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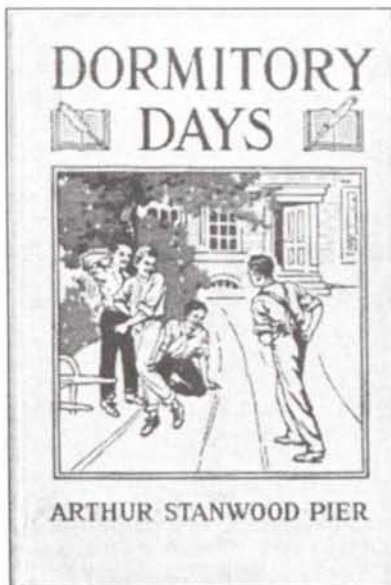
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President Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) greets members and guests at the annual Horatio Alger Society banquet.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



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President's column

Well, the memorable Corning convention is over, but will certainly not be forgotten. It was a wonderful three days of reunions with friends, book hunting through the beautiful Finger Lakes area of New York, attending auctions and seeking that elusive title at the Saturday morning book sale, combined with frequent intervals of gloating over some new treasure found and purchased.

Two outstanding high school seniors received the Horatio Alger Society's **Strive and Succeed Awards** this year. Corrie Sorge, a student at Corning-Painted Post West High School, received \$500 which she will apply toward her expenses at college next year. An honor student in high school, Corrie has cerebral palsy; in spite of being physically restricted and unable to speak herself, at Friday's dinner she thanked the members of the Society using a computer-activated voice synthesizer which is situated at the front of her wheelchair.

The other **Strive and Succeed Award** recipient, Rachel Panasik of Corning-Painted Post East High School, has demonstrated the all-important ability to overcome personal obstacles and hardship to achieve the character and virtues of the Alger heroes. Without family, and living in a succession of foster homes, Rachel achieved honor grades and was an active participant in student government along with numerous extra-curricular activities. She also received a \$500 award which she will use toward her college education.

In the past, the **Strive and Succeed Award** was \$300, primarily financed by Carl Hartmann both personally and through the sale of H.A.S. cup plates. As those with children in school know all too well, \$300 is an amount hardly adequate to purchase a semester's requirement of textbooks in 1995. Also, as it appears everyone in the Society who desires to do so has already purchased one or more cup plates, that source of revenue has shrunk.

However, thanks to contributions by many present at the convention (including money raised at an impromptu auction Thursday night), a total of \$1,000 was collected to be divided between this year's two fine young people.

We would like to encourage the generosity and participation that was shown by members this year in their contributions to the **Strive and Succeed Award**, and to give members not able to attend the annual convention the opportunity to participate in this most

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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 guided Alger's undaunted heroes — lads whose struggles epitomized the great American dream and flamed hero ideals in countless millions of young Americans.

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- Horatio Alger, Jr., A Comprehensive Bibliography*, by Bob Bennett (PF-265).
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H.A.S. was 'On the Mark in Corning'

A report on the 1995 convention

by William R. Gowen (PF-706)

Spring in the Finger Lakes region of New York is a special time of year, and beautiful, sunny weather greeted the large contingent of Horatio Alger Society members and guests who ventured to Corning the first weekend of May for the 31st annual H.A.S. convention.

Hosts Dick and Jackie Pope were ready to provide us with one of the most event-filled conventions ever, starting with registration Thursday morning at the Lodge on the Green in Painted Post, N.Y. and including a special lunch for early arrivals. Elizabeth Whitehouse, a Corning book dealer and book restoration expert, gave a talk and demonstration on book care and restoration.

By the time we were ready to start the formal program Thursday night, nearly 60 persons were already in town. By the time the weekend was over, a total of 80 registrants were in the books.

The Thursday night program was held in the motel's Willow Room.

Welcoming remarks by Dick Pope were followed by refreshments and a special auction of books and other items to assist in raising money for the 1995 **Strive and Succeed**

Awards, to be made to two graduating high school seniors Friday night. The auction and additional donations increased the fund to \$1,000.

The evening entertainment was provided by a magic show given by 14-year-old David Fife and high school teacher Myron Johnson, both of whom did a splendid job entertaining the more than 60 in attendance.

Elizabeth Whitehouse followed with another hands-on demonstration on book care, restoration and preservation.

The remainder of Thursday night was devoted to book talk and meeting old friends throughout the motel, while the H.A.S. auction committee worked into the late

hours sorting through the record number of books donated and consigned for auctions Friday and Saturday.

Friday's activities kicked off early with the annual directors' breakfast meeting in the Arbor Room.

Among the topics covered were the submission of the annual treasurer's report (see Page 8) and the report by the nominating committee for three new directors, whose three-year terms will run through 1998. The three nominees (to be placed in nomination at the annual business meeting Friday night) were Alys Collmer, Carol Nackenoff and Dick Pope.

The directors also discussed future convention sites and voted to meet with interested potential hosts throughout the day prior to making final recommendations at the business meeting.

Also discussed were ways of increasing revenue for the Society. The directors voted to hold the line on dues at \$20 per year but decided on other ways to raise money or reduce expenses. The bequest of \$1,000 to the Society from the estate of Bill McCord (PF-360) prompted the directors to discuss a way of formalizing memorial gifts to the Society from friends of departed members. It was voted to design and distribute free memorial gift



Mark Twain made the short trip from his home in Elmira to entertain more than 100 Horatio Alger Society members and guests on Friday night.

Photo courtesy of Dick Pope

cards to members which will enable them to make donations in a friend or relative's name.

Newsboy editor Bill Gowen reported on a study he is undertaking to see if a second-class mail permit will save the Society a considerable portion of its mailing costs. Bill reported that **Dime Novel Round-Up** currently uses that system with few problems reported. The directors gave Bill the go-ahead to give the second-class system a try later in the year (starting with the November-December issue). This potentially could save the Society more than \$600 per year.

The Friday morning program began at 9 a.m. on the
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Editor's notebook

Another convention is history and the approximately 80 attendees owe Jackie and Dick Pope a large thank-you for making us all feel welcome in historic Corning and the beautiful lower Finger Lakes region of New York.

This issue contains full convention coverage, including a narrative of events, photos and auction results, along with a complete list of those attending. I hope I didn't overlook anyone in putting together the list appearing on Page 6!

Already, we're looking forward to 1996 and the Horatio Alger Society's first foray into Canada. As you can see by the letter at the right, Marg and Ivan McClymont have already started planning for the event.

I have visited Stratford, Ontario on two occasions and found it a positively lovely small city. Ivan's choice of the Queen's Inn will allow us to virtually have this small, English-style hotel to ourselves for the weekend. Being right in the downtown area, there are plenty of restaurants and shops within easy walking distance. There are also several good book stores!

We'll have more '96 convention news in upcoming issues, including up-to-date information on the monetary exchange rate. Our rooms have been arranged for \$55 Canadian, which is considerably lower in U.S. dollars. If you make your reservation by an internationally recognized credit card (Visa or American Express, for example) the exchange rate is computed automatically on your monthly statement.

Now, a couple of items of administrative business:

The 1995 H.A.S. membership roster is currently in production and will hopefully be completed in time to be mailed with the July-August *Newsboy*. We apologize for the delay, but with the computerization of our membership database, we can now move ahead with our goal of providing a new roster annually. In recent years, it has been produced every three years, which is totally inadequate because of the constant changes in membership.

One item always listed in the roster is each member's anniversary month (the month he or she joined the Society). The purpose of this listing is to act as a reminder when your annual dues are due.

I bring up this point because Executive Secretary Rob Kasper reports that at present there is an unusual number of members whose dues are in arrears — some by a year or more. We enclose a "reminder slip" in the issue

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bill:

We have arranged the May 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1996 dates for the Alger convention. By changing the date from our original offer, we were unable to hold the convention in either our first or second choice of inns — Victoria Inn and Festival Inn. However, the Queen's Inn at Stratford, 161 Ontario Street, has adequate facilities. While the Inn is located downtown and is quite old, it has been modernized inside; the seven or eight rooms we inspected were quite nice.

They will hold all 30 of their rooms until March 15, 1996 and 10 rooms will be held by 23 Albert Place, across the street and around the corner (two minutes walk) for any overflow.

Stratford is a city of 25 to 30 thousand in the heart of Southwestern Ontario's farm belt and is neat, clean and safe.

We are well on our way to making the other arrangements for the convention and will send you a tentative agenda as soon as possible.

Room rates are \$55.00 Canadian at both places. Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast and fruit for the Thursday night reception as well as Friday night supper in the Varna area will be included in the registration fee.

We will try to keep the hospitality room open much more than in Corning but will have less extra activities planned. At present we feel we can keep the registration fee to around \$50.00 U.S. but will need some margin to make up for the rise in the Canadian dollar. This problem makes it much harder to come up with an accurate budget.

We would ask the Society to arrange for any extra fund-raising for the student bursary as we feel we have enough to look after now. We of course can arrange for choosing a recipient.

Trusting this meets your expectations,

Striving to Succeed in Stratford,
Ivan (PF-722) and Marg McClymont
R.R. 1
Varna, Ontario
Canada NOM 2RO

Dear Bill:

Once again, the annual convention has come and gone. And, once again, it was even better than the year before. I had a wonderful time this year, and I wish to extend my deepest thanks to H.A.S. for the Richard R. Seddon Award. Although I did not have the opportunity to know Dick, I have heard stories of him from many of the members who did. I will do my very best to live

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President's column

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worthwhile cause. So it was voted at the annual business meeting that in the future, the annual dues renewal notice enclosed in **Newsboy** will include an extra line which will give the member the option of making a contribution over and above the annual \$20 Society dues.

The slip will offer a choice of \$5, \$10, \$20 or "other." With more than 230 dues-paying members in the Society, if we each even added \$5 we would raise well in excess of \$1,000 per year for some deserving and hard-working boy or girl.

Still another alternative exists to contribute to the **Strive and Succeed Award** fund. This is the first year in which I saw members contribute books to the annual auction with the notation that the money raised from their sale go to the **Strive and Succeed Award**. Next spring, when you send books or related items for the auction, just make that notation.

It was heartwarming to see the looks and faces of this year's award winners; let's aim to put that look on another's face next year.

Your partic'lar Friend,
Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861)
4657 Mason St.
Omaha, NE 68106

Editor's notebook

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of the anniversary month when the dues come due and if we get no response, we eventually send a "last issue" notice. What concerns us is that of those receiving notices, many are among our most active members. So if you haven't sent in your dues, please do so now!

Also, later this summer, our dues notices will be revised to include a space for optional donations toward the H.A.S. **Strive and Succeed Award**. For more details, read the President's Column beginning on Page 2.

This has been a busy spring for conferences. I attended the annual **American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association** meeting in Philadelphia in early April and then spent an enjoyable two days at Don Phelps' **Series Book Quest at Plymouth Rock** the weekend prior to the H.A.S. convention in Corning.

Because of work commitments, I was unable to attend the June 9-10 Library of Congress symposium on American popular fiction in Washington, D.C. I'll try to put together a report on this event for the next issue.

I hope you enjoy reading about Corning '95 in this issue and that it sparks your interest in Stratford '96.



Strive and Succeed co-winner Rachel Panasik, right, is introduced by convention host Dick Pope.

Photo by Joseph T. Slavin III

'Strive and Succeed' winners display Alger heroes' virtues

Alger's young heroes had a common trait: they overcame great odds to become valued members of society.

The 1995 **Strive and Succeed Award** winners, Corrie Sorge from Corning-Painted Post West High School and Rachel Panasik of Corning-Painted Post East High School, both graduating seniors, indeed fit that model.



Co-recipient Corrie Sorge

"Corrie has overcome tremendous physical difficulties as she worked to attain an average of above 90 in difficult college entrance courses," says her guidance counselor, Marshall Updike. "She is physically challenged with cerebral palsy...but her enthusiasm and spirit have been an inspiration to both students and faculty at West High. Corrie is a shining example of how a person with spirit and desire can overcome obstacles."

Rachel, who ranked 47 out of a class of 182 students and like Corrie is going to college in the fall, overcame an unstable home environment to be one of her school's senior leaders, including student government, key club, yearbook, track and hospital volunteers.

"Rachel demonstrates integrity, academic ability, friendliness and concern for others," says her guidance counselor, Debra Mitchell. "I am confident in her ability to succeed at the collegiate level."

'On the Mark in Corning' registration list

Jack Bales (PF-258) Fredericksburg, Va.	Carl T. Hartmann (PF-102) Lansing, Mich.	Michele Levin Jenkintown, Pa.	Jackie Pope Corning, N.Y.
Bob Bennett (PF-265) Congers, N.Y.	Jean Hartmann (PF-710) Lansing, Mich.	Adam Levin Jenkintown, Pa.	Lawrence R. Rice (PF-757) Maine, N.Y.
Luciana Bennett Congers, N.Y.	Samuel T. Huang (PF-963) DeKalb, Ill.	Rebecca Levin Jenkintown, Pa.	Vivian R. Rice Maine, N.Y.
Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524) Indianapolis, Ind.	Gordon Huber (PF-843) Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Jeff Looney (PF-903) Princeton, N.J.	Lorraine Rogers Auburn, N.Y.
Marcy Biberdorf Indianapolis, Ind.	Jeanne Huber Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Judy Looney Princeton, N.J.	Bob Routhier (PF-889) Flint, Mich
John Cadick (PF-858) Carland, Texas	Robert G. Huber (PF-841) Madison, Wisc.	Van Daele Mabrito (PF-883) San Antonio, Texas	Jeannette L. Routhier Flint, Mich.
Bradford S. Chase (PF-412) Enfield, Ct.	B. J. Hughes (PF-617) Watertown, N.Y.	Rauzia Nell Mabrito San Antonio, Texas	Ann Sharrard (PF-325) Gainesville, Fla.
Alys Collmer (PF-956) Waco, Texas	John R. Juvinal (PF-537) Hinsdale, Ill.	Ivan McClymont (PF-722) Varna, Ontario, Canada	George Sharrard Gainesville, Fla.
Robert Collmer (PF-866) Waco, Texas	Krista Juvinal Hinsdale, Ill.	Marg McClymont Varna, Ontario, Canada	Joseph T. Slavin (PF-880) Arlington, Va.
Donald L. Cripe (PF-919) Bremen, Ind.	Cara Juvinal Hinsdale, Ill.	Paul F. Miller (PF-351) Vienna, Ohio	Angelo Sylvester (PF-928) Tamworth, N.H.
Paul A. Cripe (PF-633) Bremen, Ind.	Juanita Durkin Justice, Ill.	Ruth W. Miller (PF-894) Vienna, Ohio	Mary Sylvester Tamworth, N.H.
Christine DeHaan (PF-773) Wayland, Mich.	Patrick Durkin Justice, Ill.	Janice Morley (PF-957) Fremont, Calif.	Peter C. Walther (PF-548) Walden, N.Y.
Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) Omaha, Neb.	Robert E. Kasper (PF-327) Media, Pa.	Michael Morley (PF-934) Fremont, Calif.	Rohima Walter (PF-160) Lafayetts, Ind.
John T. Dizer (PF-511) Utica, N.Y.	Gil Kapelman (PF-544) New Canaan, Ct.	Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) Swarthmore, Pa.	John Walter Lafayette, Ind.
Milton F. Ehlert (PF-702) Grand Rapids, Mich.	Robert Kersch (PF-946) Great River, N.Y.	Bart J. Nyberg (PF-879) Downers Grove, Ill.	Dee Warner Albany, Ohio
Carol Ehlert Grand Rapids, Mich.	Edward LeBlanc (PF-015) Fall River, Mass.	Alice B. Owens Palmyra, Va.	Marc Williams (PF-958) Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Douglas Fleming (PF-899) Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Rita LeBlanc Fall River, Mass.	George W. Owens (PF-586) Palmyra, Va.	Tracy Williams Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Jerry B. Friedland (PF-376) Monsey, N.Y.	Neil Lerner Mansfield, Pa.	Iddo Pittman, Jr. (PF-962) Hammond, La.	Nell Wright (PF-639) Chillicothe, Ohio
Stephen Gillette (PF-465) Watkins Glen, N.Y.	Rachelle Lerner Mansfield, Pa.	Kathleen Pittman Hammond, La.	Arthur P. Young (PF-941) DeKalb, Ill.
William R. Gowen (PF-706) Mundelein, Ill.	Murray D. Levin (PF-851) Jenkintown, Pa.	Richard L. Pope (PF-740) Corning, N.Y.	TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 79 H.A.S. MEMBERS: 51

MEMBERSHIP

New members:

Iddo Pittman, Jr. (PF-962)

122 College Drive

Hammond, La. 70466

(504) 345-4116

Iddo, who with his wife Kathleen attended the just-concluded H.A.S. convention in Corning, N.Y., has 85 Alger titles in his collection. An attorney, his other hobbies are flying and woodworking.

Samuel T. Huang (PF-963)

818 Dorken Lane

DeKalb, IL 60115

(815) 753-0255 (bus.)

Sam, curator of rare books at Northern Illinois University Library, the official H.A.S. repository, has decided to join the Society as an individual member.

Jim E. Davidson (PF-964)

P.O. Box 2456

Batesville, AR 72503

(501) 698-1415

Jim, whose occupation is computers, collects and trades juvenile series books as a hobby. He learned about the Society from Bob Finnan (PF-947).

Change of address:

Ann Sharrard (PF-325)

6292 124th Ave.

Fennville, MI 49408

Daniel A. Wujek (PF-930)

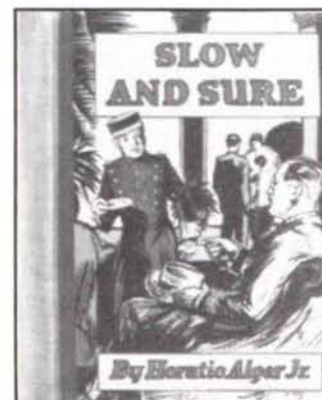
2323 Sweet Drive

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Donations: Murray D. Levin (PF-851), John Walter and Donald L. Cripe (PF-919)

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(May 1, 1994 - April 30, 1995)

INCOME

Auction	\$1,189.50
Advertisements	10.00
Bequest	1,000.00
Caricatures	80.00
Donations	142.26
Dues	3,275.50
Life membership	400.00

Gross Sales:

Newsboy back issues	65.00
Bales book	10.00
Dan pictures	10.00
"Mabel Parker"	82.50
Membership pin	15.00
Paid ads	96.00
Plates	64.00
"Road to Success"	15.00
H.A.S. tiles	28.00
Total Gross Sales	385.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,482.76

EXPENSES

Auction proceeds/commissions	\$504.05
Advertising	93.31
Books	83.00
Convention supplies	33.54
Convention expenses	233.60
Dining out	24.27
Newsboy misc. expenses	177.98
Newsboy printing	2,326.20
Newsboy mailing (postage)	1,268.75
Office expense	6.00
Photo supplies/processing	117.60

Misc. Postage:

UPS	27.00
U.S. Mail	123.35
Total misc. postage	150.35
Misc. printing	75.49

Reimbursement	233.97
Exec. secretary's expenses	638.39

Taxes:

Misc. taxes	5.00
Total taxes	5.00
Telephone expenses	207.93

TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,155.16

Net income for reporting period \$327.60

Balance sheet as of April 30, 1994

ASSETS

Account	Balance
Cash and bank accounts	
Jefferson Bank	\$2,000.00
Operating account	533.56
Total cash and bank accounts	2,533.56

Other assets

Exchange	0.00
Total other assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,533.56

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	2,533.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,533.56

Submitted by Murray D. Levin, Treasurer

May 5, 1995

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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up to the principles and tradition of the award.

I am really looking forward to our Canadian convention next year. I'm sure that Ivan and Marg will put on a great convention.

Thanks again to H.A.S. I'll see you all next year.

Sincerely,
John Cadick (PF-858)
P.O. Box 495578
Garland, Texas 75049-5578

'On the Mark in Corning'

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second floor of the Willow Building, with the first presentation by Dr. Arthur P. Young, Director of Libraries at Northern Illinois University, who spoke on the development of the Horatio Alger Society Repository just completing its first year of existence at NIU.

Dr. John T. Dizer followed with a talk (illustrated with slides) on Howard R. Garis, who lived in the Binghamton area and was author of such wide-ranging books as the Uncle Wiggily Stories and (for the Stratemeyer Syndicate), most of the Tom Swift books.

Following a short break, the room was set up for the first auction of the weekend. The three-hour event drew spirited bidding throughout, the high bids of the day \$110 for a signed final page of an Alger letter from the Bill McCord donation and a first edition of *Luke Walton* from the Jack Schorr collection, which also drew a high bid of \$110.

Jerry Friedland did yeoman work as auctioneer despite back spasms that caused him to have to work from a chair much of the time. John Cadick took over for portions of both Friday's and Saturday's auctions as Jerry was given an ovation by members present for sticking it out despite severe pain.

The auction was halted shortly after 1 p.m. to allow the many members who had signed up to visit the Rockwell Museum in a special tour under the direction of founder Bob Rockwell.

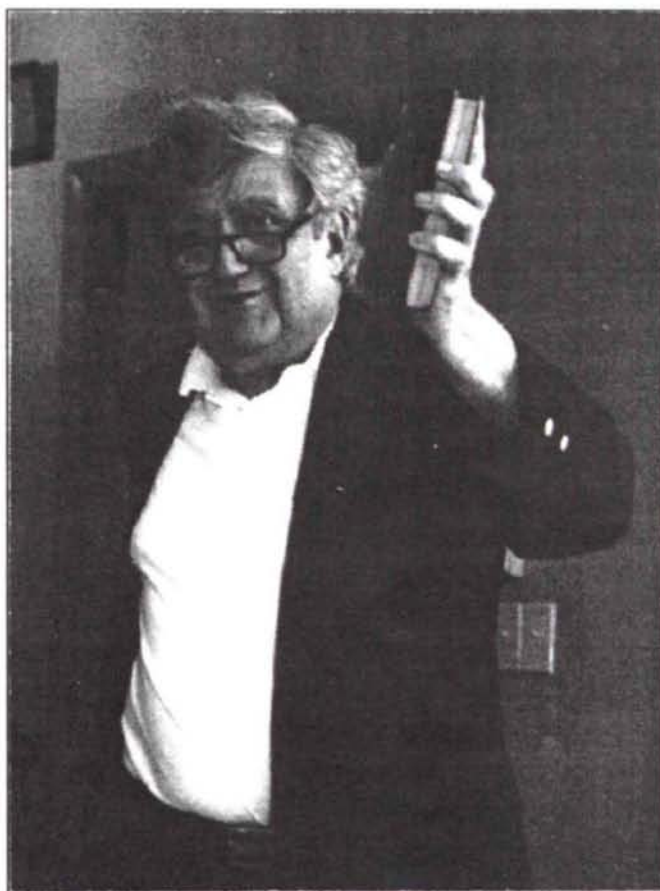
The Rockwell Museum tour was immediately followed by a comprehensive tour of the Corning Glass Center (including the Steuben factory and the Corning Museum of Glass).

Beginning at 5:15 p.m., Dick and Jackie Pope hosted a wine and cheese reception at their retail store, The Glass Menagerie, on historic Market Street. Dick's Books of Marvel store on the second floor was also open to members throughout the reception.

Friday night's dinner was held at Corning's finest Italian restaurant, Sorge's, located a few blocks west on Market Street. This turned out to be the most well-attended event of the convention, with 101 persons filling the second-floor dining room to capacity.

The evening's entertainment was provided by a "special guest" who turned out to be none other than Mark Twain! He decided to ride the train over from his home in nearby Elmira to provide his own brand of "Strive and Succeed" philosophy. It was a fantastic performance. Just prior to this special appearance, historian Robert Jerome gave an overview on the historic connection between Elmira and Mark Twain.

The major event of the evening was the presentation of the **Strive and Succeed Awards** to two area students:



Jerry Friedland puts another book up for bid during the two days of auctions at the '95 convention. More than \$4,700 was bid over the two days, with nearly \$3,000 going to the Society. Photo by Joseph T. Slavin III

Corrie Sorge of Corning-Painted Post West High School and Rachel Panasik of Corning-Painted Post East High School. Both were accompanied by family members and friends for this very important night in their lives and they were given a warm standing ovation by the audience.

The annual business meeting was brief, with President Mary Ann Ditch reading the nominees for new directors, to be voted on by the full membership at Saturday night's banquet. Also, the 1996 Convention Site Committee reported that Ivan and Marg McClymont had volunteered to host next year's convention in Stratford, Ontario. This would also be voted on formally at the following night's banquet.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and was a perfect setting for The Great Corning Book Sale in the Lodge on the Green's Willow Building. The two-hour event was followed by Part 2 of the auction. More than 150 lots were sold over the following two and one-half hours, including the bulk of the Bill McCord collection, donated by his wife Helen. The full proceeds from Bill's

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books and memorabilia (a total of 93 lots) brought the Society \$1,580.

Also donated to the Society were several first editions by Raymond Murray (PF-546), along with the Jack Schorr estate consignment (which brought a total of \$1,564 in 78 lots, with the Society receiving a \$234.60 commission; another consignment of 20 lots from Gared L. Kirkpatrick, plus several individual consignments.

These are in addition to the annual fund-raising auction of donated items held following the banquet on Saturday. A total of 80 lots brought the Society \$748.

For a complete auction summary, see Pages 12-15.

Saturday afternoon was free for book-hunting or relaxing around the motel. Several members who had not already done so earlier in the weekend, drove to various book stores and antique malls within a 50-mile area. Others visited the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport and other tourist attractions.

The annual H.A.S. Banquet was held in the Blossom Room, starting at 6:30 p.m. A total of 84 members and guests attended.

The evening began with the invocation by Brad Chase, followed by a dinner of baked scrod New Brunswick or baked chicken Chablis.

Following dessert, host Dick Pope gave thanks to those who had helped him throughout the weekend: his wife Jackie and Jane McGarry of Corning, the latter taking two days' off work to assist in the hospitality room, reception and other events throughout the weekend. She and her husband Dave were guests of the Society at the banquet.

Dick also read a card of thanks from **Strive and Succeed Award** winner Corrie Sorge and mentioned that she and co-award winner Rachel Panasik and convention volunteer Jane McGarry had been given honorary one-year memberships in the Society.

Dick then presented President Mary Ann Ditch with "Guardian Angel No. 1," a signed and numbered (first in sequence) edition of the official 1995 convention souvenir.

The annual awards presentation followed, with Brad Chase awarding the 1995 **Newsboy Award** to Samuel T. Huang, curator of rare books at Northern Illinois University, for his tireless work in making the H.A.S. repository a reality.

The **Dick Seddon Award** was presented by last year's winner, John Juvinall, to John Cadick, co-host of the 1992 convention in Waco, Texas.

Mary Ann Ditch gave the **President's Award** to 1994 convention co-hosts Chris DeHaan and Milt Ehler.

Mary Ann then presided over the completion of



Former Executive Secretary Carl Hartmann, left, renews acquaintances with former President Bob Bennett and his wife Luciana during the Saturday morning book sale.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Friday's business meeting, which had two main items on the agenda: the new directors and 1996 convention.

The three new directors, Alys Collmer (PF-956), Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) and Dick Pope (PF-740) were elected by acclamation and Ivan (PF-722) and Marg McClymont were also voted unanimously as 1996 convention hosts, the event to be held in Stratford, Ontario.

Also voted unanimously was an annual H.A.S. membership in the Friends of Northern Illinois Library for an annual fee of \$100.

As the final order of business, Mary Ann called for and received a full round of applause to hosts Dick and Jackie Pope for putting on one of the most successful conventions ever.

The evening's entertainment was a presentation by Gary A. Yoggy, Professor of History at Corning Community College and a vice president of the Popular Culture Association, titled "The Golden Age of Radio."

After playing a taped montage of the openings of vintage radio dramas and comedy shows, Gary was joined by reenactors Marilyn and Mia Filapetti in a live "Baby Snooks" radio skit.

The final event of the evening was the members' auction, which, as already mentioned, raised \$748 for the Society. Several of the lots, including a large group of Edward Stratemeyer books, were donated by Nell Wright, wife of late H.A.S. president Will Wright, in order that the money raised would be earmarked for the **Strive and Succeed** scholarship award.

Although the hour was late, many members stayed up talking books and their convention experiences.

The final event was Sunday morning's breakfast in the Willow Room. There were plenty of opportunities to say good-bye until '96 in Stratford.



Prof. Gary A. Yoggy, right, and Marilyn and Mia Filapetti reenact a "Baby Snooks" skit as part of a "Golden Age of Radio" presentation at the banquet. Photo by Joseph T. Slavin III



John Dizer, Jack Bales and Eddie LeBlanc get together in the lounge.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Convention glimpses

H.A.S. President Mary Ann Ditch, middle, with Jeanne and Bob Huber in Books of Marvel during Thursday afternoon's reception.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Paul and Ruth Miller enjoy a relaxed moment during Saturday's book sale. Photo by Bernie Biberdorf



Northern Illinois University Director of Libraries Arthur Young reports on the NIU/Alger repository library.

Photo by Joseph T. Slavin III

Annual H.A.S. convention fund-raising auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Three Alger books	Mary Ann Ditch	Bob Routhier	\$31.00	Red pepper relish (pint)	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	\$4.00
Homemade pig	Alice Owens	Angelo Sylvester	14.00	Red pepper relish (pint)	Ruth Miller	Larry Rice	4.00
Homemade banner	Marcy Biberdorf	Jerry Friedland	15.00	Red pepper relish (pint)	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	8.00
Three Dave Dawson books	Bernie Biberdorf	George Owens	5.00	Old time radio tapes (misc.)	John Juvinall	Jerry Friedland	15.00
1991 Conv. Souvenirs	Bernie Biberdorf	Alys Collmer	5.00	Old time radio tapes (misc.)	John Juvinall	Carl Hartmann	3.00
Gleason's w/Alger stories	Milt Ehler	Mary Ann Ditch	35.00	"Fibber McGee & Molly" tapes	John Juvinall	John Cadick	6.00
Newsboy Statue plate	B.J. Hughes	Jerry Friedland	15.00	"Jack Benny" 1st/last shows	John Juvinall	Marc Williams	5.00
Nautilus Alger book set	Chris DeHaan	Janice Morley	10.00	"Casey, Crime Photographer"	John Juvinall	Marc Williams	6.00
Ballou's ("Sink or Swim")	Chris DeHaan	Carol Nackenoff	6.00	"My Favorite Husband"	John Juvinall	Michael Morley	6.00
Seven Donohue Algers	Nell Wright	George Sharrard	15.00	"Amos & Andy" tapes	John Juvinall	Jerry Friedland	10.00
Six Donohue/Hurst Algers	Nell Wright	Larry Rice	20.00	"From Newsboy to Preacher"	Brad Chase	Chris DeHaan	2.00
Six Donohue Algers	Nell Wright	George Sharrard	10.00	"Boys of Fort Schuyler"	Brad Chase	Marc Williams	3.00
Two Algers (Burt/Winston)	Nell Wright	Larry Rice	6.00	"Two Young Patriots"	Brad Chase	Marc Williams	3.00
Two Donohue Algers	Nell Wright	Larry Rice	15.00	Bag of buttons	Rohima Walter	Jeanette Routhier	5.00
"Frank Merriwell's 'Father'"	Bob Collmer	Brad Chase	10.00	Homemade scarf	Rohima Walter	Janice Morley	20.00
"Under MacArthur in Luzon"	John Dizer	Larry Rice	7.00	H.A.S. candy dish	Murray Levin	George Sharrard	3.00
"The Fictional Republic"	Carol Nackenoff	Jeff Looney	24.00	Tractor advertising print	Rohima Walter	Ivan McClymont	3.00
"The Young Moose Hunters"	John Dizer	Dick Pope	3.00	Walking stick ("H.A.S. '95")	John Walter	Dick Pope	30.00
Four misc. boys' books	John Dizer	Marc Williams	6.00	Walkingstick	John Walter	Donald Cripe	6.00
Canadian Maple Syrup	Ivan McClymont	Gil Kapelman	6.00	Gourmet Mints	Donald Cripe	Jerry Friedland	5.00
"Love and War"	Ivan McClymont	Bernie Biberdorf	5.00	Geo. Wash. bicent. booklet	Bob Routhier	Van Daele Mabrito	5.00
"The Reckoning"	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	5.00	2 Alger Medal Lib. p-backs	Mary Ann Ditch	Chris DeHaan	10.00
"Hollywood's Canada"	Ivan McClymont	Janice Morley	5.00	Four misc. juv. books	Mary Ann Ditch	Jean Hartmann	2.00
Two Lawton paperbacks	Paul Cripe	John Cadick	12.00	"Vanishing Air Liner"	Mary Ann Ditch	Dick Pope	6.00
Reader's Dig. short stories	Paul Cripe	Paul Miller	5.00	"Silas Snobden's Office Boy"	Ann Sharrard	Bob Routhier	3.00
"Andy's Ward" (Otis)	Paul Cripe	Larry Rice	5.00	Floral post cards	Bob Routhier	Jerry Friedland	5.00
"Cabin in the Clearing" (Ellis)	Paul Cripe	Marc Williams	7.00	Cigar store 1/2 coupon	Bob Routhier	Jerry Friedland	2.00
"Struggling Upward"	Paul Cripe	Larry Rice	4.00	1947 Boys Town card	Bob Routhier	Jerry Friedland	5.00
Optic/Southworth p-backs	Paul Cripe	Bob Routhier	5.00	White wine	Dick Pope	Dee Warner	9.00
Two misc. paperbacks	Paul Cripe	Bob Routhier	6.00	White wine	Dick Pope	Janice Morley	7.00
Gardner book (Amereon)	Paul Cripe	Angelo Sylvester	5.00	Red wine	Dick Pope	Dee Warner	13.00
"Eight Dime Novels" (reprint)	Paul Cripe	Sam Huang	5.00	Red wine	Dick Pope	Jean Hartmann	8.00
"Images of the World" (NGS)	Paul Cripe	Carl Hartmann	2.00	Six Stratemeyer books	Nell Wright	Arthur Young	65.00
Three dime novels (Tousey)	Paul Cripe	Mary Ann Ditch	20.00	"Richard Dare's Venture"	Nell Wright	John Cadick	7.00
"The Prodigious Hickey"	Bart Nyberg	Dick Pope	5.00	Three Stratemeyer books	Nell Wright	John Cadick	34.00
Apple butter (pint)	Ruth Miller	Juanita Durkin	5.00	Four Stratemeyer books	Nell Wright	Arthur Young	12.00
Apple butter (pint)	Ruth Miller	Bernie Biberdorf	7.00	"For the Liberty of Texas"	Nell Wright	John Cadick	10.00
Apple butter (pint)	Ruth Miller	Dick Pope	6.00	Three Dave Porter books	Nell Wright	Michael Morley	2.00
Apple butter (pint)	Ruth Miller	Murray Levin	6.00	Four Dave Porter books	Nell Wright	Michael Morley	5.00
Apple butter (pint)	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	8.00				
Red pepper relish (pint)	Ruth Miller	Marc Williams	5.00				

Total lots: 80

Total bids: \$748.00

William J. McCord (PF-360) estate auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Alger portrait plate	Donald Cripe	\$10.00	Three "Pee Wee Harris" books	Donald Cripe	\$2.00
Alger stamps, cards, first-day covers, etc.	Ivan McClymont	30.00	Three "Roy Blakeley" books	Jeff Looney	10.00
"Boys' Home Weekly" (Vol. 1, No. 23)	Murray Levin	10.00	Three "Roy Blakeley" books	Milt Ehler	12.00
"Argosy" title page: "Ben Bruce"	Carol Nackenoff	20.00	Three "Roy Blakeley" books	John Dizer	11.00
Winston bibliography (Thorpe/Sawyer)	Robert Kersch	12.00	Three "Roy Blakeley" books	Jeff Looney	5.00
Framed, signed page of Alger letter	George Sharrard	110.00	Three "Roy Blakeley" books	John Dizer	5.00
Dime Novel Round-Up, 60 misc. issues.	Jeff Looney	9.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	Donald Cripe	8.00
Yellowback Library, misc. issues	Jeff Looney	5.00	Four "Tom Slade" books	Donald Cripe	11.00
H.A.S. membership rosters, 1972-83	Van Daele Mabrito	10.00	Two "Pee Wee Harris" books	Donald Cripe	4.00
"Student and Schoomate" (Vols. 23-24)	Murray Levin	25.00	Four "Tom Slade" books	Van Daele Mabrito	9.00
Hudson boys' book bibliography (1977)	Alys Collmer	100.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	John Dizer	11.00
"Our Young Folks" (Aug. 1866)	Bob Collmer	22.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	Donald Cripe	5.00
"The Argosy" (Vol. 17)	Brad Chase	75.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	Jeff Looney	10.00
"Opportunity Still Knocks" (H.A. Assoc.)	Ruth Miller	5.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	Jeff Looney	14.00
Alger biography (Schamhorst/Bales)	Bob Collmer	10.00	Three "Tom Slade" books	Jeff Looney	10.00
Alger/A.L. Burt bibliography (Chase)	Larry Rice	16.00	Six misc. Alger books (Hurst/Collier)	Murray Levin	4.00
Alger biography (Schamhorst/Twayne)	Murray Levin	15.00	"Writers Talk to Ralph D. Gardner"	Michael Morley	10.00
Alger bibliography (Bennett)	Angelo Sylvester	80.00	Three Webster books (Saalfeld/slipcase)	Paul Cripe	6.00
Alger bibliography (Gardner/Wayside)	Brad Chase	8.00	Webster books (box lot of 27)	Ivan McClymont	55.00
Alger bibliography (Mayes)	Larry Rice	30.00	Four misc. Alger books (Hurst)	Ivan McClymont	10.00
"Ballou's Magazine" (May-June 1870)	Murray Levin	20.00	Four misc. boys' books	Michael Morley	12.00
"A Fancy of Hers"/"Disag. Woman"	Larry Rice	5.00	"The Thundering Herd" (Zane Grey/1st.)	Marc Williams	10.00
"Struggling Upward" (H.T. Coates)	Bernie Biberdorf	10.00	Zane Grey — 3 first editions (Harpers)	Paul Cripe	5.00
"The Young Explorer" (H.T. Coates)	Murray Levin	10.00	Zane Grey — 3 reprint editions (G&D)	Paul Cripe	5.00
"Cast Upon the Breakers" (Doubleday)	Robert Kersch	8.00	Four misc. boys' books	Donald Cripe	5.00
"Sam's Chance" (H.T. Coates)	Larry Rice	16.00	Two misc. boys' books	Bart Nyberg	5.00
"Tom Tracy"/"Sam's Chance" (S&S pb.)	Van Daele Mabrito	4.00	Three misc. girls' books	Van Daele Mabrito	2.00
"Erie Train Boy" (Caldwell miniature)	Janice Morley	25.00	Box lot/juvenile books, reading copies	Donald Cripe	10.00
"Struggling Upward"/3 Tarkington books	Bernie Biberdorf	7.00	Misc. lot of seven books	Paul Cripe	11.00
"Ralph Raymond's Heir" (Lupton pb.)	Rob Kasper	30.00	Misc. lot of six books	Ivan McClymont	12.00
"Pee Wee Harris Turns Detective" (G&D)	Jeff Looney	30.00	Five misc. boys' books	Donald Cripe	3.00
"Roy Blakeley Up in the Air" (G&D)	Jeff Looney	55.00	Four misc. dime novels	Eddie LeBlanc	2.00
"Pee Wee Harris in Darkest Africa" (G&D)	Bart Nyberg	40.00	Munsey: "The Boy Broker"	Bill Gowen	5.00
"Tom Slade/The Parachute Jumper" (G&D)	Bob Huber	15.00	Four misc. books (Curwood/Munroe/Raine)	Ivan McClymont	1.00
"Brave and Bold Weekly" (with "Julius")	Larry Rice	16.00	Tom Swift/1980s Danish edition	Paul Miller	10.00
Alger playing cards	Bob Collmer	10.00	"The American Boy" (Nov. 1927)	Murray Levin	1.00
"Tutter Bugle" (misc. copies)	Jeff Looney	5.00	Three Alger mugs (1990 conv. souvenirs)	Bob Routhier	15.00
Seven "Ralph of the Railroad" books	Joe Slavin	100.00	Leo Edwards Utica, Ill. postcards (25)	Milt Ehler	2.00
"Adrift in N.Y."/The World Before Him"	Robert Kersch	4.00	H.A.S. Alger cup plate (Newsboy)	Angelo Sylvester	12.00
"Newsboy" (19 issues from 1970s)	Paul Cripe	15.00	H.A.S. Alger tile and license plate	Bob Collmer	5.00
"Newsboy" (64 issues, 1980s)	Bob Routhier	10.00	1983 and 1991 convention souvenirs	Douglas Fleming	7.00
"Newsboy" (21 issues, 1990s)	Jeff Looney	3.00	Pseudo-Alger bootblack plaque	Paul Miller	1.00
Three "Pee Wee Harris" books	Jeff Looney	3.00	Misc. paper items	Ruth Miller	5.00
Three "Roy Blakeley" books	John Dizer	11.00	Four additional lots	(buyers not listed)	156.00
Three "Pee Wee Harris" books	Donald Cripe	4.00			
Three "Roy Blakeley" books	Jeff Looney	8.00			

Total lots: 93

Total bids: \$1,580.00

Annual H.A.S. convention consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Jack Schorr collection			"Wait and Hope" (H.T. Coates)	Alys Collmer	\$25.00
"Joe's Luck" (A.L. Burt)	Alys Collmer	\$8.00	"The Young Miner" (H.T. Coates)	Bob Huber	10.00
"Andy Gordon" (A.L. Burt)	Bob Collmer	20.00	"The Young Explorer" (H.T. Coates)	Robert Kersch	7.00
"Tom Temple's Career" (A.L. Burt)	Bob Huber	5.00	"The Young Adventurer" (H.T. Coates)	George Sharrard	9.00
"Tom Thatcher's Fortune" (A.L. Burt)	Marc Williams	5.00	"The Store Boy" (H.T. Coates)	Bob Huber	8.00
"Tom Thatcher's Fortune" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	15.00	"Luke Walton" (H.T. Coates)	Ivan McClymont	12.00
"Tom, the Bootblack" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	7.00	"Bob Burton" (H.T. Coates)	Angelo Sylvester	7.00
"Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	10.00	"Ben's Nugget" (Winston)	Paul Cripe	7.00
"Tom Temple's Career" (A.L. Burt)	Bart Nyberg	5.00	"Struggling Upward" (Winston)	Bob Routhier	5.00
"The Errand Boy" (A.L. Burt)	Alys Collmer	15.00	"Fame and Fortune" (Winston)	Iddo Pittman	7.00
"The Young Book Agent" (Stitt; 1st ed.)	Arthur Young	67.00	"Risen from the Ranks" (H.T. Coates)	Bart Nyberg	15.00
"Luke Walton" (Porter & Coates; 1st ed.)	Rob Kasper	110.00	"Sink or Swim" (H.T. Coates)	Bart Nyberg	18.00
"Jack's Ward" (Loring; 2nd state)	Murray Levin	55.00	"Helping Himself" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	16.00
"Young Captain Jack" (Mershon)	Robert Kersch	26.00	"Five Hundred Dollars" (M.A. Donohue)	Milt Ehler	24.00
"Slow and Sure" (Mershon)	Angelo Sylvester	10.00	"Shifting for Himself" (Winston)	Robert Kersch	31.00
"From Farm Boy to Senator" (S&S)	Bob Routhier	20.00	"Phil the Fiddler" (Winston)	George Sharrard	12.00
"Phil the Fiddler" (Thompson & Thomas)	John Cadick	12.00	"Bound to Rise" (Winston)	Bob Collmer	10.00
"Ben, the Luggage Boy" (Porter & Coates)	Brad Chase	35.00	"Brave and Bold" (Winston)	Murray Levin	7.00
"The Young Miner" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	22.00	"Strong and Steady" (Winston)	Angelo Sylvester	9.00
"Rufus and Rose" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	30.00	"Luke Walton" (Winston)	Mary Ann Ditch	7.00
"Paul the Peddler" (Porter & Coates)	Larry Rice	25.00	"Paul the Peddler" (Winston)	Alys Collmer	10.00
"Mark the Match Boy" (Porter & Coates)	Angelo Sylvester	22.00	"Facing the World" (Winston)	Robert Kersch	3.00
"Do and Dare" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	22.00	"The Young Outlaw" (Winston)	Bernie Biberdorf	7.00
"The Young Explorer" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	30.00	"Strive and Succeed" (Winston)	Ivan McClymont	6.00
"Young Adventurer" (Porter & Coates)	Brad Chase	30.00	"Julius" (Winston)	Bob Huber	7.00
"Julius" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	36.00	"Only an Irish Boy" (Winston)	Carol Nackenoff	5.00
"Slow and Sure" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	31.00	"Helping Himself" (H.T. Coates)	Bernie Biberdorf	15.00
"Ragged Dick" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	20.00	Three Alger books (Hurst)	Ivan McClymont	12.00
"Fame and Fortune" (Porter & Coates)	Paul Cripe	35.00	Three Alger books (2 Hurst, 1 A.L. Burt)	Douglas Fleming	18.00
"Paul Prescott's Charge" (Porter & Coates)	Carol Nackenoff	40.00	Two Alger books (Hurst)	Arthur Young	12.00
"Slow and Sure" (Porter & Coates)	Michael Morley	15.00	Two Alger books (Mershon)	Marc Williams	7.00
"Risen from the Ranks" (Porter & Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	30.00	Five Alger books (Winston)	Robert Kersch	21.00
"Strong and Steady" (Porter & Coates)	Bob Routhier	20.00	Five Alger books (Winston)	Brad Chase	30.00
"Bound to Rise" (Porter & Coates)	Rob Routhier	20.00	Two Alger books (Winston)	Alys Collmer	20.00
"Luck and Pluck" (Porter & Coates)	Robert Kersch	47.00	Four Alger books (Federal)	Alys Collmer	35.00
"Strive and Succeed" (Porter & Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	25.00	Six Alger books (Hurst)	Murray Levin	25.00
"Slow and Sure" (Porter & Coates)	Bart Nyberg	15.00	Three Alger books (M.A. Donohue)	Marc Williams	10.00
"The Young Outlaw" (H.T. Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	37.00			
"Telegraph Boy" (H.T. Coates)	Ivan McClymont	20.00			
"Phil the Fiddler" (H.T. Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	15.00			
"Paul the Peddler" (H.T. Coates)	Bart Nyberg	12.00			
"Shifting for Himself" (H.T. Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	25.00			

Total Lots: 78

Total bids: \$1,564.00

H.A.S. commission: \$234.60

Consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Gared L. Kirkpatrick		
"Bernard Brooks' Adventures" (Burt, 1st)	Bob Routhier	\$40.00
"Frank Hunter's Peril" (H.T. Coates, 1st)	Brad Chase	75.00
"Out for Business" (Mershon)	Angelo Sylvester	18.00
"Forging Ahead" (Penn)	Angelo Sylvester	60.00
"Paul the Peddler" (Thompson & Thomas)	Murray Levin	10.00
"Bound to Rise" (John Wanamaker)	John Dizer	10.00
"Ben, the Luggard Boy" (Winston)	Alys Collmer	11.00
"Hector's Inheritance" (H.T. Coates)	Ivan McClymont	5.00
"Tom, the Bootblack" (F.B. Walker)	Bob Collmer	25.00
"Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy" (A.L. Burt)	Marc Williams	15.00
Three Alger books (2 Winston, 1 Bonanza)	Van Daele Mabrito	8.00
Five Alger books (N.Y. Book, Whitman)	Milton Ehler	6.00
Four Alger books (A.L. Burt)	Alys Collmer	7.00
Four Alger books (Hurst)	Brad Chase	12.00
Four Alger books (Hurst)	Van Daele Mabrito	8.00
Four Alger books (misc. publishers)	Murray Levin	25.00
Three Alger books (misc. publishers)	Douglas Fleming	7.00
Three Alger books (misc. publishers)	Larry Rice	5.00
One Alger book; one Optic (S&S)	Larry Rice	7.00
Additional lot	Buyer not listed	19.00

Total lots: 20

Total bids: \$373.00

H.A.S. commission: \$55.95

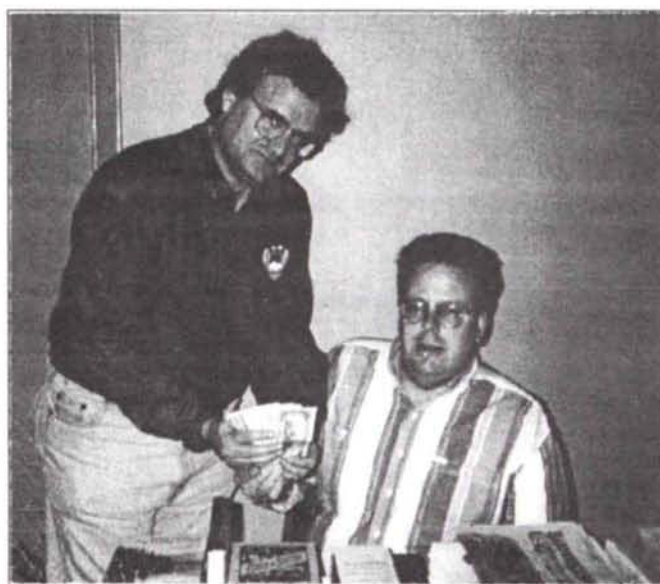
Other consignments:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Jerry Friedland		
"The Tower Treasure" (Red binding)	Bob Routhier	\$4.00
"Frank Merriwell Down South" (brown)	Eddie LeBlanc	10.00
Three misc. boys' books	Donald Cripe	4.00
Bernie Biberdorf		
"Victor Vane" (H.T. Coates)	Mary Ann Ditch	55.00
Gilbert Kapelman		
Two Alger books (Loring, Burt)	Gilbert Kapelman	35.00
Ivan McClymont		
"Bound to Rise" (Hurst)	Alys Collmer	30.00
Michael Morley		
"From Rags to Riches" (Macmillan)	Bob Collmer	10.00

Total lots: 7

Total bids: \$138.00

H.A.S. commission: 20.70



Treasurer Murray Levin, left, and executive secretary Rob Kasper count a portion of the 1995 H.A.S. auction proceeds.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524)

Donation by Raymond Murray

<u>Item</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
"Making his Mark" (Penn)	Ivan McClymont	\$35.00
"Mark Mason's Victory" (A.L. Burt)	Bernie Biberdorf	7.00
"Young Captain Jack" (Mershon, 1st ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	40.00
"Out for Business" (Mershobn, 1st edition)	Brad Chase	40.00
"Tom Turner's Legacy" (A.L. Burt, 1st.)	Paul Cripe	50.00
"Frank Hunter's Peril" (H.T. Coates, 1st)	Carol Nackenoff	55.00
"Ben Logan's Triumph" (C&L, 1st edition)	Carol Nackenoff	38.00
"Shifting for Himself" (Loring, 1st. edition)	Bob Routhier	70.00

Total lots: 8

Total bids: \$335.00

1995 Auction Summary

Donations:

Members' auction (donation)	\$748.00
William McCord estate (donation)	\$1,580.00
Raymond Murray (donation)	\$335.00
Total from donations	\$2,663.00

Consignments:

Jack Schorr collection — Total bids	\$1,564.00
Commission to H.A.S.	\$234.60
Gared Kirkpatrick — Total bids	\$373.00
Commission to H.A.S.	\$55.95
Misc. consignments — Total bids	\$138.00
Commission to H.A.S.	\$20.70

Total bids from all auctions \$4,738.00

Total to H.A.S. \$2,974.25

WANTED

Want #1 — Good and complete copy of “**Two Young Lumbermen or, From Maine to Oregon for Fortune**” by Edward Stratemeyer, in the Lothrop, Lee and Shepard of Boston’s printing.

Want #2 — Good and complete copy of the following Rover Boys books, by Arthur M. Winfield (Edward Stratemeyer) in the red, unillustrated cover of the second Grosset & Dunlap printings of this series:

“The Rover Boys in the Air”

“The Rover Boys in New York”

“The Rover Boys in Alaska”

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The books of Arthur Stanwood Pier

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As renowned as is Horatio Alger Jr., as little-known is Arthur Stanwood Pier. Yet Pier, like Alger, wrote books for young people, although his output was a fraction of his more well-known counterpart.

But that should not diminish Pier in the eyes of readers and collectors; quality counts just as much as quantity, and Arthur Stanwood Pier (1874-1966) wrote good books. While his juvenile output was fewer than 20 titles (including only one true series, the **St. Timothy's Series**), they are books worth seeking out and adding to your collection

*Other authors...
...other books*

Also, like many authors of his day, Pier wrote books for adult readers as well. His first work was published in 1901 at age 27 and his last in 1953 (age 79). According to listings in the **United States Catalogue** he wrote 32 books during his career.

Pier was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on April 21, 1874, the son of William S. and Alcie M. Pier. His prep school education took him to New England, where he was enrolled by his parents in St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire.

Pier entered Harvard in 1891 and was graduated four years later.

Returning to Pittsburgh, he decided to enter law school, but the lure of writing led him quit that endeavor and join the staff of **Youth's Companion** of Boston.

"My connection with the **Youth's Companion** lasted nearly thirty years, during which time besides doing routine editorial work, I wrote many short and serial stories," Pier recalled in 1934 in narrating his own biographical sketch for *Junior Book of Authors*.

"My writing was not wholly of a juvenile character, as I contributed stories to various adult magazines, and published a volume of essays (*Young in Heart*, Houghton-Mifflin, 1907), a short history of Harvard University, and several novels," Pier added. "From 1916 to 1921 I conducted a course in English composition at Harvard; from 1918 to 1930 I was editor of the **Harvard Graduates' Magazine**; and from 1930 I returned as a master to St. Paul's School where I taught English until 1944 when I reached the retirement age."

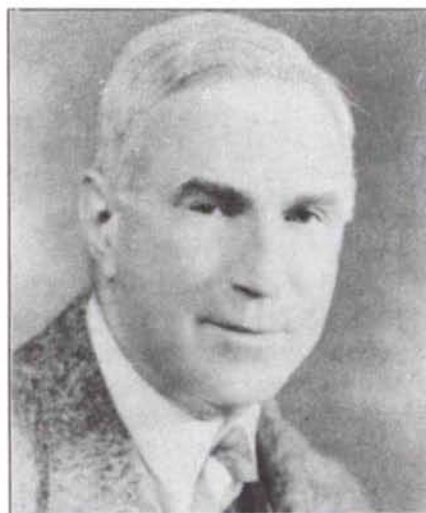
Pier was married in Boston in 1909 to the former Elise Hall, who died in 1922. He had two children, Arthur, Jr., who also went to Harvard as an undergraduate and added a Harvard medical degree in 1939; he went on to

serve in World War II in the Army Medical Corps. Pier's daughter, Rosamond, became Mrs. William Morris Hunt and entered private life.

Following his retirement in 1944, Pier moved from Concord to Milton, Mass.

Pier is best-known for his 11-volume **St. Timothy's Series**, which first appeared as serial stories in **Youth's Companion** and subsequently appeared in hard-cover editions between 1904 and 1930.

The first volume of the series, titled *Boys of St. Timothy's*, was published by Scribner's and the other 10 titles were published by Houghton Mifflin. The **St. Timothy's** books were reprinted over the years by the original publishers and are not available in uniform bindings; each book has its unique, attractive binding, with the dust jackets (usually in white coated or uncoated paper) replicating the cover illustrations of the books themselves. In the mid-1930s, Grosset & Dunlap reprinted the series in a slightly oversized plain orange binding.



Arthur Stanwood Pier

"I have written a great number of stories about baseball, football, hockey, golf, rowing and track, but the only game or sport in which I ever attained even a moderate degree of proficiency is tennis," Pier recalled in 1934.

"Although there has never been any conscious purpose to enforce a moral in my stories for boys, I suppose the moral in them has usually been apparent enough. They have generally had as their themes sportsmanship, self-sacrifice, or unselfish helpfulness. I have found that the manifestations of those traits and impulses are the most representative occurrences in the relations of boys with one another. My effort has been to give a truthful picture of life among boys who on account of education, environment and inheritance might be expected to possess the better qualities of human nature, yet who are not without normal weaknesses."

In many ways, Pier's books of school sports are

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similar to those of Ralph Henry Barbour (1870-1944). The moral tone of the books is similar and the depiction of sports activity is equally exciting and in knowledge of the rules of the games. Thank goodness, these books are as far from the Stratemeyer Syndicate's **Garry Grayson Football Stories** as they can get.

The **St. Timothy's Series** was written over a long period of time, the first volume coming out in 1904 and the final title, *The Boy from the West* (which borrows a well-known Gilbert Patten title) published in 1930. The entire series is listed at the end of this article.

In addition to the 11 **St. Timothy's** books, Pier wrote a four-volume "series" for the Penn Publishing Co. between 1928 and 1931. I use "series" hesitantly because

this was more a publisher's series rather than a true series that has a continuing cast of characters.

In this case the stories are set in different fictional New England high schools.

In *The Coach* (Penn, 1928), the story's setting is "Gardner High School"; in *The Captain* (Penn, 1929), it is set in "Bridgeton High School"; in *The Cheer Leader* (Penn, 1930) it is "Braemore High School"; and in *The Champion* (Penn, 1931) the story involves cross-town rivals "Rowanville Academy" and "Rowanville High School."

The Coach is one of four stories of high school sports written by Pier for Penn from 1928-1931.

Like all of Pier's boys' books, these are very attractively bound volumes, in this case using a uniform binding (in various colors) and with a 4 1/2-by-5 1/4-inch appliqué (in full color) on the front cover, duplicating the dust-jacket illustration. These books are not listed in the Hudson bibliography, presumably because they are in reality a collection of four single titles rather than a true series.

David McKay of Philadelphia reprinted *The Coach* and *The Captain* in 1941.

Pier also wrote a handful of other boys' books which are virtually unknown to today's collectors. They are: *The Plattsburghers* (Houghton Mifflin, 1917); *The Hilltop*

Troop (Houghton Mifflin, 1919); and *The Rigor of the Game* (Houghton Mifflin, 1929).

Two of Pier's adult books were of a religious character, *God's Secret* (Scribner's, 1935) and *American Apostles to the Philippines* (Beacon Press, 1950).

He also wrote several adult romantic novels, including *The Triumph* (McClure, 1903), *Ancient Grudge* (Houghton Mifflin, 1905), *Jerry* (Houghton Mifflin, 1917) and *Confident Morning* (Houghton Mifflin, 1925).

While not one of the giants of the juvenile writing field, Arthur Stanwood Pier made a significant contribution, in particular with his 11-volume **St. Timothy's Series**. They are fun to read and they make a most worthy addition to any collection.

The books of Arthur Stanwood Pier

St. Timothy's Series

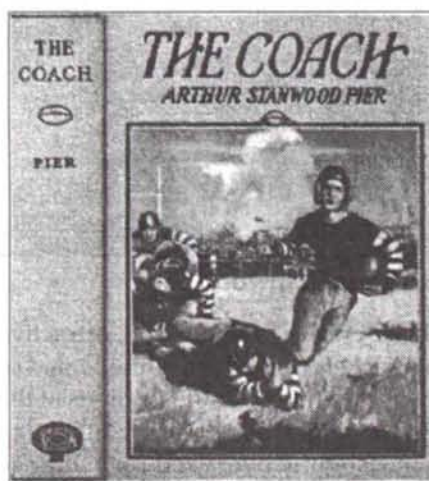
1. The Boys of St. Timothy's Scribner's 1904
2. Harding of St. Timothy's Houghton Mifflin 1906
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5. The Jester of St. Timothy's Houghton Mifflin 1911
6. Grannis of the Fifth Houghton Mifflin 1914
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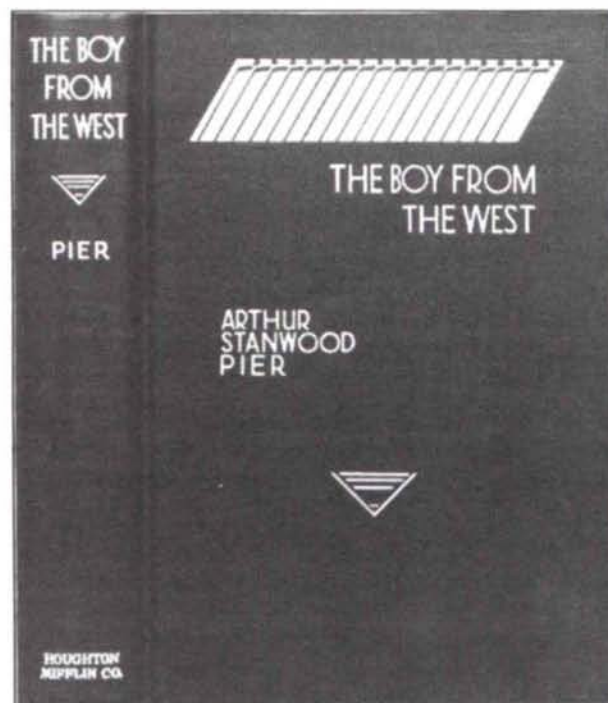
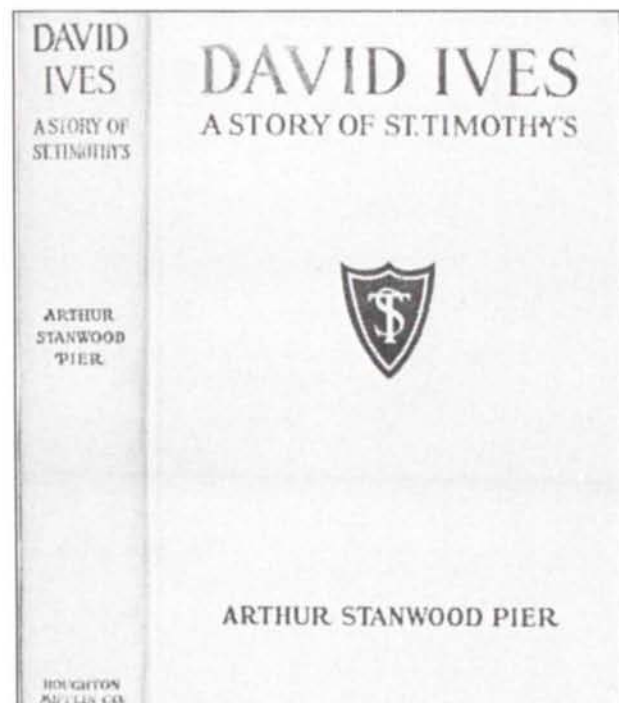
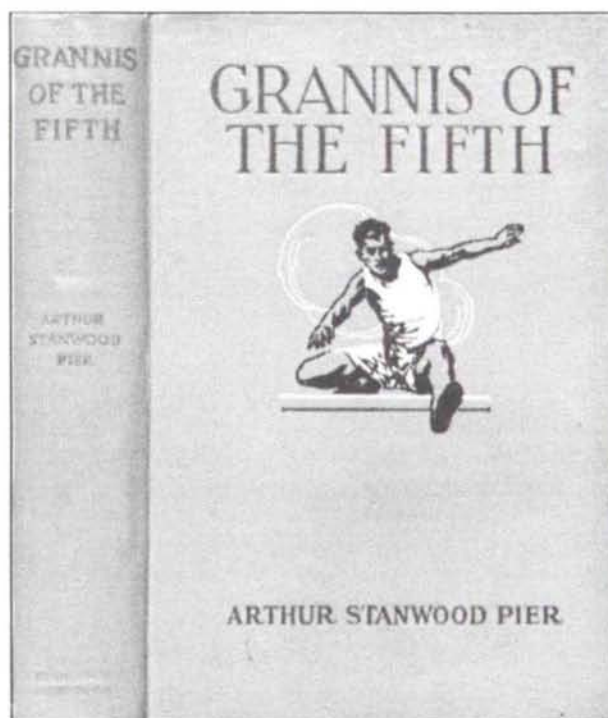
Boys' non-series books

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| The Plattsburghers | Houghton Mifflin 1917 |
| The Hilltop Troop | Houghton Mifflin 1919 |
| The Rigor of the Game | Houghton Mifflin 1929 |
| The Coach | Penn 1928 |
| The Captain | Penn 1929 |
| The Cheer Leader | Penn 1930 |
| The Champion | Penn 1931 |

Adult fiction, non-fiction

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| The Sentimentalists | Harpers 1901 |
| Pedagogues | Harvard Library (wraps) 1902 |
| (also in hard-cover by Small, Maynard, 1902) | |
| The Triumph | McClure 1903 |
| Ancient Grudge | Houghton Mifflin 1905 |
| Young in Heart (essays) | Houghton Mifflin 1907 |
| Story of Harvard | Little, Brown 1913 |
| Women We Marry | Houghton Mifflin 1914 |
| Jerry | Houghton Mifflin 1917 |
| Confident Morning | Houghton Mifflin 1925 |
| St. Paul's School | Scribner's 1934 |
| God's Secret | Scribner's 1935 |
| The Young Man from Mount Vernon | Stokes 1940 |
| American Apostles to the Phillipines .. | Beacon Press 1950 |
| Forbes: Telephone Pioneer | Dodd, Mead 1953 |





Each title of the St. Timothy's Series appeared in a uniquely designed binding during the 1904-1930 run of the series. *The Boy from the West*, which borrowed its title from an earlier Gilbert Patten story, was the final St. Timothy's book and is among the most scarce today.



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