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in New Hampshire'*



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## President's column

Everyone had a wonderful time at "Do and Dare in New Hampshire." I look forward to the day when every one of our members is able to attend the annual convention. What a great time that will be! Although the convention is covered in detail elsewhere in this issue, I want to relate one very special event, the announcement of Bob Huber's incredibly generous donation to the H.A.S. repository endowment at Northern Illinois University. I'll save details for the article on Page 5; however, I want to personally thank Bob for his incredible generosity. In an interesting side note, Bob was also chosen as this year's **Dick Seddon Award** winner. This selection was made before his contribution was known to those of us on the awards committee. Proof, I think, of the kind of individual Bob is.

On a more serious note ...

The Society suffered a significant financial loss last fiscal year. At the one-year period ending April 30, 1997, we had a deficit of a little over \$1,200, which is detailed in our annual Treasurer's Report on Page 6. Ironically, the loss is not caused so much by rising costs as by declining revenues. While we are in no immediate danger, losses like this cannot continue. To investigate the problem and to recommend solutions, I have appointed a five-member ad hoc committee as follows:

Dr. John T. Dizer (PF-511), Chairman  
 Chris DeHaan (PF-773)  
 Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861)  
 Robert E. Kasper (PF-327)  
 Robert R. Routhier (PF-889)

We have published the formation document which outlines the committee's responsibilities elsewhere in this issue of **Newsboy**. Please feel free to contact one of the committee members with any ideas that you might have concerning the financial operations of the Society.

In addition to contacting the ad hoc committee members, here are some other things you can do to assist the Society:

1. Please be sure to pay your dues as soon as you get the first notice. In fact, why not go ahead and pay them right now, while you're thinking about it? Some of you still owe for last year, so why not pay both this year and last at the same time? If you look at the Treasurer's

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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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### BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY H.A.S.

- Horatio Alger, Jr., A Comprehensive Bibliography*, by Bob Bennett (PF-265).
- Horatio Alger or, The American Hero Era*, by Ralph D. Gardner (PF-053).
- The Fictional Republic: Horatio Alger and American Political Discourse*, by Carol Nackenoff (PF-921).
- Publication Formats of the 59 Stories by Horatio Alger, Jr. as Reprinted by the John C. Winston Co.*, by Bob Sawyer (PF-455) and Jim Thorp (PF-574).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by A.L. Burt*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by M.A. Donohue & Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- Horatio Alger Books Published by Whitman Publishing Co.*, by Bradford S. Chase (PF-412).
- The Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr.*, by Gary Scharnhorst with Jack Bales (PF-258).

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*H.A.S. Convention report***'Do and Dare in New Hampshire'**

By William R. Gowen (PF-706)

The beautiful White Mountains were a perfect setting when the Horatio Alger Society "came north" for its 33rd annual convention May 15-18, 1997 in North Conway, N.H.

The brisk New England air greeted nearly 60 members and guests of the Society for the first of two conventions to be hosted by Angelo (PF-928) and Mary Sylvester. In 1998 the contrast couldn't be greater as we will be trekking to one of America's fastest-growing areas, Scottsdale, Ariz.

As is usually the custom, several members arrived early in the week, getting in some advance book-hunting and sampling the many restaurants and outlet stores. Those of us who visit New England regularly know the inherent beauty of the area, particularly New Hampshire and Maine.

By Thursday afternoon, the majority of us had arrived, the hospitality room at the Mt. Washington Valley Motor Lodge bustling with activity.

After several hours of "meeting and greeting" and checking out various rooms to see the books that were brought to sell or trade, it was time to head a short distance up the street to Mario's Italian Restaurant for the informal "welcome dinner." Groups of four, six, eight or more gathered at tables throughout the restaurant, relating experiences that had taken place since the convention in Stratford, Ontario, the previous year.

When we returned to the hotel, it was back to book talk, with Jerry Friedland particularly proud of the nice copy of *Sam Steele's Adventures* he had bought en route to the convention. New member Tom Davis (PF-976) also had great fortune in his drive up from Delaware, his room filled with literally hundreds of books.

Later in the evening, we spent a couple of hours preparing the meeting room for Friday's presentations and annual auction.

The first event on Friday was the directors' breakfast meeting, held at the nearby Four Points Sheraton.

The first item of discussion was the annual treasurer's report, presented by acting treasurer Mary Ann Ditch with outgoing treasurer Murray Levin also in attendance. The Society's monetary shortfall was the prime topic of discussion, with various ideas for improving the situation discussed, including methods of dues notification and collection and whether or not there should be a general dues increase.

The directors moved to increase the Society's commission on auctions from 15 percent to 20 percent, and



**Auctioneer Jerry Friedland says "Show me the money!" after Bob Huber makes the winning bid of \$650 for a rare first edition of Alger's *The Train Boy*.**

*Photo by Bernie Biberdorf*

this motion was seconded and approved. Other suggestions discussed by the directors included charging a table fee for the annual book sale and possibly moving the sale from Saturday morning to Thursday evening.

The directors also discussed other methods of raising income, including selling advertising space on the Society's new web page.

Other areas discussed included the costs of producing *Newsboy*, which editor Bill Gowen reported had remained constant for the past two years, with no increase in printing or mailing costs. A typical issue of *Newsboy* costs approximately \$375 to print for a 16-page issue, with each increase of four pages an additional \$75. Mailing a 16-page or 20-page issue costs a total of \$190 first class for the mailing list of 230, including about 10 copies sent to other countries.

With these myriad ideas flying about fast and furiously, president John Cadick moved that we form an ad hoc committee, to be chaired by director John T. Dizer (PF-511), to study the Society's financial health and to come up with concrete proposals to either increase revenue, reduce expenses, or both. Named to the committee were director Bob Routhier (PF-889), vice presi-

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## Editor's notebook

The 1997 convention provided another wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. "Do and Dare in New Hampshire" was our first New England convention since 1984's "Nostalgia in Nashua." It seems like yesterday that Mary Jane and Jim Thorp hosted one of our most memorable conventions, highlighted, of course, by the auction of the first-edition Alger collection of the late Dick Seddon.

Now, we're going west, with next year's convention scheduled for Scottsdale, Ariz., one of the fine communities in the rapidly growing Phoenix area. I've been there several times and find it one of the nicest places in the United States to visit. Hopefully, this will provide an opportunity for many of our members who live in the Western U.S. and who have never been to a convention to attend. In upcoming issues of *Newsboy* we'll fill you in on the plans of our hosts, Mary and Angelo Sylvester.

I must sadly and belatedly report the death of life member Leslie I. Poste (PF-334), of Geneseo, N.Y. who died exactly a year ago, on July 23, 1996, at age 77.

Apparently, the Society had not been informed of his death until Larry Rice phoned me and other members this spring. Larry heard about it from a book dealer in upstate New York who had sold Algiers to Poste over the years.

Although it goes back several years before I joined the Society, Leslie hosted our 11th convention in Geneseo in 1975. He was a Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the State University of New York at Geneseo until his retirement in 1978. He also became an antiquarian bookseller in the 1970s, specializing in Alger, horse-related books and local history. Shortly prior to his death, the American Booksellers Association honored him for his 25 years in that profession. Les survived by his wife, Virginia, and daughter Linda.

Les served 34 years in the Army, including World War II service in Europe, and retired as a Colonel. His ashes were interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

**In this issue:** Look for our full convention coverage, with numerous photos, plus Brad Chase's latest article on the Algiers published by The New York Book Co.

**Coming in July-August:** We will kick off our tribute to Percy K. Fitzhugh's Pee-Wee Harris with a remembrance by Rocco J. Musemeche (PF-897), and present the opening chapters of the little-known, final book-length Pee-Wee Harris adventure, which we will publish over the next few issues.

## President's column

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Reports for the past two years, you will note that our dues receipts lagged \$765 behind the previous year, even though our membership level has remained about the same. So, more than half our deficit can be met through prompt renewal of memberships.

2. Register with the hotel for next year's convention in Scottsdale, Ariz. as soon as the name of the hotel and room rates are announced by convention host Angelo Sylvester (PF-928) later this year. Every early registration received by the hotel will reduce the amount of the hotel deposit we will have to make out of the Society's treasury. Remember, even if you reserve your room in advance, you can always cancel later if a family or business emergency arises.

3. Donate a portion of your collection to the Horatio Alger Society for the auctions next year. Next year, the Society will be raising its commission on consignments to 20 percent, but we get 100 percent of donations. Historically, the Society has depended heavily on auction income, but recently the donations have dropped off while the less beneficial (to the Society) consignments have risen proportionally. Your donation will help us overcome our shortfall.

4. We are now promoting an "Adopt-a-Newsboy" mailing campaign. For each mailing, we are asking individuals (or several of you may want to get together) to "adopt" (e.g., pay for) one mailing of *Newsboy*. Each issue costs approximately \$190 to mail via first-class. Obviously, if we can get all six of issues "adopted," it will go a long way toward erasing our current deficit.

The list of volunteers so far is: May-June (this issue) Murray Levin (PF-851), July-August (open), September-October (John Cadick), November-December (open), January-February (open) and March-April (open). If you're interested in signing up, write to the Society's official address at **P.O. Box 70361, Richmond, VA 23255**. Indicate which issue you wish to "adopt" and make your check payable to *Horatio Alger Society*. Our treasurer, Mary Ann Ditch, will mail you a receipt of your donation for tax purposes.

Of course, next year, we hope that the ad hoc finance committee will have developed some "Brave and Bold" new plans to right our financial ship. In the meantime, please do anything you can to help ensure that the Horatio Alger Society will be around for another 36 years ... and another ... and another ...

Your partic'lar friend,  
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## H.A.S. REPOSITORY NEWS

# Endowment receives major gift from Huber

By Samuel T. Huang  
Rare Books and Special Collections  
Northern Illinois University Libraries

On behalf of the Horatio Alger Society Repository, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Robert G. Huber (PF-841) for his generous contribution of \$9,000 to the Repository's permanent endowment.

In making his announcement at the 1997 H.A.S. Convention banquet on May 17, 1997, Dr. Huber reiterated that the Repository is a significant step forward in furthering the philosophy of Horatio Alger, Jr. and encouraging the spirit of *Strive and Succeed*.

Dr. Huber, through his generosity, has demonstrated his trust that the H.A.S. Repository will continue to further Alger's philosophy and provide valuable resources and research materials, for both individual book collectors and academic researchers. Therefore, he has brought a new challenge to H.A.S. members and Particular Friends. Dr. Huber will offer a dollar-for-dollar matching gift program (up to a total of \$5,000) until Dec. 31, 2000.

Therefore, through his generosity and your support, the H.A.S. Endowment will be able to generate sufficient

income to preserve and to acquire additional materials for the H.A.S. Repository and to invite qualified scholars to continue researching and publishing scholarly works relating to Horatio Alger, Jr. and his philosophy.



**Robert G. Huber  
(PF-841)**

With your support and our commitment, the repository will definitely become the most comprehensive research center in this field in the world.

There are two methods of making contributions to the endowment. You may send a check for your total contribution, or you may pledge an amount and set up various installment payments. Checks

should be made payable to *Northern Illinois University*, with a notation that they are intended for the Horatio Alger Society Repository Endowment. Checks should be mailed to:

**Northern Illinois University Foundation  
Lowden Hall, Room 204  
DeKalb, IL 60115**

Before making your contribution, check with the personnel office of your employer to see if your company offers a "matching gifts" program.

Your support is greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (815) 753-0255.

## Financial review ad hoc committee mission statement

**From:** John Cadick, President

**To:** Membership, Horatio Alger Society

**Subj:** Financial Review Ad Hoc Committee

**Purpose:** The committee shall review the current fiscal condition of the Horatio Alger Society and develop strategies to improve that condition. The below items are to be included in this review:

### I. Revenues

#### A. Dues

1. Amount
2. Collection methods

#### B. Auctions

1. Consignment (the Board of Directors has approved a change to 20 percent commission for 1998).
2. Donations.

#### C. Charging table rental for the annual H.A.S. book sale.

#### D. Any other revenue generation methods which the committee may deem appropriate.

### II. Expenses

#### A. Newsboy

1. Methods of publication and mailing expenses.

2. Number of times per year.

3. Advertising rates and ad policies.

B. Any other cost-cutting methods which the committee may deem appropriate.

### III. Establishment of a budget

**A. Goal:** The goal of this committee is to improve the Horatio Alger Society's annual "bottom line." by \$1,200. This goal can be achieved by increasing revenue, decreasing expenses or any combination of the two.

**B. Results and report:** A preliminary report should be completed by Sept. 15, 1997. The report shall include, at a minimum:

1. Those items considered by the committee.
2. Specific committee recommendations, including amounts saved.

### IV. Committee members

*Dr. John T. Dizer, Chairman*

*Chris DeHaan*

*Mary Ann Ditch*

*Robert E. Kasper*

*Robert R. Routhier*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME

Auction .....	\$3,505.00
Advertisements .....	17.50
Convention '95 profit .....	337.03
Donation .....	12.00
<u>Gross Sales:</u>	
Newsboy back issues .....	75.00
Bales book .....	10.00
Membership pins .....	10.00
"Road to Success" .....	20.00
H.A.S. tiles .....	14.00
Total Gross Sales .....	129.00
Membership dues .....	3,231.00
Interest income .....	115.86
Other income .....	2.00
"Strive and Succeed" award donations .....	525.96
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$7,875.35</b>

### EXPENSES

Auction commissions .....	\$2,307.80
Award plaques .....	373.32
Bank charge .....	28.90
H.A.S. repository endowment .....	500.00
Newsboy misc. expenses .....	277.76
Newsboy printing .....	2,658.34
Newsboy mailing (postage) .....	990.39
Photo supplies .....	50.40
<u>Misc. Postage:</u>	
UPS .....	55.99
Other .....	164.02
Total misc. postage .....	220.01
Misc. printing .....	350.59
H.A.S. repository .....	100.00
Exec. secretary's expenses .....	534.49
"Strive and Succeed" Award .....	600.00
Supplies .....	30.37
Telephone .....	41.67
<u>Taxes:</u>	
Misc. taxes .....	8.00
Total taxes .....	5.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$9,084.93</b>
<b>Net income/expenses .....</b>	<b>(\$1,209.57)</b>

## Balance sheet as of April 30, 1997

### ASSETS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Cash and bank accounts</b>	
Jefferson Bank .....	\$2,218.39
Norwest Bank .....	1,531.10
Operating account .....	0.00
<b>Total cash and bank accounts .....</b>	<b>3,749.49</b>
<b>Other assets</b>	
Exchange .....	0.00
<b>Total other assets .....</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$3,749.49</b>

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities .....	\$0.00
Equity .....	3,749.49
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY .....</b>	<b>\$3,749.49</b>
<i>Submitted by Mary Ann Ditch, Treasurer</i>	
May 1, 1997	

## WANTED

*The Boy's Home Weekly*  
**Arthur Westbrook Co.**  
 (All titles by Horatio Alger)

<i>Andy Gordon, No. 34</i>	<i>Strive and Succeed, No. 38</i>
<i>Driven From Home, No. 1</i>	<i>Struggling Upward, No. 26</i>
<i>Grit, No. 5</i>	<i>The Tin Box, No. 30</i>
<i>In a New World, No. 21</i>	<i>Tom, the Boot Black, No. 9</i>
<i>Joe's Luck, No. 36</i>	<i>Tony, the Tramp, No. 15</i>
<i>Making His Way, No. 40</i>	<i>Wait and Hope, No. 32</i>
<i>Phil, the Fiddler, No. 18</i>	<i>The Young Outlaw, No. 37</i>

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dent Chris DeHaan (PF-773), executive secretary Robert E. Kasper (PF-327), and past president Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861). A motion was passed, seconded and approved that the committee's report to the president be made no later than Sept. 15, 1997.

In other business, it was confirmed that the 1997 **Strive and Succeed Award** would be made to an area high school student that night, a check in the amount of \$550. A general discussion followed, concerning the possible establishment of a special **Strive and Succeed Award** endowment, which would allow the Society to increase the amount of future such awards to deserving students.

The nominating committee reported its slate for new directors, whose terms of office will expire in the year 2000. The slate of Michael Morley (PF-934), Larry Rice (PF-757) and Peter C. Walther (PF-548) was approved, to be presented before the membership at Friday night's business meeting. The directors whose three-year terms have expired are Milt Ehlert (PF-702), Neil McCormick (PF-506) and John Juvinal (PF-537).

To fill the position of Treasurer, the nominees were Mary Ann Ditch (already filling the role in an acting capacity) and Robert G. Collmer (PF-866).

Preliminary discussions on the 1998 H.A.S. convention in Arizona were discussed, including the negotiations host Angelo Sylvester has had with various hotels. He stressed that Scottsdale is a higher cost-of-living area than North Conway, so room rates will be higher, around \$55 per night plus tax. "But for the location and the amenities we'll be getting, this is a very reasonable rate for the first weekend in May." He noted that the hotel under consideration, the Scottsdale Pima Resort, offers all suites. "They have offered us a \$55 rate, very reasonable for the first weekend in May and better than any other hotel we looked at," he said.

Angelo noted that the hotel will need reservations as early as possible, hopefully before the end of the year. The directors voted to post this information in upcoming issues of **Newsboy**.

### Seminar and H.A.S. book auction

The first formal convention session began at 8:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Mt. Washington Valley Motor Lodge.

Following a few informal announcements by president John Cadick, Friday morning's seminar began with a presentation by Brad Chase (PF-412) on The New York Book Company's Alger reprints. Chase's talk included visual displays as well as handout materials (see related article on Page 17).

This was followed by a presentation by **Newsboy**



**Convention host Angelo Sylvester, foreground, and Ivan McClymont man the registration table in the hospitality room on Thursday.** Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

editor Bill Gowen (PF-706) titled "Waving the Flag for Phillips Exeter," a discussion of author Albertus T. Dudley, accompanied by color slides of Dudley's books and the town where he taught and lived for much of his adult life, Exeter, New Hampshire.

Following a short break to rearrange the room for the auction, one of the big annual events got under way. Auctioneer Jerry Friedland led a three-hour session of spirited bidding on consigned and donated books and other items. Because of the amount of material to be auctioned, the remainder was held over until Saturday following the book sale.

At about 1 p.m., several car pools headed about 16 miles south of North Conway along state Route 16 to Tamworth, home of our convention hosts, Mary and Angelo Sylvester. The chalet-styled house, located in a beautiful rustic setting, was filled to capacity as Society members and guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet-style lunch, along with an opportunity to buy books and enjoy the kind of informal camaraderie that makes the Horatio Alger Society so fun.

The afternoon passed quickly, and we headed back to the hotel to get ready for that night's dinner and business meeting at the Parkside Restaurant in Tamworth.

### Annual business-dinner meeting

By 7 p.m., most members and guests had gathered at

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## MEMBERSHIP

### New members

Harold Goodman (PF-984)  
8609 Second Ave., #405-B  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 565-2494

Harold, who learned about the Society from a reference librarian, lists Alger among his reading interests. His other interests include language studies and spiritual growth.

B. Waldon (PF-985)  
P.O. Box H27800  
Tamal, CA 94974

Briana Caldwell (PF-986)  
13295 Sugar Bush Ct.  
Penn Valley, CA 95946

Briana's interest in the Society stems from the fact that Horatio Alger was her great-grandfather's godfather. She is also has been working on a report on Alger for her honors English class.

Joyce B. Keeler (PF-987)  
625 Wilson Pond Rd.  
North Monmouth, ME 04265  
(207) 933-9088

Joyce is an antiquarian book dealer whose interest in Alger is research and preservation, as well as the fact that she deals in Alger and other juvenile literature. She learned about the Society from Rob Kasper (PF-327).

Larry Turner (PF-988)  
1130 Peavy Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75218  
(214) 328-0730

Larry's book-collecting interests include the 1940s and 1950s Grosset & Dunlap and Whitman juvenile books. An accountant, his other interests include movie books, from the silent film era through the golden age of the studios. He learned about H.A.S. through the Society's recent writeup in *Biblio* magazine.

Michael K. Murphy (PF-989)  
2434 W. Lynn St.  
Seattle, WA 98199  
(206) 217-9457

Michael, who owns several Algers, is a school teacher

whose other interests include hiking, models and the building and flying of kites. He learned about the Society through San Diego book dealer and H.A.S. member James D. Keeline (PF-898).

### Change of address

Daniel M. Petersen (PF-200)  
24 Lockspring  
San Antonio, TX 78250-6712

# Are you moving?

## Let us know!

Moving? New phone number? New E-mail address? If so, please let us know immediately all changes in your address. Also, please note that the Horatio Alger Society has a new official address:

**Horatio Alger Society  
P.O. Box 70361  
Richmond, VA 23255**

Please send your changes to the above address. They will then be forwarded to the editor for publication in **Newsboy**.



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the Parkside and had another enjoyable meal, accompanied by live music.

The big event of the evening was the presentation of the **Strive and Succeed Award**, which this year went to senior Sarah Bushey from nearby Kennett High School, who received a \$550 check to assist her in the fall as she plans to study nursing as a profession.

"I want to say thank you to everybody. I really appreciate it," Sarah said in her brief remarks, which received a big ovation from the audience.

The annual business meeting then got under way, with president John Cadick formally introducing and welcoming to the

H.A.S. two members who joined the Society within the past year and were attending their first convention: Rev. Ronald A. Murch (PF-970) from Lisbon, Maine, and Thomas Davis (PF-976) from Newark, Delaware.

The first order of business was the announcement of the formation of the Financial Improvement Committee, with members invited to submit recommendations in the coming months to any committee member.

A general discussion of the 1998 convention in Scottsdale, Ariz. followed, with Angelo giving a general background on Scottsdale (his winter home, just outside of Phoenix), the climate, hotels, etc.

The next order of business was the report of the nominating committee (Chris DeHaan, Carol Nackenoff and Bart Nyberg) on officers and directors. For Treasurer, filling the unexpired term of Murray Levin, the nominees were Mary Ann Ditch and Bob Collmer; and for directors, the nominees were Michael Morley, Larry Rice and Peter Walther. The floor was opened to additional nominees for these positions, and no additional names were placed in nomination. The formal vote was scheduled for Saturday's banquet.

The remainder of Friday night was devoted to additional socializing, book trading and last-minute preparations for Saturday morning's book sale and the second part of the auction.

The annual H.A.S. book sale got under way shortly after 9 a.m. on Saturday, with the previous hour used for set-up of the tables and books.

After around two hours of buying, selling and socializing over coffee, the sale wound down and the meeting room was rearranged for the second part of the auction. Jerry was able to expedite matters quite well and the whole affair was wrapped up in about two and one-half hours. This allowed the members to scatter for lunch on their own, then to go book-hunting in the many stores and antique malls within a two-hour radius of North Conway.

### Annual H.A.S. awards banquet

The final major event of the weekend was the annual banquet, held at the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway.

It was a very busy evening, Murray Levin opening the activities in a humorous vein with a narrative of puns involving the names of nearly every person in attendance at the convention.

President John Cadick then announced the auc-

tion results, which totaled \$4,604, with slightly more than \$1,000 going to the Society (see complete auction results in Pages 12-14).

The formal acceptance of the Treasurer's Report followed, with Cadick again discussing the Financial Improvement Committee and the preliminary report which it will prepare by Sept. 15.

Bob Kersch (PF-946), who is doing research on Alger formats published by Winston, had a questionnaire prepared, which was given (along with a stamped, return envelope) to members for them to check their collections and return to him.

Cadick then followed with updates on Executive Secretary Emeritus Carl Hartmann (PF-102) and Direc-

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**The Strive and Succeed Award is presented by convention host Angelo Sylvester to high school senior Sarah Bushey as her parents look on.**

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Bernie Biberdorf and Doug Fleming gather at the open house hosted by Mary and Angelo Sylvester in Tamworth.



Ralph Gardner autographs a first edition of *Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era* for Janet Saunders during the book sale.

Photos by  
Doug Fleming  
and Bernie Biberdorf



Samuel Huang gives a progress report on the Horatio Alger Society repository at Northern Illinois University.



# Convention memories



Brad Chase closes a deal with Eddie and Rita LeBlanc at the annual H.A.S. book sale.



Jack Dizer, right, and James Keeline have time to discuss their favorite topics during the Sylvesters' open house.



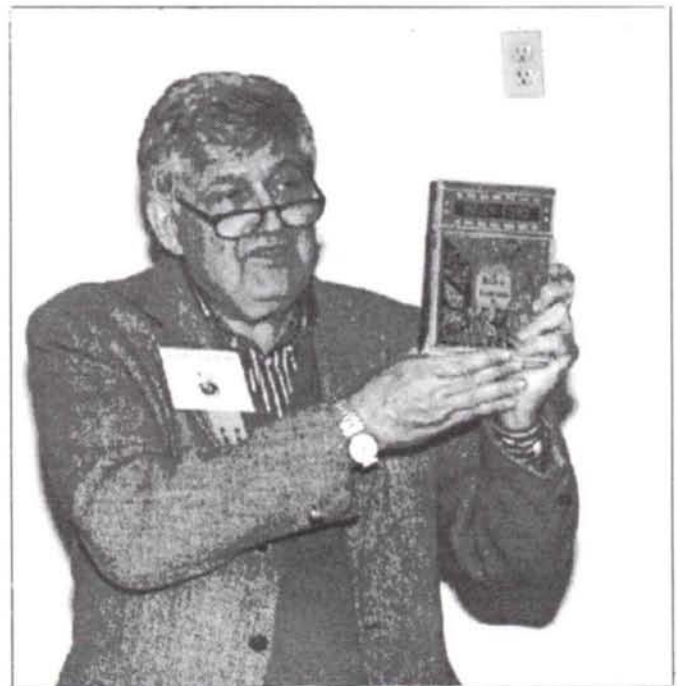
President John Cadick finds out from Brad Chase why collecting New York Book Co. Alger reprints can be such great fun.

Jim and Mary Jane Thorp and Peter Walther share a table at the Parkside Restaurant for the annual dinner/business meeting.



# 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>	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Janice Morley	\$5.00	"Fancy of Hers"/"Disag. Woman"	Bob Routhier	Jerry Friedland	2.00	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Janice Morley	8.00	Stamp album	Ivan McClymont	Jerry Friedland	5.00	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Carol Nackenoff	5.00	"Andy Gordon" (S&S pb.)	Chris DeHaan	Mike Morley	2.00	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Bill Gowen	5.00	U.S.-Canadian mixed stamps	Ivan McClymont	Chris DeHaan	2.00	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	5.00	Gourmet mints	Donald Cripe	Samuel Huang	5.00	
Pepper relish	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	5.00	Three misc. books	Angelo Sylvester	Paul Cripe	4.00	
Apple butter	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	7.00	"E. Queen's Minute Mysteries"	John Juvinal	John Cadick	4.00	
Apple Butter	Ruth Miller	Jeanette Routhier	7.00	"Suspense" (8 programs)	John Juvinal	Janice Morley	5.00	
Apple butter	Ruth Miller	Ivan McClymont	7.00	"Suspense" (6 programs)	John Juvinal	Tom Davis	5.00	
Apple butter	Ruth Miller	Carol Nackenoff	7.00	"The Six Shooter (2 programs)	John Juvinal	John Cadick	4.00	
Pickled beets	Ruth Miller	Larry Rice	3.00	"Amos & Andy" (8 programs)	John Juvinal	Jerry Friedland	5.00	
Pickled beets	Ruth Miller	Bob Kersch	3.00	"Lum & Abner"	John Juvinal	Mike Morley	6.00	
Olive pickles	Jeanatte Routhier	Jerry Friedland	20.00					
Bread & butter pickles	Jeanette Routhier	Jerry Friedland	20.00					
Bread & butter pickles	Jeanette Routhier	Bill Gowen	7.00					
Tomato jam	Jeanette Routhier	Ruth Miller	6.00					
Pickled beets	Jeanette Routhier	Tom Davis	5.00					
Medium hot salsa	Jeanette Routhier	Jerry Friedland	6.00					
Medium hot salsa	Jeanette Routhier	John Cadick	5.00					
Minted carrots	Jeanette Routhier	Bob Kersch	3.00					
Minted carrots	Jeanette Routhier	Janet Saunders	4.00					
Canadian petit-point jewelry	Doug Fleming	Janice Morley	34.00					
Canadian petit-point jewelry	Doug Fleming	Jeanette Routhier	25.00					
"Strive and Succeed" (1st ed.)	John Cadick	Paul Cripe	15.00					
Four "Buddy" books	Bob Routhier	Don Cripe	5.00					
Four "Buddy" books	Bob Routhier	Tom Davis	10.00					
Four "Jerry Todd" books	George Owens							
plus 19 misc. boys' books	John Dizer	Don Cripe	10.00					
"Tom Thatcher's Fortune" (Burt)	Bob Routhier	Bob Routhier	2.00					
Three misc. boys' books	Tom Davis	John Cadick	10.00					
"Ben's Nugget" (H.T. Coates)	Bob Routhier	Carol Nackenoff	8.00					
Box lot — misc. books.	Ivan McClymont	Tom Davis	1.00					
Fred Fenton/Long Trail Boys	John Dizer	Tom Davis	3.00					
Sheet music	Larry Rice	Brad Chase	12.00					
Sheet Music	Larry Rice	Janet Saunders	3.00					
"The Land of Fire" (A.L. Burt)	Chris DeHaan	Janet Saunders	8.00					
Five first-day covers	Ivan McClymont	Janet Saunders	4.00					
Twelve misc. Alger books	Mike Morley	Angelo Sylvester	18.00					
Alger commemorative plate	Don Cripe	Angelo Sylvester	2.00					
Seventeen N.Y. Book Algers	Murray Levin	Eddie LeBlanc	10.00					
"Mabel Parker"	Mike Morley	Eddie LeBlanc	4.00					
Two Jack Harkaway Books	Tom Davis	Ivan McClymont	5.00					
H.A.S. 1993 Conv. candy dish	Murray Levin	Ruth Miller	5.00					
H.A.S. 1993 Conv. candy dish	Murray Levin	Janice Morley	5.00					
H.A.S. 1993 Conv. candy dish	Murray Levin	Doug Fleming	5.00					
Gardner Alger bio. (Amereon)	Ralph Gardner	Carol Nackenoff	6.00					
				<b>TOTAL</b> .....				<b>\$402.00</b>
								(all proceeds going to H.A.S.)



**Jerry Friedland asks for serious bids on a scarce Alta Edition of Helen Ford.**

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

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## Annual H.A.S. convention consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
"Authors" game (non-Alger)	Ralph Gardner	Janet Saunders	\$1.00	"Ben's Nugget" (1st ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Paul Cripe	95.00
"Authors game (non-Alger)	Ralph Gardner	Mike Morley	4.00	"Tom Turner's Legacy" (1st ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Rob Kasper	60.00
Misc. Chicago postcards	Ralph Gardner	Carol Nackenoff	3.00	"The Train Boy" (1st ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Bob Huber	650.00
Misc. postcards (Phila., etc.)	Ralph Gardner	Carol Nackenoff	2.00	"Tom the Bootblack" (2nd ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Arthur Young	225.00
Misc. Colorado postcards	Ralph Gardner	Milt Ehler	2.00	"Bernard Brooks' Adv." (1st ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	40.00
Misc. French postcards	Ralph Gardner	Milt Ehler	2.00	Four misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Larry Rice	47.00
Misc. German postcards	Ralph Gardner	Milt Ehler	10.00	Three misc. boys' books	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	5.00
Misc. postcards	Ralph Gardner	Milt Ehler	5.00	Three misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Lee Allen	95.00
"Student & Schoolmate"				Three misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Lee Allen	25.00
(includes "Paul the Peddler")	Ralph Gardner	John Cadick	5.00	Four misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	8.00
Misc. copies of "Good News"	Ralph Gardner	Jeanette Routhier	5.00	"Nelson the Newsboy"	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	50.00
Alger playing cards — deck	Ralph Gardner	Bob Routhier	10.00	Six misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Bernie Biberdorf	16.00
"Argosy" — Seven issues	Ralph Gardner	Mary Ann Ditch	20.00	Four Alger books (Mershon)	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	30.00
"Knockabout Club"	Angelo Sylvester	Jeanette Routhier	5.00	"The Errand Boy" (Burt)	Ivan McClymont	Bernie Biberdorf	10.00
"Jack Hall"	Angelo Sylvester	Janet Saunders	4.00	Two "Rover Boys" books	Ivan McClymont	Bob Huber	50.00
"Golden Manual" (1 Alger poem)	Rob Kasper	Murray Levin	20.00	"The Train Boy" (Burt)	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	20.00
"Lyceum" (2 Alger poems)	Rob Kasper	Jeanette Routhier	12.00	"Tony the Hero" (Burt)	Ivan McClymont	Bob Routhier	20.00
"Our Favorite Authors" (Alger article)	Rob Kasper	Ruth Miller	15.00	H.A.S. tile	Ruth Shinner	Mary Ann Ditch	12.00
Optic book (Hurst miniature)				"Ned Newton" (McKay)	Ruth Shinner	Larry Rice	105.00
and "Boy Allies" book	Jerry Friedland	Janice Morley	8.00	12 Algers (Westgard eds.)	Ruth Shinner	Larry Rice	90.00
"Sam Steele's Adventures"	Jerry Friedland	Bob Huber	175.00	"Cast Upon the Breakers"			
"Mark Tidd in Sicily"	Jerry Friedland	Tom Davis	12.00	"Silas Snobden's Office Boy"			
Three misc. books	Jerry Friedland	Donald Cripe	3.00	"Horatio's Boys"	Ruth Shinner	Larry Rice	6.00
Gruber H. Alger biography	Mike Morley	Bernie Biberdorf	21.00	18 various Alger books (Hurst)	Ruth Shinner	Angelo Sylvester	42.00
Pewter Xmas tree ornament	Janice Morley	Ruth Miller	4.00	Sheet of 50 Alger stamps	Ruth Shinner	Angelo Sylvester	13.00
"The Store Boy" (1st ed.)	Mike Morley	Paul Cripe	70.00	Sheet of 50 Alger stamps	Ruth Shinner	Mike Morley	13.00
"Paul Prescott's Charge" (Coates)	Milt Ehler	Larry Rice	16.00	Four misc. Alger books	Ruth Shinner	Milt Ehler	10.00
"Ch. Codman's Cruise" (Coates)	Milt Ehler	Larry Rice	16.00	Seven misc. Alger books	Ruth Shinner	Eddie LeBlanc	9.00
"Andy Grant's Pluck" (Winston Lib.)	Milt Ehler	Brad Chase	20.00	10 misc. Alger books (Burt)	Ruth Shinner	Ivan McClymont	11.00
"Out for Business" (Mershon)	Milt Ehler	Paul Cripe	7.00	Two Algers (Holt, Rinehart & Winston)	Ruth Shinner	Ivan McClymont	6.00
"Rags to Riches" (Tebbel)	Anthea Platt	John Dizer	5.00	Two dime novels (S&S, Tousey)	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	10.00
Eight misc. boys' books	Anthea Platt	Donald Cripe	11.00	13 misc. Algers (Donohue)	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	35.00
Nine misc. boys' books	Anthea Platt	Donald Cripe	6.00	"Luck & Pluck"; "Helen Ford"	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	32.00
"S. Snobden's Office Boy"	Anthea Platt	Bob Kersch	3.00	A.L. Burt, M.A. Donohue and Winston — Alger publishers reference			
Five Alger paperbacks (Value bks.)	Anthea Platt	John Cadick	10.00	books (Chase, Thorp, Sawyer)	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	20.00
14 misc. boys' books	Anthea Platt	Tom Davis	10.00	H. Alger bibliography (Bennett)	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	70.00
11 misc. boys' books	Anthea Platt	John Juvinall	3.00	"Road to Success" (Gardner)	Ruth Shinner	Lee Allen	6.00
13 misc. boys', girls' books	Anthea Platt	John Juvinall	2.00	"Bertha's Christmas Vision" (Hurst)	Ruth Shinner	Arthur Young	45.00
Seven misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Ralph Carlson	15.00	"Strug. Upward"/"Phil the Fiddler"	Ruth Shinner	John Cadick	10.00
Four misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Ralph Carlson	20.00	Box lot — Newsboy, Bootblack			
Eight misc. Alger books	Ivan McClymont	Larry Rice	33.00	plus H.A.S. rosters	Ruth Shinner	Murray Levin	25.00

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"Lost Tales of Horatio Alger"	Ruth Shinner	Brad Chase	20.00	Six "Bobbsey Twins" books	Anon.	Bob Routhier	\$110.00
"Mark Stanton" (Caldwell)	Ruth Shinner	Mike Morley	120.00	Six misc. boys' books	Anon.	Jeanette Routhier	40.00
"Mabel Parker"	Ruth Shinner	Brad Chase	8.00	"Dean Dunham" (Medal Library)	Anon.	Lee Allen	30.00
Misc. H.A.S. rosters	Ruth Shinner	Jerry Friedland	3.00	"Silas Snobden's Office Boy"	Anon.	Carol Nackenoff	3.00
"Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era" (Gardner, 1st ed.)	Ruth Shinner	Janet Saunders	25.00	"F. Merriwell Down South" (McKay)	Anon.	Jerry Friedland	20.00
"Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era" (Arco, Amereon eds.)	Ruth Shinner	James Keeline		Three misc. boys' books	Anon.	Jerry Friedland	15.00
"Story of the H. Alger Stamp"	Ruth Shinner	Janice Morley	36.00	Two misc. boys' books	Anon.	Jerry Friedland	15.00
"Frank's Campaign" (Hurst mini.)	Ruth Shinner	Janice Morley	17.00	Two misc. boys' books	Anon.	Tom Davis	25.00
Three Westgard eds.	Ruth Shinner	Janice Morley	20.00	"Tattered Tom" (P&C)	Anon.	Dick Hoffman	15.00
Annotated Alger bibliography	Ruth Shinner	James Keeline	4.00	"Gems for the Fireside"	Anon.	Murray Levin	60.00
"Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr."	Ruth Shinner	James Keeline	25.00	Two "Hardy Boys" books	Anon.	Brad Chase	22.00
"Cast Upon the Breakers"	Ruth Shinner	Chris DeHaan	6.00	"The Young Outlaw" (Loring)	Anon.	Mike Morley	30.00
"A Fancy of Hers"/"Dis. Woman"	Ruth Shinner	Chris DeHaan	10.00	"The Argosy" (Vol. X, Munsey)	Anon.	Mike Morley	65.00
Six misc. juvenile books	Ruth Shinner	Dick Pope	23.00	"The Argosy" (Vol. XI, Munsey)	Anon.	Mike Morley	110.00
"Sink or Swim" (1st ed.)	Bob Brindamour	Bob Routhier	40.00	"The Young Adventurer" (Loring)	Anon.	Mike Morley	45.00
14 misc. Alger books	Bob Brindamour	Ralph Carlson	40.00	"Mark the Match Boy" (Loring)	Anon.	Mike Morley	26.00
Eight misc. Alger books (N.Y. Book)	Bob Brindamour	Donald Cripe	5.00	"Ragged Dick" (Coates)	Anon.	Bernie Biberdorf	11.00
Nine misc. Alger books (N.Y. Book)	Bob Brindamour	Eddie LeBlanc	12.00	Four "TomSwift" books (Whitman)			
Five misc. Alger books	Bob Brindamour	Donald Cripe	5.00	plus three "Ted Scott" books (G&D)			
"Helen Ford" (Alla ed.)	Bob Brindamour	Larry Rice	42.00	plus three misc. boys' books	Anon.	Dick Pope	26.00
"Struggling Upward" (P&C)	Bob Brindamour	Larry Rice	35.00	"Alice in Wonderland"	Anon.	Dick Pope	6.00
15 misc. Alger books	Bob Brindamour	Angelo Sylvester	32.00	Three "Bobbsey Twins" books	Anon.	Dick Pope	50.00
Seven misc. Algers (Donohue)	Bob Brindamour	Eddie LeBlanc	9.00	"Secret of the Old Mill" (2 copies)	Anon.	Dick Pope	13.00
Two Oliver Optic books	Bob Brindamour	Bob Routhier	6.00	"Joe the Hotel Boy" (C&L)	Anon.	Doug Fleming	16.00
Seven Oliver Optic books	Bob Brindamour	Bob Routhier	7.00	"Ben's Nugget" (Coates)	Anon.	Doug Fleming	10.00
Seven Harper's story books	Bob Brindamour	Harland Eastman	12.00	"Helping Himself" (Coates)			
"Bound to Rise" (1st ed.)	Bob Brindamour	Bob Routhier	15.00	plus two "Nancy Drew" books	Anon.	Doug Fleming	11.00
Three misc. boys' books	Bob Brindamour	Bernie Biberdorf	11.00	"The North American Indians			
"Tom Turner's Legacy" (1st ed.)				plus "Alice in Wonderland"	Anon.	Bob Routhier	5.00
plus 14 misc. Alger books	Bob Brindamour	Mike Morley	25.00	Four misc. boys' books	Anon.	Tom Davis	10.00
"Brave and Bold" (Hurst mini.)				"Rupert's Ambition" (Winston)			
plus "Rufus and Rose" (P&C)	Anon.	Larry Rice	16.00	plus two "Hardy Boys" books			
Six misc. boys' books	Anon.	Donald Cripe	5.00	plus "First Stop Honolulu"	Anon.	Larry Rice	8.00
Four misc. Alger paperbacks	Anon.	Donald Cripe	5.00				
"Paul the Peddler" (P&C)	Anon.	Larry Rice	15.00				
"A Rolling Stone" (Thomp. & Thomas)	Anon.	Ivan McClymont	50.00				
"Mark the Match Boy" (Loring)	Anon.	Paul Miller	15.00				
Henty: "The Young Buglers"	Anon.	Bob Routhier	15.00				
Two "Bobbsey Twins" in d/j	Anon.	Jeanette Routhier	50.00				

### 1997 H.A.S. AUCTION SUMMARY:

Consignment auction (gross receipts)	\$4,202.00
H.A.S. commission (15 percent)	\$630.30
Fund-raising auction (100 percent to H.A.S.)	\$402.00
Grand total (gross receipts, all auctions)	\$4,604.00
Total amount to the Society	\$1,032.30



# 'Do and Dare in New Hampshire' registration

Lee T. Allen (PF-977)  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Douglas Fleming (PF-899)  
Ottawa, Ontario

Betsy Allen  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Jerry B. Friedland (PF-376)  
Monsey, N.Y.

Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524)  
Fishers, Ind.

Ralph D. Gardner (PF-053)  
New York, N.Y.

Marcy Biberdorf  
Fishers, Ind.

William R. Gowen (PF-706)  
Lake Zurich, Ill.

John Cadick (PF-858)  
Garland, Tex.

Richard Hoffman (PF-570)  
Washington, D.C.

Sheryl Cadick  
Garland, Tex.

Samuel T. Huang (PF-963)  
DeKalb, Ill.

Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955)  
Taylorsville, Utah

Robert G. Huber (PF-841)  
Madison, Wisc.

Bradford S. Chase (PF-412)  
Enfield, Ct.

John R. Juvinall (PF-537)  
Hinsdale, Ill.

Donald L. Cripe (PF-919)  
Bremen, Ind.

Juanita Durkin  
Justice, Ill.

Paul A. Cripe (PF-633)  
Bremen, Ind.

Patrick Durkin  
Justice, Ill.

Thomas B. Davis (PF-976)  
Newark, Del.

Robert E. Kasper (PF-327)  
Richmond, Va.

Christine DeHaan (PF-773)  
Wayland, Mich.

James D. Keeline (PF-898)  
San Diego, Calif.

Mike DeHaan  
Wayland, Mich

Robert Kersch (PF-946)  
Great River, N.Y.

Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861)  
Omaha, Neb.

Edward LeBlanc (PF-015)  
Fall River, Mass.

John T. Dizer (PF-511)  
Utica, N.Y.

Rita LeBlanc  
Fall River, Mass.

Harland Eastman (PF-128)  
Springvale, Me.

Murray D. Levin (PF-851)  
Jenkintown, Pa

Milton F. Ehlert (PF-702)  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ivan McClymont (PF-722)  
Varna, Ontario

Carol Ehlert  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Marg McClymont  
Varna, Ontario



Ralph Gardner (PF-053) holds up a caricature he has drawn of Paul Miller (PF-351). Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

Paul F. Miller (PF-351)  
Vienna, Ohio

Robert Routhier (PF-889)  
Swartz Creek, Mich.

Ruth W. Miller (PF-894)  
Vienna, Ohio

Jeanette L. Routhier  
Swartz Creek, Mich.

Janice Morley (PF-957)  
Fremont, Calif.

Jim Towey (PF-975)  
West Granby, Ct.

Michael Morley (PF-934)  
Fremont, Calif.

Angelo Sylvester (PF-928)  
Tamworth, N.H.

Ronald A. Murch (PF-970)  
Lisbon, Me.

Mary Sylvester  
Tamworth, N.H.

Carol Nackenoff (PF-921)  
Swarthmore, Pa.

Jim Thorp (PF-574)  
Nashua, N.H.

Bart J. Nyberg (PF-879)  
Downers Grove, Ill.

Mary Jane Thorp  
Nashua, N.H.

Richard L. Pope (PF-740)  
Corning, N.Y.

Peter C. Walther (PF-548)  
Arnold, Md.

Jackie Pope  
Corning, N.Y.

Arthur P. Young (PF-941)  
Sycamore, Ill.

Lawrence R. Rice (PF-757)  
Maine, N.Y.

Vivian R. Rice  
Maine, N.Y.

TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 56  
H.A.S. MEMBERS: 42

# The New York Book Company

## Number of Alger books to collect by series

### Series I -- Plain Spine (one title per book)

<u>No. of titles</u>	<u>Covers per title</u>	<u>No. of books</u>
12	1	12
<b>Subtotal = 12</b>		

### Series II -- Curlicue Spine (one title per book)

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of titles</u>	<u>Covers per title</u>	<u>No. of books</u>
1908	24	1	24
1909	36	2	72
1910	36	2	72
1911	36	1 (first 18)	18
		3 (second 18)	54
1912	48	2	96
1913	29	2	58
1913	1	4	4
No date	36	1	36
<b>Subtotal = 434</b>			

### Series III -- Double Volumes (two titles per book)

<u>No. of titles</u>	<u>No. of covers</u>	<u>No. of books</u>
8	4 (Indian chief)	4
6	3 (Kaiser)	3
4	2 (Hindenburg)	2
4	2 (Goatee)	2
8	4 (Wapella)	4
6	3 (T. Roosevelt)	3
<b>Subtotal = 18</b>		

### Series IV -- Leaves and Berries Spine

<u>Cover</u>	<u>No. of titles</u>	<u>Covers per title</u>	<u>No. of books</u>
Red cloth	48	1 (silver letters)	48
Red cloth	48	1 (black letters)	48
Tan cloth	48	3	144
Cardboard	48	1	48
<b>Subtotal = 288</b>			

**Total New York Book Company Alger = 752**



# Collecting by publisher?

## *Try New York Book Company Algers for fun*

By Bradford S. Chase (PF-412)

In my view, the wave of the future in collecting Alger is in concentrating on specific publishers' products; collecting all of one series published by The New York Book Company, for example. It's fun, it's easy, but definitely challenging and not very expensive.

I've been collecting publishers' series for years and find it provides a tremendous opportunity to delve into this hobby in great depth and receive tremendous satisfaction as a result.

Recently, on a book-looking tour with my friend and fellow hunter Jim Towey (PF-975), I found *Bound to Rise* published by Whitman Publishing Co. "No big deal," say the big-time Alger enthusiasts who, like Don Quixote, are chasing increasingly elusive first editions.

What made this particular Whitman Alger a big deal for me was that I didn't have the title in the relatively hard to find gold cover (Format 1, Edition B; See Chase, Bradford S., *Horatio Alger Books Published by Whitman Publishing Co.*, Enfield, Ct.: Sandpiper Publishing, April 1995). This set of 12 was published in limited quantities in the 1925 era, probably for some promotion or other limited special purpose. I had found 11 titles and this was the 12th. What a thrill, and it cost only a few bucks, too!

Speaking of thrills, you really ought to try collecting at least one of the series and/or editions published by the New York Book Company. I've been collecting these books for years and have discovered I can still stumble upon one I don't have as it may sit way back in the corner of the used-bookstore shelf, ignored by most collectors. It may be a new cover I don't have of the 1912/1913 red edition with the silver lettering on the cover. It might also be the one last one that I don't have of the 18 double volumes that the company produced in 1910. The thrill is the "find" and the frosting is that the new discovery will likely only cost me a couple of dollars.

As many of my Alger friends know, I've been collecting by publisher for well over two decades now. For example, I estimate there is a total of 1,200 different A.L. Burt Algers to collect; I have over 1,100. Obviously, my goal is to find one example of every different Alger Burt produced. As you can see, I'm closing in on it. I continually find my needed Burts here and there for a few bucks each and am methodically completing that collection,

getting an increasing thrill with each "find." It isn't that those I'm missing are so special, I just haven't been able to find them in my travels as yet. But I will!

In recent years, I have found that several of my Alger friends have also focused on collecting titles and formats by specific publishers. Jim Thorp (PF-574) from Nashua, N.H. collects all the titles of a couple Winston formats. Jim, Bob Kersch (PF-946) of Great River, N.Y. and I all collect the 50 titles in the Winston "Standing Boy" series. I also collect the beautiful Winston Library editions and have 48 of the 59 available titles. In addition, I have all 28 of the Porter & Coates "Brown Apples" format, which has the dark brown and gold spines that look so nice in a row on my bookshelf, I know Larry Rice (PF-757) of Maine, N.Y. collects this beautiful set, too.

In addition to these publisher format sets, I have my Burts and Whitmans, all 46 of the Federal Book Company Algers and a couple of Hurst formats, one of which consists only of dust-jacketed copies. Incidentally, the 743 M.A. Donohue Algers (divided among 35 formats), that I spent years accumulating, now proudly reside in DeKalb, Ill. at the classy Horatio Alger Society repository administered by Sam Huang and Art Young and the other fine folks at Northern Illinois University.

So, what's my point, you ask? Well, my current writing project is to finish my next book, which is more than 60 percent done. As you may know, I've completed books on the Burt, Donohue and Whitman Alger book formats. The purpose of writing these books was to show collectors how many different books that were produced by these specific publishers. My current book project will be on the Alger activities of the New York Book Company.

In the July-August, 1996 issue of *Newsboy*, I discussed my findings to that point in terms of the number of series and Alger titles that were published by The New York Book Company. I have now completed all the work in interrelating the series, titles, formats and covers that were produced. If a collector knows this information, and has illustrations of the formats, he or she can start collecting one or several of the New York Book Company Alger series. After much analysis and as the result of my collecting New York Book Company Algers for many, many years, I have concluded there were **752 different Algers** published by this company.

Talk about a bargain way to collect Alger! My, of my! I've found that many people today would just as soon

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**Editor's note:** For an introductory look at New York Book Co. Alger formats, see "New York Book Company Algers," by Bradford S. Chase, *Newsboy*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 4, July-August, 1996.



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give away these types of Algers. You'll find that attitude generally among some of the more active Alger collectors, too. Because of their basic reprint status and poor binding construction, New York Book Algers just seem to be a dredge on the market these days. They show up very often in used-book stores and flea markets here in New England and usually only cost a few bucks or less (unless someone really doesn't know his Algers!). So, if you want to start or expand your collecting interest, the opportunity is ripe now to collect by this publisher.

As explained in the July-August, 1996 article, The New York Book Company produced only four series for its Alger books: **Plain Spine**, **Curlicue Spine**, **Double Volumes** and **Leaves and Berries Spine**. For analytical purposes, I define a series as a number of New York Book Company books produced as a related group. In this case, I've related all books to the four spines. In addition, I have found there are 26 different formats, recognizing a format as a book which has a unique spine and cover. And, as I noted in the previous article, the company produced 49 Alger titles.

Over the years, I kept track of what I collected on a one-page, three-dimensional matrix which relates title, year produced and the cover found for a title. Every time I found a New York Book Company Alger, I'd check it out to see if I had it recorded in the matrix. For me to buy

it, it had to be a new title, a new cover or a new year as dated on the title page. This matrix is key to my determining that there are 752 different New York Book Company Algers to collect.

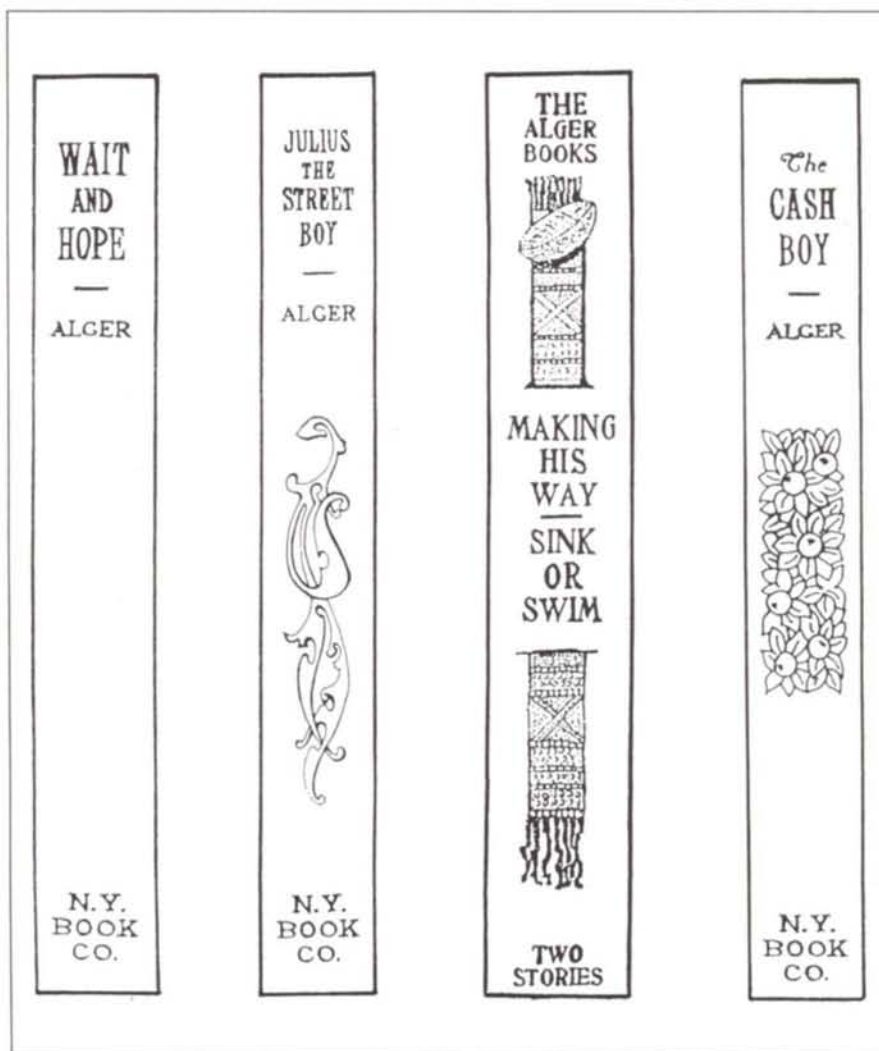
In studying the filled-out matrix, I've found that all titles were not produced every year by this company. There is a definite pattern as to the number of different covers that were produced for any single title for any specific year. Using the matrix, one can determine the number of specific different books that were produced for each series and format. The chart on Page 16 shows a summary of this information.

So I guess the bottom line of all of this is that if you don't already collect specific formats by publisher, consider expanding your collection by picking out an attractive format, and go looking for them. And, if you really want to enjoy yourself, zero in on The New York Book Company.

You could start and collect just the early 1908 **Plain Spine** formats of Series 1, for example. There are only 12 books to collect in that series,

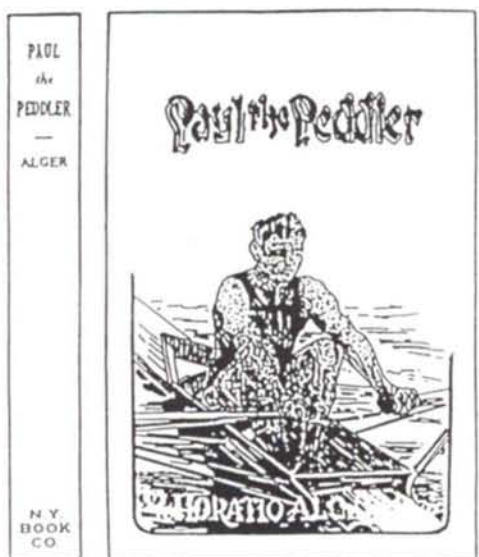
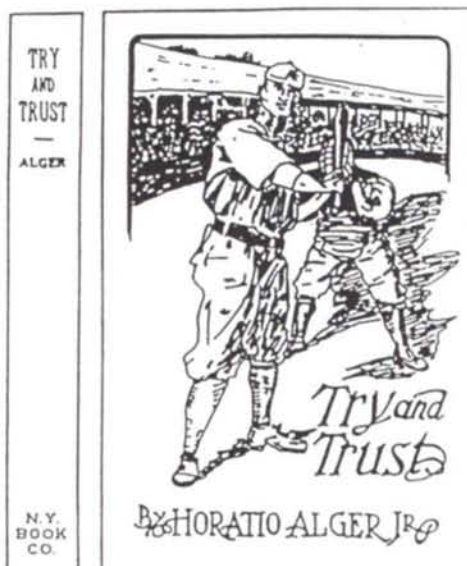
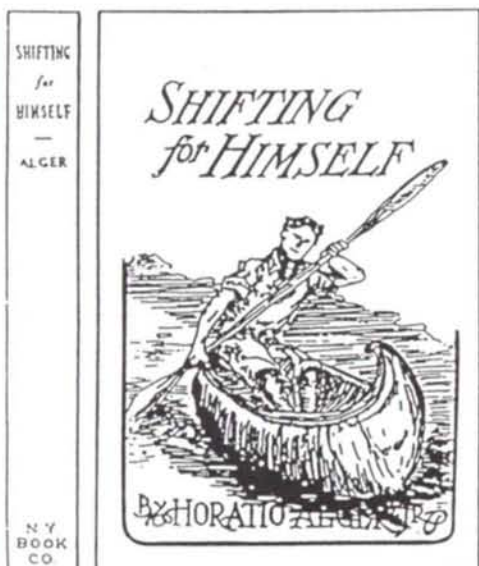
one each for the 12 titles produced by the company. You'll find, too, that there were only four cover designs in this series with each cover design having three different titles, making the 12 books. For example, the *Shifting for Himself* title always has the guy paddling the canoe using a kayak paddle on the cover.

So, go ahead — see if you can find the 12. Then, it's on to the next series, **Curlicue Spines**, a series produced from 1908 to 1912, plus one edition which is not dated.



**A series is a number of books produced as a related group. The New York Book Alger series came in four spine designs: Plain, Curlicue, Double Volumes and Leaves and Berries.**





## New York Book Company Alger Formats — Series I

A **format** is a book which has a unique spine and cover design. The Plain Spine Series consists of four formats, clockwise from upper left: Paddler, Lefty, Golfer and Rower. These are the first four of the 26 New York Book Company Alger formats.

Illustrations by Bradford S. Chase

There are 434 different Algers to find in this second series, but you can find just the 24 books published in 1908, and then work on from there. The 18 **Double Volumes** in Series III are also a really neat set to collect. I have all but one of these in my collection and saw that one at Jim Thorp's house on a recent booking trip.

To me, setting up this kind of challenge is what

collecting Alger (or any other author, for that matter) is all about. And, the real bottom line is finding something you need, and filling that gap on your bookshelf. Boy, what a feeling when that occurs! And, to do that often, I'll put my money on collecting specific formats by some of the more available publishers, The New York Book Company, for example.



Carol Nackenoff, Ron Murch, Harland Eastman and host Angelo Sylvester gather at Friday's open house.

Photo by Bernie Biberdorf

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tor Emeritus Bob Bennett (PF-265), both recuperating from recent illness.

The floor was then turned over to Northern Illinois University's Samuel Huang (PF-963), who gave a report on the H.A.S. Repository, including the just-completed renovation project that has greatly expanded the display space and accessibility of the Alger collection as well as other special collections.

Sam then introduced Arthur Young (PF-941), NIU's director of libraries, who, in turn, introduced Bob Huber (PF-841) for a special announcement. Huber revealed that he is making a two-part contribution to the repository's endowment fund: a one-time donation of \$9,000, plus a \$5,000 matching contribution that will carry a deadline of Dec. 31, 2000.

"By the year 2000 we could have over \$20,000 in the endowment," Huber said. "If the Society will strive to do this, we will succeed by the year 2000."

Huber received a standing ovation by the more than 70 in attendance in response to his incredible generosity. (For a related article on Huber's donation and how to make your matching gift, see Page 5).

President Cadick then personally thanked Huber, and reconvened the business meeting, for the formal vote on a Treasurer and Directors. By a show of hands, Mary Ann Ditch was the choice for Treasurer, while the Directors' slate of Larry Rice, Michael Morley and Peter Walther, running unopposed, was voted in by acclamation.

Following a short break to set up an overhead projector and screen, Janice and Mike Morley gave a detailed introduction to the Horatio Alger Society's new web site. President Cadick used his notebook computer to log-on to the web site, with the actual home page then projected live on the screen. The comprehensive demonstration lasted about a half hour, with the Morleys taking numerous questions from the audience.

President Cadick then announced a nominating committee for 1998: Richard L. Pope (PF-740), Doug Fleming (PF-899) and Janice Morley (PF-957). A full slate of officers, plus three directors, will be nominated and voted on in Scottsdale next May.

It was finally awards time. The first award, the **Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award**, was presented by last year's winner, Dick Pope, to Marg and Ivan McClymont, hosts of the 1996 convention in Stratford, Ontario.

The **Newsboy Award** was presented by 1996 recipient Carol Nackenoff to Janice and Mike Morley for their work in behalf of bringing the Society into cyberspace through the design and start-up the new web site.

The **Dick Seddon Award** was presented by 1996 winner Bart Nyberg to Bob Huber, while the **President's Award** was presented by Cadick to Mary Ann Ditch.

The evening over, we all headed back to the hotel, with those leaving in the predawn hours saying their good-byes early.

The Sunday "farewell breakfast" officially wrapped up "Do and Dare in New Hampshire," with Mary and Angelo saying they hoped to see everybody in beautiful, sunny Arizona the first weekend of May, 1998.