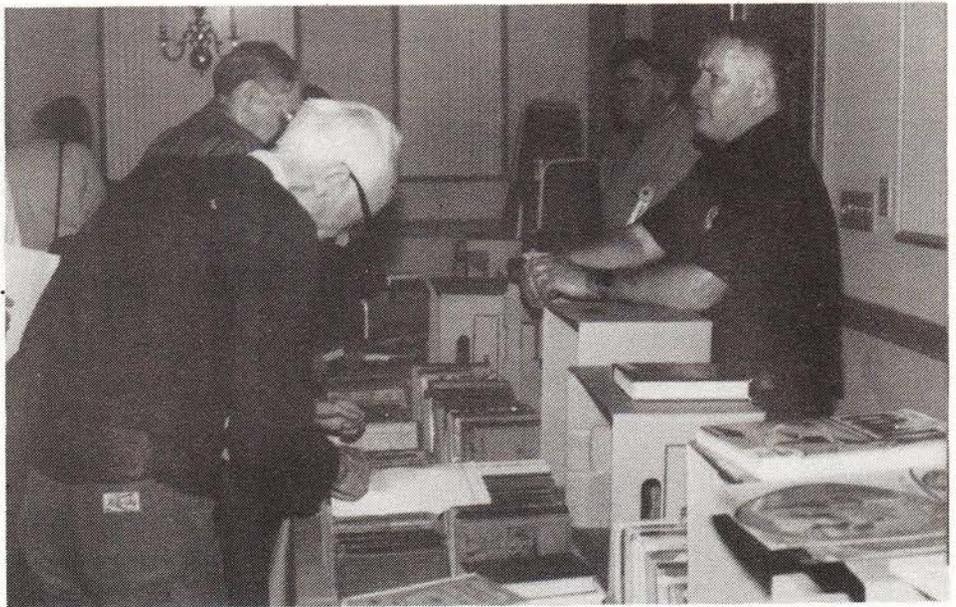


Dale Thomas (PF-315) examines the wares at Saturday's annual book sale.



Ralph Gardner, right, congratulates Bob and Alys Collmer, who will host the Society's 1992 convention at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Collmer is Baylor's Dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

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Brad Chase (PF-412) and his brother Rolfe (PF-602) do business at Saturday's book sale with Tom Brady (PF-836) and Bernie Biberdorf.

**ADS IN
NEWSBOY
GET RESULTS**



Judy Roobian-Mohr (PF-849) is congratulated by host Bernie Biberdorf after becoming the Society's new treasurer, succeeding Alex T. Shaner.



Gene Hafner (PF-175) and Jerry Friedland (PF-377) go treasure-hunting in the parking lot.



Will Wright discusses his favorite author with Evelyn Grebel (PF-318) and Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861).



Jerry Friedland presides over the annual HAS auction as Ralph Gardner scans the audience for bids.

Annual HAS Auction Summary

LOT #	NAME	AMOUNT PAID	ITEM	DONOR
1	John Cadick	30.00	Japanese Ragged Dick	D. Butler
2	Paul Miller	8.00	Cast Upon The Breakers 1st.Ed.	D. Butler
3	Gil O'gara	3.00	Silas Snobden's Office Boy	D. Butler
4	Dale Thomas	20.00	Hugo The Deformed 1st.Ed.	D. Butler
5	Gene Hafner	20.00	A Young Boston Boy	D. Butler
6	Ruth Miller	16.00	Alger Bio Without A Hero.-Mays	D. Butler
7	Ann Sharrard	22.00	Alger Bio Without A Hero.-Mays	D. Butler
8	Joe Slavin	3.00	Alger Bio Gardner, Arco	D. Butler
9	Will Wright	7.00	Alger Bio Gardner, Arco	D. Butler
10	George Sharrard	12.00	Rags to Riches-A Play-Harris	D. Butler
11	Will Wright	1.00	Sedon Souv. Booklet	D. Butler
12	Bernie Biberdorf	5.00	Seeking - 1974 Conv.	D. Butler
13	Ruth Miller ?	2.00	Dedication 1st Church	D. Butler
14	Carl Hartmann	5.00	Lost Tales	B. Sawyer
15	Bill Baach	15.00	Lost Tales	B. Sawyer
16	John Walter	1.00	Horatio's Boys	B. Sawyer
17	Brad Chase	80.00	Bust of Horatio Alger	D. Thomas
18	Ruth Miller	25.00	Polaroid Camera	R. Gardner
19	Helen McCord	10.00	6 Synicated Articles	R. Gardner
20	Gil O'Gara	3.00	6 33-1/3 Italian Records	R. Gardner
21	Rohima Walter	12.00	Ogilvie Book Catalog	F. Schnell
22	Gil O'Gara	2.00	Outing Mag - 1911	F. Schnell
23			Gathered Gems 1889	F. Schnell
24	Nina Tegarden	45.00	1st Day Issue Poster	H. Gravbelle
25	John Walter	3.00	Calculator Ruler & Clock	B. Biberdorf
26	William Palmer	50.00	1st Day Issue Poster	B. Palmer
27	Bill McCord	3.00	American Proverbs	F. Schnell
28	Will Wright	1.00	Irish Jokes & Limericks	P. Miller
29	George Sharrard	10.00	Horizon Article on Alger Pg.62	P. Miller
30	Ivan McClymont	5.00	Ben Bruce - A.L. Burt	L. Bodnar
31	Brad Chase	12.00	Herbert Carter's Legacy	L. Bodnar
32	Percy Seamans	2.00	Risen From The Ranks Burt	L. Bodnar
33	Gil O'Gara	12.00	A Cadet's Honor	R. LeBlanc
34	Percy Seamans	2.00	Rough & Ready Coates	B. Fortner
35	Bernie Biberdorf	1.00	Life of Franklin	B. Fortner
36	John Juvinall	1.00	Telegraph Boy Donahue	B. Fortner
37	Gil O'Gara	2.00	A Dash to the Pole	B. Fortner
38	Milt Ehlert	1.00	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	B. Fortner
39	Gil O'Gara	5.00	The White Beaver	B. Fortner
40	Percy Seamans	2.00	Only an Irish Boy	B. Fortner
41	With #35 ?		Sam's Chance	B. Fortner
42	With #36		Do & Dare	B. Fortner
43	Gil O'Gara	2.00	Friend of Washington	B. Fortner
44	Gil O'Gara	2.00	Amer. Boys Lofe of Roosevelt	B. Fortner
45	Dale Thomas W#/113	1.00	John Jacob Aster	B. Fortner
46	Murray Levin	10.00	Cart a Bag	D. Thomas
47	Dale Thomas	35.00	Minolta Movie Camera	D. Thomas
48	Dale Thomas	70.00	Frank Hunter's Peril 1st.Ed.	D. Thomas
49	Gene Hafner	75.00	Chester Rand 1st.Ed.	D. Thomas
50	Ann Sharrard	60.00	Hector's Inheritance PSC 1st.Ed	D. Thomas
51	Carl Hartmann	55.00	In a New World PSC 1st.Ed.	D. Thomas
52	Nina Tegarden	15.00	50 Unused Alger Stamps	G. Owens

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LOT #	NAME	AMOUNT PAID	ITEM	DONOR
53	Rohima Walter	2.00	1935 Comic Mutt & Jeff	G. O'Gara
54	Milt Ehlert	5.00	4-1940/50's Adult Mysteries	G. O'Gara
55	Jim Thorp	4.00	4-1940/50's Adult Mysteries	G. O'Gara
56	Changed to the Silent Auction			
57	Carl Hartmann	1.00	Angels Never Die	G. O'Gara
58	Clyde Willis	1.00	Death in the Senate	G. O'Gara
59	Marcy Biberdorf	30.00	Water Color "Misty Magic"	M. Bach
60	Hugh Alley	2.00	8 Stereo View-1906	G. O'Gara
61	Jim Thorp	1.00	Ralph Raymond's Hair Min.	B. Born
62	Rolfe Chase	22.00	Luke Walton Hurst Min.	B. Born
63	Dale Thomas	11.00	Erie Train Boy Min.	B. Born
64	Carl Hartmann	5.00	Risen from the Ranks	B. Born
65	Gil O'Gara	5.00	Canal Boy to President 1st.	B. Born
66	Percy Seamans	1.00	Slow & Sure S&S	B. Born
67	Bernie Biberdorf	5.00	Strive & Succeed Mershon	B. Born
68	W/#58 ?			B. Born
69	Will Wright	5.00	23 Algiers NY Book	B. Born
70	Murry Levin	6.00	7 Winston Algiers Ragged Dick	B. Born
71	Percy Seamans	15.00	7 Algiers Winston	B. Born
72	Brad Chase	7.00	9 AL Burt Algiers	B. Born
73	Carl Hartmann	10.00	Facing the World PSC	B. Born
74	Brad Chase	13.00	8 Algiers - Hurst	B. Born
75	Ann Sharrard	5.00	12 Algiers - Hurst	B. Born
76	John Walter	4.00	23 Algiers - Donohue	B. Born
77	Jerry Friedland	10.00	Coll in Col Scrap Book	B. Sawyer
78	Jovinall W/#100	1.00	Boat Club	P. Miller
79	Hugh Alley	1.00	Uncle Ben-Optic	P. Miller
80	Gil O'Gara	8.00	Riverdale Stories	P. Miller
81	Gil O'Gara	3.00	Riverdale Stories	P. Miller
82	Dale Thomas	35.00	Quilt	R. Miller
83	Will Wright	1.00	Young American Life of Webster	R. Walter
84	Brad Chase	5.00	Table Scarf	R. Walter
85	Jim Thorp	5.00	Cushion	R. Walter
86	Changed to Silent Auction			
87	Bernie Biberdorf	5.00	Marble Cheese Board	R. Walter
88	Brad Chase	7.00	Forty Yrs. Forty Million	B. Leitner
89	Will Wright	2.00	B. Brooks - Burt	B. Leitner
90	Brad Chase	2.00	Young Outlaw - Burt	B. Leitner
91	Clyde Willis	15.00	Jack's Ward PSC	B. Leitner
92	Ann Sharrard	10.00	4-Ency. of Collectables	B. Leitner
93	Will Wright	5.00	Cavalcade of Colliers	B. Leitner
94	Carl Hartmann	2.00	34 Canadian Stamps 1899-1947	I. McClymount
95	Carl Hartmann	2.00	38 Canadian Stamps 1948-1967	I. McClymount
96	Jerry Friedland	12.00	Shoe Shine Box	I. McClymount
97	Jerry Friedland	25.00	Youth's Companion 1905	M. Ehlert
98	Jerry Friedland	50.00	Youth's Companion 1907	M. Ehlert
99	Rohima Walter	5.00	American Booktrade Directory	W. Wright
100	John Jovinall W/#78	1.00	Roy Rogers - Dale Evans	W. Wright
101	Jim Thorp	8.00	Headhunters - Solomon Isle.	W. Wright
102	W/104 ?		Bees Get Arthritis	W. Wright
103	Rohima Walter	1.00	Vanessa Ann Pinchot	W. Wright
104	Ann Sharrard W/#102	1.00	With Love From Dad	W. Wright

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LOT #	NAME	AMOUNT PAID	ITEM	DONOR
105	Jerry Friedland	20.00	Jack Armstrong Tapes	J. Juvinall
106	Bernie Biberdorf	6.00	Freddie Martin Tapes	J. Juvinall
107	Clyde Willis	9.00	Amos & Andy Tapes	J. Juvinall
108	Clyde Willis	5.00	Big Band Music Tapes	J. Juvinall
109	Gil O'Gara	5.00	Spike Jones Tapes	J. Juvinall
110	Ann Sharrard	7.00	Harpers Weekly Reprints	G. Dunning
111	Clyde Willis	5.00	Risen From The Ranks Coates	E. Grebel
112	Grinslade ?	4.00	Silas Snobden's Office Boy	E. Grebel
113	D. Thomas W/#45	1.00	Only an Irish Boy	E. Grebel
114	Rohima Walter	2.00	Civil War in Pictures	E. Grebel
115	Gene Hafner	6.00	The Civil War	E. Grebel
116	Jim Thorp	30.00	Erie Train Boy Hurst Min.	W. McCord
117	Bernie Biberdorf	4.00	Silas Snobden's Office Boy	W. McCord
118	Mary Ann Ditch	4.00	Cast Upon The Breakers 1st.Ed.	C. Willis
119	Jerry Friedland	35.00	Rocking Horse with Brass Tag	H. Alley
120	Bob Kasper	17.00	Hectors Inheritance PSC	G. Hafner
121	Hugh Alley	4.00	Alger Plate	B. Chase
122	Milt Ehlert	4.00	The Indiana Home	W. Baach
123	Ann Sharrard	40.00	Lesters Luck 1st. Ed.	G. Hafner
124	Gene Hafner	65.00	Facing The World 1st.Ed.	F. Hunt
125	Murry Levin	75.00	Shifting for Himself 1st.Ed.	B. Casper
126	Rohima Walter	21.00	Book of Indians	B. Chase
127	Mary Ann Ditch	17.00	6 Garis [Buddy Books DJ]	J. Friedland
128	Percy Seamans	12.00	Tom & The War Tank /DJ	J. Friedland
129	John Jovinal	5.00	Lone Ranger	J. Friedland
130	Hugh Alley	4.00	Hoop Crazy	J. Friedland
131	Paul Cripe	20.00	21 Henty books & Algers	B. Baach
132	Jerry Friedland	5.00	Harkaway Series	B. Baach
133	Bernie Biberdorf	11.00	Dan the Newsboy Burt	M.A.Ditch
134	Gil O'Gara	1.00	Powder Monkey to Admiral	M.A.Ditch
		Grand Total	\$1,605.00	

Please Note: Items were taken from the yellow slips, extra money must have been from donations. The items with "?" either the slip was missing or there was no amount or name on it.

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Other items discussed before adjournment included:

--Rolfe Chase [PF-602] expressed his concern over the society's lack of a bigger influx of young members. "I look around this room and see a lot of gray hair," Chase said, adding that the future of the Horatio Alger Society through the end of this decade depends on the recruitment of "young blood."

--Bob Sawyer [PF-455], in charge of organizing the annual oral auction, gave a general outline of the items donated for this year's sale and encouraged all members to bid for items Saturday night.

--Jerry Friedland informed the membership of a fund-raising project created by Dale Thomas [PF-

315] in which Thomas compiled a list of all of Alger's books, including both the first-editions and reprint publishers. The suggested price to members was \$10. for a copy with black-and-white cover or \$15. with a full-color cover.

--Greg Biberdorf [Bernie's son] hand-delivered a personal message from Indiana Governor Evan Bayh welcoming the Horatio Alger Society to the state.

After the adjournment of the annual business meeting, the floor was turned over to member Gil O'Gara [PF-627] of Des Moines, Iowa, who gave a presentation on the past and future of his series book collector magazine, Yellowback Library, which has started its second decade of publication.

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Following a short break, the meeting room was converted into a dining room for a buffet-style lunch, following which a seminar/demonstration in bookbinding and preservation was given by Nancy Missbach, a hand book-binder and designer from Denver Colo.

The rest of the afternoon was designated "free time," which afforded Partic'lar Friends and their guests an opportunity to go to bookstores, antique malls and flea markets in the area as well as visit many of Indianapolis' tourist attractions. Places reportedly seen on both Friday and Saturday afternoons included the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, the Children's Museum, the State Capitol and the Hoosier Dome-convention center complex.

The big event Saturday morning was the annual book sale and silent auction. A detailed account of this event as reported by Clyde Willis [PF-119] follows.

After lunch and free time in the afternoon [including participation in Dale Thomas' annual Kentucky Derby pool], it was time to get ready for the annual banquet and auction, back at the Jonathan Byrd meeting room. For a complete rundown on the banquet, see the report of Milt Ehlert [PF-702] which follows. Also, a detailed listing of the auction results can be found starting on Page 11.

It was a long evening, going well past 11 p.m., so many of the good-byes were said that night. When Sunday morning came around, a heavy rainstorm had moved into the Indianapolis area, but it didn't dampen the final farewells said over a final cup of coffee in the hospitality room.

The parting words were "See you in Waco in '92!"

This report was compiled by Bill Gowen [PF-706]. Details of the annual business meeting of May 3, 1991 were drawn from the official minutes recorded by Ruth Miller.

MEMBERSHIP

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Nell for those who don't know is the better half of our President Will Wright.

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Ken joined us at the Indiana Convention on May 4. Ken has listed a dual Occupation of Teacher/Bookstore. Ken heard of us through "Word of mouth". Must have been good words, welcome Ken.

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Carl is the V.P. of Operations at a looseleaf binder Mfg. plant. He enjoys reading and collecting Algers and swimming. Carl heard about us from Nell Wright.

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Bart is a letter carrier from IL. who heard about the Society from Gil O'Gara & John Cadick. Bart collects many series books his collection is now about 3,000 titles. He is interested in acquiring decent reading copies of Alger.

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Joseph has numerous hobbies including series books and foreign editions. His interest in Alger is curiosity. He is a Network Software Administrator, and is sponsored by Will Wright.

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Ann is a former member who has decided to return to us. She is a retired secretary who also enjoys doll collecting, Bridge and Golf.

WELCOME BACK ANN!**BOOK MART**

1] 1st. Edition-Mint Condition-D/W-Numbered Copy.
HORATIO ALGER, OR THE AMERICAN HERO ERA,
Autographed by Ralph D. Gardner - 1964 - \$50.00 ppd.

2] 1st. Edition-New Mint Condition
HORATIO ALGER, Jr., ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF Com-
ment and criticism - Scharnhorst & Sales-1981
\$20.00 ppd

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RAMBLES NO.9: EDWARD STRATEMEYER

G. A. Henty's Redskins and Colonists [not to be confused with Redskin and Cowboy] is a curious volume; it consists of three novellas all by Henty: "Redskins and Colonists," "Burton and Son" and "The Ranch in the Valley." The publisher is none other than that ubiquitous purveyor of juvenile pap William Mershon. The volume does not conform to the other Henty offerings of Mershon which were for the most part cheap editions. "Redskins and Colonists" is nicely bound and printed with the traditional glossy frontispiece plus three internals. Taken all in all it is a nice Henty book of the period, yet "what is the Stratemeyer connection" you ask? Once again these conclusions are based on surmise and circumstantial evidence in lieu of the unavailability of the Mershon publishing records yet anyone with a passing acquaintance of Stratemeyer's style might agree that my intuition may not be far wide of the mark. After all, my observations are as good as anybody else's!

In his admittedly incomplete book [a bibliography is never really complete I guess], G.A.Henty A Bibliography [1971], Captain Robert L.Dartt notes on pp.112-113 that "Redskins and Colonists" was first published by Stitt Publishing Co. in 1905. ["Redskins" itself was originally published as "The Sole Survivors" as a six part serial in St. Nicholas]. Dartt further describes an almost identical copy published by Mershon. My copy has a Mershon title page, a Stitt copyright date as noted, and a Chatterton-Peck spine. The pagination is interesting: "Burton and Son" covers pp. 1 to 92, "The Ranch in the Valley" pp. 93 to 166, but concluding with "Redskins and Colonists" the pagination once again commences with page 1 and follows through to page 117. The final illustration facing p. 46 in "Redskins" refers to a non-existent p. 209 of the text; similarly the frontispiece refers to a p. 178 of "Redskins." Dartt cites the story "Sole Survivors" as being also published in a volume between pp.167 - 283, probably by Mershon. So it is fairly certain that the Mershon Company published this Henty novella twice, under two different titles and didn't bother to alter the page numbers in the second instance. one can readily assume many reasons for changing the title "Sole Survivors" to read "Redskins and Colonists," yet somewhere within the convoluted history of Mershon/Stitt/Chatterton-Peck the decision was certainly made. The respective title pages of Stitt and Mershon read differently as well.

The "Introduction" is unsigned and undated. It is probably not by Henty, or the publisher would have been sure to print it as such. Did Bill Mershon write it? He could have, yet I know of no instance in which he did any professional writing. Who then was Mershon's prize juvenile author, discounting reprints by Mrs L.T.Meade, Henty, Alger and possibly Ellis? I think the Ellis material was mostly earlier serials anyway and Mershon did not solicit any new fiction from this author. Who would have been the logical choice to pen such a Preface for a Mershon juvenile, and who certainly had more than enough qualifications to do so?

I have read this "Introduction" many times and have tried to do so with an unbiased eye. I won't bother to give you the entire reading as it may provide an incentive to procure the book if you do not already have it in your libraries, yet I cannot avoid the opening paragraph:"REDSKINS AND COLONISTS" relates the particulars of a period of Colonial times of absorbing interest to all." Those of us who do a lot of this sort of reading know that there is an inherent style unmistakable with favorite authors and in this context the word "particulars" is a dead giveaway, as is the pet phrase "entirely a thing of the past" in the final paragraph. One can further detect a certain jingoistic swagger throughout the rest. Maybe SOME day SOMEONE will institute a serious search for the Mershon publishing records and ledger books but until then, based on almost non-existent information, we are all entitled to our opinions. You may think what you like but in my mind there is only one candidate as author of this Introduction to a Henty volume published by The Mershon Company: Edward Stratemeyer.

Peter C.Walther
PF-548
May 14, 1990

In Memory Of

DONALD G. SHINNER
PF-169

March 1, 1922
Belle Plaine, Iowa

November 20, 1990
Missouri Valley, Iowa

Funeral Services Held At
United Methodist Church
Missouri Valley, Iowa
Friday November 23, 1990

Donald was born in Belle Plaine, IA on March 1, 1922. He lived in Clinton for a time before moving to Missouri Valley, in 1938. In 1982 he retired after 42 years with the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He married June Hillman on November 21, 1948 in Grand Junction, IA. He was a veteran of WW-II and a member of the American Legion and the United Methodist Church. Don was active in Scouting and received the Mid-America Council's highest award for volunteer scouters, The Silver Beaver. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow, Lodge #97 and Wood Badge. He helped organize local troop 558 and served as Scoutmaster from 1968 to 1978.

HAS Banquet, Awards and Auction

Will Wright, President of HAS and presiding officer at the banquet asked Brad Chase to deliver the invocation. We then sat down to a delicious meal with ham, roast beef and chicken as main entrees. Floyd Martin [PF-580] of Helena, Montana, as he has done many times in past years, again provided the ham for the banquet.

Following the meal Will Wright introduced the people most responsible for the success of the convention and the new officers. They included: Bernie and Marcy Biberdorf, Convention host and hostess, Carl Hartmann, HAS Secretary and his wife Jean, Bob Kasper, HAS Vice-President, Bill Gowan, new Editor of "The Newsboy," and Judy Roobian-Mohr, new HAS Treasurer. In her report, the treasurer indicated we made \$261.25, a doubling of last years receipts for the silent auction. We also took in \$160.25 from Ralph Gardner's caricatures.

Host Bernie Biberdorf introduced a "True Alger Hero," T. E. Grinslade of Indianapolis." T. E. was three years old when Alger died in 1899.

Gene Hofner, in behalf of the recommendations committee announced the committee's choices for HAS directors for the next three years. Murray Levin, Ivan McClymont and Bernie Biberdorf. They were unanously elected by a voice vote of the membership.

Jerry Friedland reported that the problem of where to hold next year's convention has been solved. Bob Collmer, Dean of the Baylor Graduate School, and John Cadick of Dallas, Texas are committed to hosting the 1992 convention in Waco, Texas.

Judy Roobian-Mohr introduced HAS members at the banquet who have authored books, written articles for magazines or other publications. [Forty HAS members from the entire membership have done some writing for publication.] "Alger Authors" and their accomplishments will be mentioned in "The Newsboy" from time to time.

Carl Hartmann, made two award presentations [1] The Newsboy Award: Given to the person not necessarily a member who has done the most to add to our hero's image. The award was given to Ralph Gardner for his updated version of his book "Horatio Alger or the American Hero Era." [2] The President's award: Given to Nell Wright.

Will Wright presented the Richard Seddon Award, given to the person who best emulates the qualities and comradeship of Dick Seddon. The Winner was Ruth Miller.

Bernie Biberdorf made the final award presentation of the evening, The Strive and Succeed Award which goes to a boy or girl who conforms to the standards described by Horatio Alger, Jr. a typical

Alger hero. The winner was Melissa Melick, a Lutheran High School graduating senior from Indianapolis. Melissa, despite the adversity of losing her father, necessitating extra household and work responsibilities maintained a very good 3.0+ G.P.A. and found time for choir, band, cheerleading and volleyball. She will attend Concordia College in September and hopes to become an elementary teacher. Melissa received a \$200. check; a certificate and a mint copy of "Strive and Succeed".

The oral auction concluded the evening's festivities, Jerry Friedland, head auctioneer, assisted by Ralph Gardner and the recording committee of Carl Hartmann, Dale Thomas and Judy Roobian-Mohr auctioned off 125 items for \$1559. which should help the society meet expenses. Jim Thorp and ?? [Gene Hafner] were auction runners.

Annual Book Sale and Silent Auction

Approximately twenty-five sales booths were set up at the Annual Book Sale of the 1991 Horatio Alger Society at Indianapolis. Individuals working at these booths were mostly Society Members coming from sixteen states and Canada. In addition, a Silent Auction was held where spirited but friendly bidding took place. The Silent Auction netted more than \$250. for the Society.

Algers on sale consisted of first editions [2 Western Boys noted] through reprints of varying values, miniature, Hurst editions, Street and Smith paperbacks, etc.

Ann and George Sharrard were the Silent Auction Chairpersons, Bob Sawyer, the overall Auction Chairperson, had first Editions of his Alger Sun Series for sale. This series contains reprints of early Alger titled publications.

Other children's books [Grey, Hanty, Optic, Appleton, Baum, etc.] and various tales of adventure were also available. In addition, many other Alger related materials were on sale.

Clyde Willis [PF-119]
Reporter

**NEXT YEAR
APRIL 23-25, 1992
WACO TEXAS**