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- ★ Complete auction results
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- ★ Photos and more

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President's column

The Convention in Arizona is over and from what I have heard, it was great and very interesting. I was honored to have the nominating committee call me and ask if I would run for President. I will do my best, but John Cadick will be hard to follow.

The Ad Hoc Financial Committee, under the able leadership of Jack Dizer, had proposed a new dues structure (see the November-December 1997 *Newsboy*), which I believe should be adopted. This proposal was to be presented to the membership for a vote at the convention but was overlooked due to other concerns.

I have asked our editor, Bill Gowen, to insert a post card with this issue of *Newsboy* so that our members can vote for or against. Again, I support the committee's recommendation. The increase from \$20 to \$25 in the regular annual dues is very modest, and the new Senior Membership retains the current \$20 dues level for those members. We also have retained our Life Memberships and have added a \$50 annual Sustaining Membership. No matter which category you belong to, you will have full rights and privileges of membership in the Horatio Alger Society.

The Long-Range Planning Committee, in its first year under the leadership of Jack Dizer and now under John Cadick, will continue developing plans for the future of the H.A.S. I'm sure the committee will appreciate your input.

Newsboy, under our editor, Bill Gowen, has in the past several years undertaken to include articles about other authors of juvenile books. This was a goal of our first President, Ken Butler. Ken felt that after he published Ralph Gardner's book, which was followed by Bob Bennett's bibliography, along with the many years of outstanding research by members Gilbert Westgard, Irene Gurman, Jack Bales and many others, it would be hard to keep *Newsboy* fresh with only material about Alger.

I would like all of our members make sure that they let other collectors of juvenile books know about *Newsboy* and the Horatio Alger Society. I'm sure editor Bill Gowen or Executive Secretary Rob Kasper will be more than happy to send them a copy of our most recent *Newsboy* in hopes of getting them interested in joining the Society.

A few random thoughts. Did you know:

* That in *The Analytical Series, Fourth Reader* (1867), "How Johnny Bought a Sewing Machine" by Horatio

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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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Valley of the Sun shines on H.A.S.

By William R. Gowen (PF-706)

The Horatio Alger Society made history this spring. Going back to the historic first convention hosted by co-founder Kenneth Butler in 1965 in Mendota, Illinois, this was the first time the Society had a convention in the West or Southwest. We had visited Texas twice (1986 and 1992) and Oklahoma once (1988).

This time, Scottsdale, Arizona, was the city and our hosts were Mary and Angelo Sylvester (PF-928). The location was the Scottsdale Pima Inn & Suites, a magnificent resort hotel located on the northeast side of Scottsdale. The site was so enchanting that many Partic'lar Friends arrived as early as a week ahead of time to sample the wonderful Arizona climate and hospitality.

Thursday, April 30

The hospitality room officially opened at around noon on Thursday, April 30. It was obvious that Angelo and Mary had done a lot of advance planning to make this a memorable convention: the room was stocked with all kinds of fruit, baked goods and a refrigerator completely stocked with soft drinks of every flavor imaginable. There were also fruits (bananas, oranges, grapefruit, mangoes, etc.), along with apple and cheese strudel, tarts and cookies, plus a gourmet bread pudding (with 52 ingredients) and rum cake from Kathy's, the largest makers of rum cake west of the Mississippi and the caterers for our annual banquet on Saturday night.

There were also wonderful souvenirs, including miniature cactus plants and colorful T-shirts extolling the virtues of Arizona and Scottsdale.

Angelo reports that more than 300 cans of soda were consumed over the weekend and the gourmet snack items were the talk of the convention. Even for those of us remaining over to catch a flight on Monday, Angelo and Mary kept the hospitality room open, with still plenty of food to go around.

It is a wonder that we still had room for a meal when we arrived in small groups, starting at 5 p.m., at the Los Olivos Mexican Patio, a downtown Scottsdale fixture since 1928.

The H.A.S. Board of Directors also met on Thursday, with several items of business on the agenda.

The minutes of the November 1997 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed, with the major item the report filed by the ad hoc financial committee, chaired by Jack Dizer, which recommended the following dues structure, in four classifications:

Senior Member (age 65 and over), \$20 per year;
Regular Member, \$25 per year; Sustaining Member, \$50



The Scottsdale Pima Inn & Suites had a big welcome for nearly 70 Horatio Alger Society members, family members and guests this spring. Photo by Doug Fleming

per year; and Life Member, 20 times the current Regular member dues. Sustaining and life memberships will be published in Newsboy at least once per year. It was stressed by the Directors that all categories of memberships retain the full rights and privileges of being a member in the Horatio Alger Society.

Auction procedures and commissions were discussed, as per the following recommendations from the committee:

We should sell lots as they are assembled, with no changes once the auction has begun.

If no bid is received on a particular lot, it will be set aside and not brought up again for bids during that auction.

Donations will be limited to better-quality items, so as to attract reasonable bids.

The auction commission structure should be changed. As pertaining the last item, it was moved that sec-

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Editor's notebook

Another convention is history, with a full report with photos, auction results, etc. starting on Page 3.

But we have an even better story to tell here, a story of survival by one of the Horatio Alger Society's long-time members.

On the evening of May 30, Lucille Mone (PF-431) was reading in the living room of her home in Spencer, South Dakota, while her husband James slept in a first-floor bedroom. Then, without warning, a loud crashing noise, accompanied by the sound of shattering glass, was heard.

They didn't know it at the time, but a tornado had hit Spencer, literally wiping the town of 300-plus residents off the map. The storm was so devastating that it made headlines around the world, including widespread coverage by CNN and the other television networks.

"My parents were very lucky," said Jim Mone, a photographer for the Associated Press bureau in Minneapolis. "There was no warning; it just hit so fast. My father received a broken rib and broken upper arm, and my mother, who soon will be 90, was virtually unscathed."

The Mones' house lost its roof and the second-floor rooms were destroyed. Luckily, they were both downstairs when the tornado hit.

"My father had a stroke several years ago, so he sleeps downstairs, and my mother hadn't yet gone upstairs to bed," Jim Mone said, adding that the town is "basically flat." Only 25 of the 158 structures survived the storm. Gone are all five churches, the library, town hall, a relatively new post office and most of the businesses.

Mone was given a temporary assignment out of the Associated Press office in Sioux Falls, S.D., so that he could see to his parents' needs. In his work for AP, he has photographed numerous natural disasters, including last year's flood that devastated Grand Forks, N.D.

"I've covered a lot of tornadoes and I've never seen damage that bad," Mone said. "Usually, it will cut a very narrow path, wiping out one side of a street and often leaving the other side virtually alone. In this case, nearly everything in the town was destroyed. It's a miracle only six people died."

Jim's father, who was admitted and subsequently released from the hospital, is recuperating in a full-care facility, while Lucille is now at the Leisure Living senior center in Salem, S.D., which is 10 miles east of Spencer.

Lucille Mone was featured in an article in the November-December 1991 issue of *Newsboy*, an account of her being (she still is) the only H.A.S. member residing in

President's column

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Alger, Jr. was one of the stories included?

* That *Frank and Fearless* was produced in two parts for an ABC weekend special?

* That Alger stories were widely published in many small-town papers? Did your hometown paper ever publish any?

Your Partic'lar Friend

Carl T. Hartmann (PF-102)

4907 Allison Drive

Lansing, MI 48910

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South Dakota. The article, reproduced from the local newspaper, was occasioned by a visit to Spencer by then-H.A.S. Director Bernie Biberdorf (PF-524) and his wife Marcy while on a vacation trip to the upper plains states.

Incidentally, Bernie was instrumental in helping your editor find Jim Mone at his office in Minneapolis. Jim, as you can see, was most helpful in updating us on his parents' current situation. "It is very thoughtful of the Horatio Alger Society to be thinking of them," Jim said, adding that Lucille would undoubtedly appreciate cards or notes from other members.

Her address is:

Lucille Mone

c/o Leisure Living

600 South Hill St., Room 202

Salem, SD 57058

In this issue, the first thing you will see when you open it, is a postal card. This is the ballot for the membership to vote on the new dues structure recommended by the Long-Range Planning Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Usually, this is voted on by the members attending the convention, but it wasn't this time. Incoming President Carl Hartmann feels that all members should have a chance to vote "Aye" or "Nay".

Just a personal note. The last time dues were increased (from \$15 to \$20 annually) was by a vote at the 1991 Indianapolis convention, and the \$20 has been in effect for seven years. What else hasn't gone up in that time? Rent, phone bill, groceries? Membership in the H.A.S. is still a bargain at \$25. I belong to other organizations where the annual dues are \$70 and up. The Directors' proposed four-tiered dues structure is outlined in the President's Column and in the November-December 1997 *Newsboy*.

No matter which dues category you select, you will have full rights and privileges of H.A.S. membership. Please put your name and PF-number in the space provided. Your vote will remain confidential.

Valley of the Sun

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onded and passed that the auction commission be raised to 20 percent in 1999 and 25 percent in 2000.

It was also moved that for specified large consignments from specific collections, the Horatio Alger Society would, at its discretion, retain a 15 percent commission up to gross sales of \$10,000, with the commission reduced to 10 percent for grosses over that amount. The motion was seconded and passed.

The board feels that the Society must continue to urge the donation of books for the auction, the complete proceeds of which go to the Society.

Other items reviewed from the November 1997 Directors' meeting included:

- Methods for increasing membership, including advertising in other collector publications, plus the development of a program to enroll college students in the Society.

- Approved the continuance of an off-season Board of Directors meeting each November at Northern Illinois University, this meeting to be scheduled as necessary by the President.

- Because of the increased amount of business to be discussed, hold the Convention Board of Directors meeting on Thursday afternoon or evening, with the traditional Friday morning directors' breakfast to remain in place so as to cover any unfinished business.

- Approved the move of the annual book sale to Friday morning for all future conventions as a way of making the sale more attractive for buyers and sellers alike. It was felt by the Board that by Saturday, many items offered for sale had already been "picked over."

- Approved the publication of Convention Host Guidelines, prepared by the Executive Secretary, to assist future convention hosts in their planning.

- Discussed the creation of a Long Range Planning Committee (a follow-up to the ad hoc Financial Committee) to help insure the Society's viability well into the 21st Century.

- Reviewed the Adopt-a-Newsboy program, which was very successful in its first year with members' donations covering the mailings of all six issues. The board voted to publish a list of participants in this program in *Newsboy*, and it was voted to continue this program into the future, with either individual donations or joint donations two or more members for a particular issue of *Newsboy*.

- The official H.A.S. web site was reviewed, with Director Michael Morley bringing the board up to date on its first year of operation. The practicality of listing books for sale, with the profits going to the Society, was discussed, along with the posting on the site of the entire H.A.S. Membership Roster.

- Approved the setting of \$500 as the amount of the Strive and Succeed Award, to be given each year to a deserving high school student.

- Approved the dates of May 12-16 for the 1999 convention to be hosted by Northern Illinois University.

A motion to approve these November 1997 Board of Directors Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

In new business, the annual Treasurer's Report was presented, discussed and approved, with the report to be made to the full membership at Friday's business meeting.

The Executive Secretary's Report was ready by President John Cadick, the highlights of which were:

During the previous 12 months, the Society gained 26 new members and lost 20 for a net loss of 3 members, with a current membership of 230. Most of the Society's new members came via "hits" on our web page, a feature in the June 1997 issue of *Biblio Magazine*, or from direct referrals, including several by Tom Davis (PF-976).

Also, as of the April 29 date of his report, Executive Secretary Rob Kasper reported that there was 25 members with their dues in arrears, with only two of those more than six months past due, both have whom have been contacted personally to see if they have interest in renewing. "This is a significant improvement from this time last year when we had 60 members past due, with more than half of them beyond six months and many over 12 months past due," Kasper reported.

The nominating committee then made its report. Present were Janice Morley (PF-957) and Doug Fleming (PF-899), with Dick Pope (PF-740) absent. The nominees presented were John Cadick (PF-858) for a second term as President, Jack Dizer (PF-511) as Vice President and Christine De Haan (PF-773) for Treasurer.

For the three Board of Directors positions, Robert L. Kersch (PF-946), Samuel T. Huang (PF-963) and Angelo Sylvester (PF-928). Huang respectfully asked that his nomination be withdrawn, and Thomas B. Davis (PF-976) was then presented as a nominee. The nomination of Cadick to a second term was made because De Haan had expressed a desire to fill the Treasurer's spot being vacated by Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) rather than move up to President from her current post as Vice President.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of future possible convention sites, which included 1999 (Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois); Arlington, Va., Cape May, N.J. or a possible return to the Phoenix area; 2001, Ottawa, Ontario; and 2002, the Phoenix area if not chosen in 2000. These were strictly preliminary discussions.

Friday, May 1

The annual directors' breakfast continued unfinished

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MEMBERSHIP

New members

David M. Baumann (PF-1006)
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Placentia, CA 92870-3444 (714) 528-8808
E-mail: dbaumann@pacbell.net

David, an Episcopal priest, just attended his first H.A.S. convention. His other interests include series books and martial arts. He learned about the Society from Tom Davis (PF-976).

Glen D. Bontrager (PF-1007)
1105 North S.R. 5
Shipshewana, IN 46565 (219) 768-7560

Glen, who currently has 86 different Alger titles in his collection (which he enjoys reading), also collects stamps and coins and toys. He learned about H.A.S. through an antique magazine.

Cam Jancek (PF-1008)
P.O. Box 218
Pinole, CA 94564 (510) 724-3185

Cam, who just attended her first H.A.S. convention, owns 15 Alger titles among her large series-book collection. She also collects coins, old bottles and postcards. Cam has known about the Society for years, and she joined at the suggestion of Tom Davis (PF-976).

Nancy J. Doman (PF-1009)
12292 Lesley St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840 (714) 638-3685
E-mail: njdoman@uci.edu

Nancy also just attended her first convention and also learned about the Society via a referral from Tom Davis.

Gordon E. Rasmussen (PF-1010)
815 N. 9th St.
DeKalb, IL 60115 (815) 756-6190

Gordon, a retired librarian, lists his interests as gardening, reading and traveling. He learned about the Society through Samuel T. Huang (PF-963), and joined during the Scottsdale convention.

Elaine Friedland (PF-1011)
6 Elyse Road
Monsey, NY 10952 (914) 354-6440

Elaine is the wife of Past President Jerry Friedland, and joined the Society during the 1998 convention.

Kathleen R. Chamberlain (PF-874)
P.O. Box 116
Emory, VA 24327 (540) 944-4542
E-mail: krchambe@ehc.edu

Kathleen, a Professor at Emory & Henry College, is an avid collector of girls' books. A former contributor to *Newsboy* with an article on author/sports writer Hugh Fullerton, she is rejoining the Society after a three-year absence. Welcome back!

Harry F. Phillips (PF-640)
Rt. 1, Box 996
Shepherdstown, WV 25443 (304) 876-2906

Harry originally became a Partic'lar Friend in 1981, and has also decided to rejoin the Society. Again, welcome back!

Change of address and H.A.S. roster corrections

A. Lois Varney (PF-1004)
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(E-mail address was incorrect in the January-February issue of *Newsboy*.)

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'Valley of the Sun' — Registration list

Lee T. Allen (PF-977) Stone Mountain, Ga.	Thomas B. Davis (PF-976) Newark, Del.	Cheryl Greene Hercules, Calif.	Michael Morley (PF-934) Fremont, Calif.
Betsy Allen Stone Mountain, Ga.	Christine DeHaan (PF-773) Wayland, Mich.	Richard B. Hoffman (PF-570) Washington, D.C.	Carol Nackenoff (PF-921) Swarthmore, Pa.
Ralph Anderson (PF-144) Mesa, Ariz.	Mary Ann Ditch (PF-861) Omaha, Neb.	Samuel T. Huang (PF-963) DeKalb, Ill.	James L. Greer Swarthmore, Pa.
Cindy Anderson Mesa, Ariz.	Nancy Doman (PF-1009) Garden Grove, Calif.	Gordon Huber (PF-843) Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Alex Nackenoff Swarthmore, Pa.
Eugene P. Bartlett (PF-790) Eugene, Ore.	Milton F. Ehlert (PF-702) Grand Rapids, Mich.	Jeanne Huber Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Gordon Rasmussen (PF-1010) DeKalb, Ill.
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David Baumann (PF-1006) Placentia, Calif.	Douglas Fleming (PF-899) Ottawa, Ontario	Cam Jancek (PF-1008) Pinole, Calif.	Vivian R. Rice Maine, N.Y.
John Cadick (PF-858) Garland, Texas	Jerry B. Friedland (PF-376) Monsey, N.Y.	John R. Juvinall (PF-537) Hinsdale, Ill.	Robert Routhier (PF-889) Swartz Creek, Mich.
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Ralph J. Carlson (PF-955) Taylorsville, Utah	Jonathan Friedland (PF-641) Phoenix, Ariz	Dennis Lamereaux Hinsdale, Ill.	Arthur W. Smitter (PF-952) Grand Rapids, Mich.
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Ann V. Chase Enfield, Ct.	Steven Friedland, M.D. (PF-377) Scottsdale, Ariz.	Rita LeBlanc Fall River, Mass.	Angelo Sylvester (PF-928) Scottsdale, Ariz.
Rolfe B. Chase (PF-602) Tucson, Ariz.	Trish Friedland Scottsdale, Ariz.	Van Daele Mabrito (PF-883) San Antonio, Texas	Mary Sylvester Scottsdale, Ariz.
Kitty Chase Tucson, Ariz	Ralph D. Gardner (PF-053) New York, N.Y.	Rauzia Nell Mabrito San Antonio, Texas	Marc Williams (PF-958) League City, Texas
Alys Collmer (PF-956) Waco, Texas	William R. Gowen (PF-706) Lake Zurich, Ill.	Ed Mattson (PF-067) Baltimore, Md.	Tracy Williams League City, Texas
Robert Collmer (PF-866) Waco, Texas	Hank Gravbelle (PF-584) Torrance, Calif.	Ivan McClymont (PF-722) Varna, Ontario	Arthur P. Young (PF-941) Sycamore, Ill.
Donald L. Cripe (PF-919) Bremen, Ind.	Elaine Gravbelle Torrance, Calif.	Marg McClymont Varna, Ontario	TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 69
Paul A. Cripe (PF-633) Bremen, Ind.		Janice Morley (PF-957) Fremont, Calif.	H.A.S. MEMBERS: 45

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Adopt-A-Newsboy	\$1,190.00
Advertisements	27.00
Auction	4,481.50
Membership dues	3,756.00
"Strive and Succeed" award donations	355.70
General donations	30.00
<u>Gross Sales:</u>	
Newsboy back issues	87.00
Bales book	20.00
"Mabel Parker"	16.50
Membership pins	15.00
"Road to Success"	15.00
H.A.S. tiles	28.00
Total Gross Sales	181.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,021.70

EXPENSES

1997 Convention	\$311.35
1998 Convention	150.00
Auction commissions	3,460.70
Strive & Succeed Award	510.00
H.A.S. Repository Library	100.00
Bank charge	31.40
Scharnhorst books purchased for resale	39.60
Misc. expenses	2.91
<u>Newsboy expenses:</u>	
Printing	2,475.76
Newsboy mailing (postage)	1,118.97
Envelopes	139.67
Mailing labels	20.00
U.P.S.	13.63
<u>Official H.A.S. roster:</u>	
Printing	138.25
Mailing	130.82
<u>Misc. Postage:</u>	
FedEx, U.P.S.	55.25
U.S. Mail	248.16
Total misc. postage	303.41

P.O. box rental	40.00
State filing	8.00
Misc supplies	20.74
Telephone	149.93
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,165.14

Net income for reporting period..... \$856.56

Balance sheet as of April 30, 1998

ASSETS

Cash and bank accounts

Norwest Bank	\$4,763.05
Total cash and bank accounts	4,763.05
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,763.05

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	4,763.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,763.05

Submitted by Mary Ann Ditch, Treasurer

May 1, 1998

***MOVING?
NEW PHONE NUMBER?
NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS?***

Send your changes to:

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

Valley of the Sun

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business from Thursday's meeting, with the notable new item of business President John Cadick's request that a \$300 annual advertising budget be created for the specific purpose of placing ads in other publications in order to spread the word about the Society and increase membership. The Directors voted 7-2 in the affirmative.

The annual H.A.S. book sale began at 9 a.m. in the main meeting room of the Scottsdale Pima Inn and Suites, and those in attendance felt it was more successful than in recent years, both as a way to buy that elusive volume you were seeking or just socializing.

By late morning, it was time to pack up the books and get ready to depart for the home of hosts Mary and Angelo Sylvester in downtown Scottsdale. It turned out to be a magnificent, a wide choice of foods, including a delectable pasta salad, shrimp, iced tea, champagne and desserts. "Our house in Scottsdale is less than 1,000 square feet, yet we had 71 people seated at 11 tables, with the food delivered at the table with everything on the plate, so that when the Algerites came, all they had to do was sit down, eat and be happy," Angelo said afterward.

Following lunch, all Partic'lar Friends were on their own to visit nearby Old Town Scottsdale, the Fifth Avenue Shops and many other sights within a short driving distance from the Sylvesters' home. The hospitality room also remained open the rest of the afternoon.

During the afternoon, President John Cadick, at the request of some of the Directors, called a special directors' meeting, to review the previously announced nominations. Because there was some concern expressed over these nominations, Cadick announced that he was with-

drawing his name from consideration as President. Then in looking at the nominations, it was decided that the logical thing to do was elevate the nomination of Jack Dizer from Vice President to President, with Carol Nackenoff the new nominee for Vice President. Dick Pope, chairman of the nominating committee, was consulted on this via telephone, and Dizer was also called to inform him of the change, which he accepted.

Friday night's annual dinner/business meeting was held at the Peppercorn Grille in downtown Scottsdale.

Following dinner, President John Cadick introduced three of the newest H.A.S. members who were attending their first convention: David Baumann (PF-1006), Cam Jancek (PF-1008) and Nancy Doman (PF-1009).

The Treasurer's Report and Executive Secretary's Report were then presented to the membership.

Convention host Angelo Sylvester then presented the 1998 Strive and Succeed Award to Heather Van Meter, a senior at Saguaro High School in Scottsdale. Heather, who plans to attend Arizona State University in the fall with a goal of a career in studio art, was joined by her mother, Andrea, and grandmother, Doris Griffith, for the ceremony. Heather maintained a 4.0 grade-point average in high school despite working an average of 25 hours per week the past three years to assist her family.

Janice Morley of the nominating committee then read its slate of officer candidates, consisting of Jack Dizer for President, Carol Nackenoff for Vice President and Chris DeHaan for Treasurer. President John Cadick, the committee's nominee, explained that he had withdrawn from consideration.

With the floor opened for additional nominees, Cadick was again nominated for President, with Dizer as Vice president. Cadick said he would announce Saturday whether or not he would remain a candidate. The vote on

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Heather Van Meter, second from left, receives the H.A.S. Strive and Succeed Award from convention host Angelo Sylvester, right, as Heather's grandmother, Doris Griffith, left, and mother, Andrea Van Meter proudly display copies of Alger's *Strive and Succeed*.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Mary and Angelo Sylvester enjoy Arizona iced tea during Friday's lunch at the Sylvester home, along with friends Edith Robiller, second from left, and Anise Morell, third from left, who volunteered their services throughout the weekend.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Rita and Eddie LeBlanc relax at the Sylvesters' home after Friday's lunch.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Betsy and Lee Allen during Friday's dinner.

Photo by Doug Fleming



From left, Rolfe and Kitty Chase, Ann and Brad Chase at Sunday's breakfast.

Photo by Doug Fleming

Convention post cards from Arizona



New H.A.S. member David Baumann (PF-1006) is welcomed by hosts Angelo and Mary Sylvester at the registration table.

Photo by Doug Fleming



Elaine and Hank Gravbelle relax during Friday's dinner at the Peppercorn Grille in downtown Scottsdale. Photo by Carol Nackenoff

Doug Fleming takes a unique ride at the Los Olivos Mexican Patio Friday night.



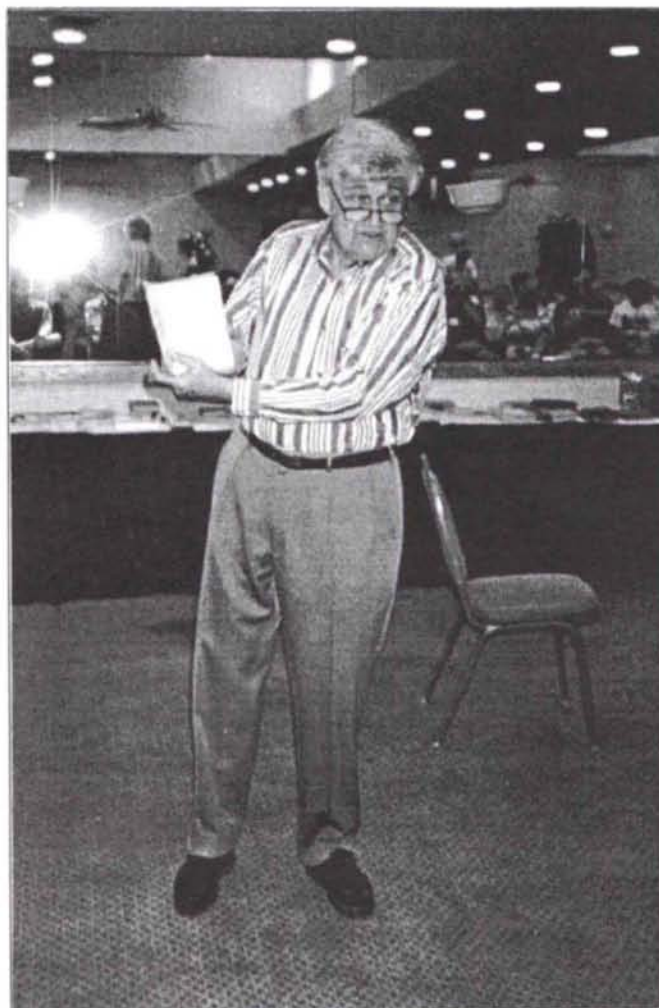
A pair of Royal Palm trees soar over the curving walk at the Scottsdale Pima Inn & Suites. Photo by Bill Gowen

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>
Series book collectors guide	Tom Davis	Bob Collmer	\$30.00	"Paul the Peddler (comp. serial)	Arthur Young	Jerry Friedland	70.00
Canadian maple syrup	Ivan McClymont	Marc Williams	10.00	"The Fictional Republic"	Carol Nackenoff	Jerry Friedland	35.00
Sheet music: Iowa theme	Larry Rice	Ralph Anderson	1.00	"Dave Fearless" book (G. City)	Larry Rice	Eugene Bartlett	12.00
Sheet music: Ohio theme	Larry Rice	Donald Cripe	4.00	Alger/Rollo/Curlytops books	Bernie Biberdorf	Eugene Bartlett	5.00
Sheet music: California theme	Larry Rice	Alys Collmer	3.00	Beadle's "Iron Hand" (Ivers)	Chris DeHaan	Betsy Allen	2.00
Sheet music: Virginia theme	Larry Rice	Eugene Bartlett	2.00	Misc. ephemera	Ralph Gardner	Arthur Smitter	1.00
Sheet music: Iowa theme	Larry Rice	Alys Collmer	1.00	Two Faith Baldwin books	Arthur Smitter	Betsy Allen	5.00
Sheet music: Indiana theme	Larry Rice	Eugene Bartlett	2.00	Set of Fisher prints	Ralph Gardner	Jeanette Routhier	20.00
Sheet music: Michigan theme	Larry Rice	Jerry Friedland	10.00	"Flying Machine Boys" book	Arthur Young	Tom Davis	10.00
Sheet music: Arizona theme	Larry Rice	Jerry Friedland	15.00	B. Standish/Zane Grey (2 books)	Ivan McClymont	Eugene Bartlett	4.00
Bread-and-butter pickles, 1 qt.	Jeanette Routhier	Marc Williams	12.00	"Peggy Parsons of Prep School"	Arthur Smitter	Eugene Bartlett	2.00
Bread-and-butter pickles, 1 qt.	Jeanette Routhier	Tom Davis	10.00	"The Eight-Oared Victors" (C&L)	Tom Davis	Eugene Bartlett	2.00
Bread-and-butter pickles, 1 qt.	Jeanette Routhier	Betsy Allen	10.00	Alger Dominoes ('92 convention)	Bob Collmer	Vivian Rice	15.00
Bread-and-butter pickles, 1 qt.	Jeanette Routhier	Michael Morley	10.00	"Bound to Rise" (1st ed.)	Bob Routhier	Paul Cripe	25.00
Green tomato salsa, 1/2 pt.	Jeanette Routhier	Michael Morley	10.00	"Scarlet Letter"/"Slow Waltz..."	Ralph Anderson	Betsy Allen	5.00
Green tomato salsa, 1/2 pt.	Jeanette Routhier	Michael Morley	10.00	"The Erie Train Boy" (Burt)	Bill Gowen	Arthur Smitter	5.00
"Fibber McGee & Molly" tape	John Juvinal	Rauzia Nell Mabrito	5.00	"Frank Fowler the Cash Boy" (Burt)	Bill Gowen	Larry Rice	8.00
"Fibber McGee & Molly" tape	John Juvinal	Betsy Allen	5.00	"The Errand Boy" (Burt)	Bill Gowen	Larry Rice	10.00
"Fibber McGee & Molly" tape	John Juvinal	Linda Smitter	5.00	"Dan the Newsboy" (Burt)	Bill Gowen	Arthur Smitter	31.00
"Fibber McGee & Molly" tape	John Juvinal	Jerry Friedland	5.00	"Tom the Bootblack" (Burt)	Bill Gowen	Arthur Smitter	18.00
H. Alger stamp, sheet of 50	John Juvinal	Ralph Carlson	21.00	"Slow and Sure" (P&C)	Ed Mattson	Arthur Smitter	20.00
H. Alger stamp first-day covers	Hank Gravbelle	Lee Allen	5.00	"Erie Train Boy" (Hurst mini.)	Bernie Biberdorf	Michael Morley	75.00
H. Alger stamp, plate block	Arthur Smitter	Betsy Allen	1.00	"Boyton, the Classic Prints"	Ralph Gardner	Elaine Gravbelle	2.00
Newsboy stamp, sheet of 50	John Juvinal	Brad Chase	8.00	"Rocket Riders in the Air"	Tom Davis	Donald Cripe	5.00
Newsboy stamp, sheet of 50	John Juvinal	Hank Gravbelle	5.00	"Joe the Hotel Boy"	Bob Routhier	Ralph Carlson	20.00
Newsboy stamp, sheet of 50	John Juvinal	Jerry Friedland	8.00	Henty: "True to the Old Flag"	Ivan McClymont	Marc Williams	6.00
Newsboy stamp, sheet of 50	John Juvinal	Jerry Friedland	8.00	"The Rockingdown Mystery"	Hank Gravbelle	Jerry Friedland	10.00
Hand-crafted "bears on bench"	Arthur, Linda Smitter	Jerry Friedland	70.00	"Y. Capt. Jack"/Silas Snobden"	Ivan McClymont	Angelo Sylvester	12.00
U.S. "Morgan" silver dollar	Arthur Smitter	Jerry Friedland	20.00	M. Twain short stories (complete)	Brad Chase	Jerry Friedland	15.00
U.S. "Peace" silver dollar	Arthur Smitter	Jerry Friedland	13.00	Salsa dip/tabasco sauce, etc.	M. & Tracy Williams	Jerry Friedland	10.00
Miniature newsboy statue	Hank Gravbelle	Arthur Smitter	4.00	"Rags to Riches" (record-tape)	Bernie Biberdorf	Jerry Friedland	10.00
Miniature newsgirl statue	Hank Gravbelle	Linda Smitter	5.00	Hollywood film advertising card	Ralph Gardner	Jerry Friedland	10.00
"Try and Trust" (non-1st)	Megan Fleming	Angelo Sylvester	3.00	"Submarine Boys"/Ripley books	Tom Davis	Arthur Smitter	16.00
"Frank's Campaign" (3rd ed.)	Megan Fleming	Michael Morley	40.00				
"Rufus & Rose" (non-1st)	Megan Fleming	Bob Routhier	12.00				
"Mark the Match Boy" (non-1st)	Megan Fleming	Arthur Smitter	10.00				
"Rough and Ready" (non-1st)	Megan Fleming	Angelo Sylvester	5.00				
"Ben the Luggage Boy (non-1st)	Megan Fleming	Angelo Sylvester	3.00				
"Strive & Succeed" (Holt)	Hank Gravbelle	Angelo Sylvester	10.00				
Convention souvenirs 1974, 77	Hank Gravbelle	Angelo Sylvester	5.00				
"Horatio's Boys" (Hoyt)	Hank Gravbelle	Betsy Allen	5.00				
"Fancy of Hers"/"Disag. Woman"	Hank Gravbelle	Lee Allen	10.00				
H. Alger Assn, '97 awards video	Ralph Gardner	Ralph Carlson	6.00				
Nutcracker	Ralph Gardner	Van Daele Mabrito	1.00				
Four misc. Algers	Ralph Anderson	Arthur Smitter	10.00				
"Lester's Luck" (S&S pb)	John Juvinal	Marc Williams	10.00				
				Total bids on donated items			\$954.00
				1998 H.A.S. auction summary:			
				Donation auction (100% to H.A.S.)			\$954.00
				Consignment auction			1,706.00
				H.A.S. commission (15%)			255.90
				Gross receipts from all auctions			2,660.00
				Total proceeds to H.A.S.			\$1,209.90

Annual H.A.S. convention consignment auction results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
"Slow and Sure"	Ed Mattson	Larry Rice	\$10.00
"R. & Rose"/"Paul the Peddler"	Bob Vestigo	Angelo Sylvester	15.00
"Paul Prescott's Charge" (P&C)	Ed Mattson	Hank Gravbelle	20.00
"Phil the Fiddler" (Loring)	Eugene Bartlett	Carol Nackenoff	35.00
"Do and Dare" (Hurst mini.)	Hank Gravbelle	Janice Morley	15.00
"Mark Stanton" (Caldwell)	Jerry Friedland	Arthur Smither	75.00
Mayes Alger biography	Michael Morley	Bob Routhier	35.00
"Our Young Folks"	Ralph Gardner	Michael Morley	25.00
"C. Codman's Cruise" (Loring)	Eugene Bartlett	Brad Chase	30.00
"Bobbsey Twins Houseboat"	Janice Morley	Betsy Allen	25.00
"Ghost of the Hardy Boys"	Michael Morley	Hank Gravbelle	30.00
"R. Raymond's Heir" (Lupton)	Bob Vestigo	Carol Nackenoff	5.00
"Wait and Hope" (Donohue)	Bob Vestigo	Marc Williams	5.00
Post Card books	Ralph Gardner	Janice Morley	23.00
"Sam's Chance" (1st ed.)	Michael Morley	Brad Chase	28.00
"Walter Griffith" (1st hardcover)	Jerry Friedland	Arthur Smither	90.00
"Sink or Swim" (Hurst mini.)	Hank Gravbelle	Janice Morley	22.00
"Bertha's Xmas" (Hurst mini.)	Hank Gravbelle	Ralph Carlson	30.00
Three misc. Algers	Bob Routhier	Marc Williams	10.00
Rick Brant: "Flaming Mountain"	Jerry Friedland	Hank Gravbelle	10.00
"Great Detective Stories"	Tom Davis	Carol Nackenoff	10.00
1909 N. Y. map/gazetteer	Ralph Gardner	Jeanette Routhier	80.00
"The Young Acrobat"	Arthur Young	Edward LeBlanc	45.00
"The Frozen Face"/"Dick Dobbs"	Ralph Gardner	Tom Davis	5.00
"Farm Boy to Senator" (S&S pb)	Ed Mattson	Bob Routhier	8.00
"Ben Bruce" (S&S pb)	Ed Mattson	Bob Routhier	9.00
"Frank's Campaign" (Hurst mini.)	Hank Gravbelle	Ralph Carlson	7.00
"Ben the Luggage Boy" (P&C)	Ed Mattson	Bob Routhier	16.00
Heyliger: "Against Odds"	Jerry Friedland	Tom Davis	15.00
Misc. baseball cards	Ralph Gardner	Ed Mattson	2.00
Ballou's Mag./"Dave Porter" book	Michael Morley	Jeanette Routhier	20.00
Box lot of 17 books	Bob Vestigo	Jonathan Friedland	6.00
Box lot of 21 books	Bob Vestigo	Jonathan Friedland	16.00
Alger dominoes (92 convention)	Bob Collmer	Vivian Rice	15.00
"Strong and Steady" (Loring)	Michael Morley	Larry Rice	30.00
"Tattered Tom" (Loring)	Rolfe Chase	Angelo Sylvester	35.00
"Fame and Fortune"	Bob Routhier	Angelo Sylvester	12.00
"Ragged Dick" (P&C)	Ed Mattson	Larry Rice	25.00
"The Young Explorer" (Coates)	Michael Morley	Larry Rice	15.00
"The Train Boy" (A.L. Burt)	Michael Morley	Arthur Smither	8.00
"Out for Bus."/Young Bk. Agent"	Bob Vestigo	Ralph Carlson	20.00



Jerry Friedland describes the fine points of a book during the annual H.A.S. auction. Photo by Doug Fleming

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cnsgr</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
3 misc. Algers	Bob Routhier	Van Daele Mabrito	5.00
3 misc. Algers	Bob Vestigo	Angelo Sylvester	30.00
7 misc. Algers	Bob Vestigo	Angelo Sylvester	40.00
"Wings" vintage card game	Ralph Gardner	Alys Collmer	100.00
"The Knowledge Box"	Tom Davis	Jerry Friedland	10.00
"Frank Hunter's Pen" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Marc Williams	3.00
"The Errand Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	6.00
"The Backwoods Boy" (S&S pb)	Rolfe Chase	Mike Morley	27.00
"In a New World" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Arthur Smither	20.00
"Wait and Hope" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	10.00
"The Young Outlaw" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	12.00
"The Telegraph Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	12.00

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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>
"Fame and Fortune" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	12.00	"Mark Mason's Victory" (1st ed.)	Ivan McClymont	Paul Cripe	35.00
"Tony the Tramp" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	13.00	48-star American flag	Ralph Gardner	Arthur Smitter	20.00
"The Erie Train Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	12.00	"Don Sturdy" book in d/j	Tom Davis	Eugene Bartlett	15.00
"The Young Adventurer" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Michael Morley	13.00	2 misc. Algiers	Rolfe Chase	Arthur Smitter	4.00
"Frank's Campaign" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Arthur Smitter	15.00	3 misc. Algiers	Rolfe Chase	Marc Williams	5.00
"The Store Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Michael Morley	11.00	2 misc. Algiers	Bob Vestigo	Van Daele Mabrito	3.00
"Striv. for Fortune" (facsimile S&S)	Hank Gravbelle	Ivan McClymont	6.00	3 misc. Algiers	Rolfe Chase	Arthur Smitter	25.00
"Luke Walton" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Michael Morley	6.00	2 misc. Algiers	Rolfe Chase	Angelo Sylvester	5.00
"Work and Win" (S&S pb)	Rolfe Chase	Lee Allen	10.00	2 misc. Algiers	Rolfe Chase	Van Daele Mabrito	2.00
"Adv. of N.Y. Telegraph Boy"	Rolfe Chase	Bob Routhier	10.00	2 misc. Algiers	Bob Vestigo	Arthur Smjitter	16.00
"Strong and Steady" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Hank Gravbelle	11.00	Old salt sack	Ralph Gardner	Lee Allen	6.00
"A Debt of Honor" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	10.00	Bag of marbles	Ralph Gardner	Betsy Allen	3.00
"P. Prescott's Charge" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Marc Williams	12.00	Two old photos	Ralph Gardner	Jeanette Routhier	2.00
"Tom the Bootblack" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Arthur Smitter	11.00	Misc. post cards	Ralph Gardner	Ivan McClymont	1.00
"The Cash Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Tom Davis	10.00	Gift fork from 5th Ave. Hotel	Ralph Gardner	Jerry Friedland	5.00
"Jed, the P'house Boy" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Marc Williams	3.00	Two post cards	Ralph Gardner	Lee Allen	2.00
"Andy Gordon" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Hank Gravbelle	10.00	N.Y. Times playing cards	Ralph Gardner	Eugene Bartlett	5.00
"Facing the World" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Michael Morley	11.00	Misc. baseball cards	Ralph Gardner	Arthur Smitter	1.00
"Shifting for Himself" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Bob Routhier	8.00	"Falling in With Fortune" (G&D)	Rolfe Chase	Angelo Sylvester	5.00
"The Young Salesman" (S&S pb)	Hank Gravbelle	Tom Davis	10.00	"Golden Boys" book in d/j	Tom Davis	Donals Cripe	5.00
5 misc. Winston Algiers	Bob Vestigo	Ralph Carlson	58.00	"Bill Bruce" book in d/j	Tom Davis	Hank Gravbelle	15.00
6 misc. A.L. Burt Algiers	Bob Vestigo	Ralph Carlson	20.00				
"Tom the Bootblack" (A.L. Burt)	Rolfe Chase	Larry Rice	17.00				
3 Ellis books (Winston)	Tom Davis	Jerry Friedland	30.00	Total bids on consigned items			\$1,706.00

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bill:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the H.A.S. members for their assistance and support over the last two years during my term as President. As I said at the convention banquet, our successes have been the result of the support, cooperation and assistance of you, Rob Kasper and the other members of the Society. Any failings have been my own.

As mentioned in his column on Page 2, new President Carl Hartmann has asked me to assume the chair of the long-range planning committee. I will do my best to continue the excellent work already started by Jack Dizer and his team.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the 1999 convention at NIU.

Your Partic'lar Friend,
John Cadick (PF-858)
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Dear Bill:

I just got home from Scottsdale, and while its delights, good fellowship and grand events are fresh in my mind, I'd like to tell all our members who weren't there what a treat they missed.

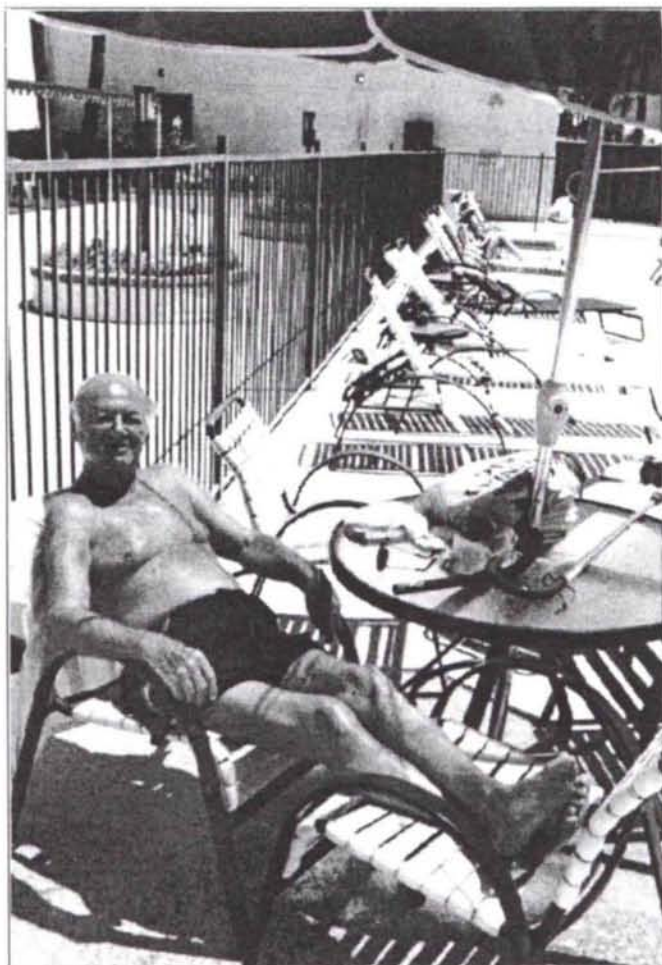
Best of all was the constant loving care bestowed on all of us by our hosts, Angelo and Mary Sylvester! Their arrangements were incomparable; the hotel room (actually, suites!) rates were low, and what they provided in the hospitality area was incredible: daily arrivals of gourmet snacks, fresh-baked cakes and fruit (including mangoes and pineapple!), besides all sorts of soft drinks — plus champagne!

I'll long enjoy their tastefully-selected convention souvenirs: a T-shirt and an Arizona cactus plant, for all who attended.

I'd like to express my thanks for all that Mary (who, with her friends who helped her in the hospitality suite) and Angelo did for us.

In Angelo's classy convertible, he gave us personally-guided tours of the Scottsdale-Phoenix area. We will long remember, with affection, the hospitality of Angelo and Mary.

Cordially,
Ralph D. Gardner (PF-053)
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Ralph Gardner (PF-053) relaxes by the pool at the Pima Inn & Suites in Scottsdale, Ariz., location of the recent 1998 H.A.S. Convention.

Photo by Bill Gowen

Dear Bill:

Enjoyed visiting with you in Scottsdale. Hope you enjoyed our part of the country. It has a way of grabbing hold of you. I know that our future lies here, even though the long-ago generations from the east coast beckon and the genes sometime respond.

I appreciate the gentle nudge on writing a follow-up article on the Hurst miniatures. Brad has done the same. I'm as ready as I'll probably ever be. Janice Morley gave me the info on the ones she bought at the convention and has promised to send copies of covers, inscriptions, etc. on the ones she has at home.

In any case, how would you like me to approach this new article? My conclusions are generally the same, but are modified and expanded. My first article is now six years old. I suspect that many of the present members have not seen that one. Those who did, probably have totally forgotten what I said. Should I completely redo

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and only mention that it had been written? That pictures that accompanied the previous article came out really well. Can we reprint some or all of them? I will suggest that we include a new picture of the major variation of the "hanging dagger" format, i.e., the one which has a cover with a complex vine/leaf nearly encircling a rather small oval appliqué of a virtuous maiden (there seem to be a large variety of these young ladies). We also perhaps could include pictures of a couple of different dust jackets.

I'd like your recommendations, and when I get your thoughts and info from Janice I'll be ready to go. Please detail how you want to approach the photographs.

Sincerely,
 Rolfe B. Chase (PF-602)
 37009 S. Stoney Cliff Dr.
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Dear Bill,

Well, final exams are finally over, as is graduation. I always enjoy the end of the year, as by now everyone is irritable. Graduation was OK, but it was *very* hot, and the ceremony lasted for some three hours (outside). I was right in the middle of the sun the whole time, and when it was over I had a heckuva headache. But ... I always say that summer sure beats winter.

So now the summer starts, and at least for now the work load is way down, and that is always good. I will be teaching a new course next semester — on Internet research — so I will be having to really work hard and get up to speed on that. At the same time, I have some 20 days of vacation time that I simply have to use by July 1 ("use it or lose it") so I will start taking some days off. Still, though, there are so many tasks awaiting me that I may end up losing some of those days (a lot of Internet and computer work to do).

I gave a couple of talks to high school students during "Humanities Day" here at the college. I guess they turned out OK, though I was a bit disappointed in the turnout. Oh, the one on computers was well attended, but the other one on literary research (in which much of it centered on Horatio Alger) was more than a little sparse. Of course, computers and everything associated with them are getting all the attention these days, so I guess I'm not surprised. I'll know better next year.

Check out the enclosed!! At that price, let's buy two of them.

I hope the convention went well ... with the next one in DeKalb, I just may go to that one. As you may know,

my hometown is Aurora, Illinois. By the way, my lawyer twin brother is making my will and one bequest is to H.A.S. I still send a check every month. Gave Mary Ann ten dollars for June, in fact. All my thoughts of the Society are fond ones.

Warmly,
 Jack Bales (PF-258)
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*Jack's mention of an item enclosed with his letter is the following advertisement in the June 1998 issue of **Firsts: The Book Collectors' Magazine** from Frogtown Books, Inc., of Toledo, Ohio:*

Dixon, Franklin W, THE HARDY BOYS: WHILE THE CLOCK TICKED. G&D, (1932) First ed. No. 11 bound in red cloth. This is the rarest book in the series. This is a beauty of a copy, crisp, bright, clean. The colorful pictorial dust jacket, designed by Gretta, is bright and sturdy with only a trace of wear at edges. The shield on spine is faded as usual. There is a faint stain on back panel of D.J.....\$3,500.00.

No, Jack, I don't think I'll run out and buy two — or even one! The sad thing is that it probably was sold at that price.



The Saguaro cactus, the most photographed "trade-mark" of Arizona, location of the 1998 Horatio Alger Society convention April 30-May 3. Photo by Bill Gowen

Valley of the Sun

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these nominees would take place at the annual banquet Saturday night.

Following dinner, the volunteer auction committee spent the rest of the evening at the hotel organizing lots for the consignment and donation auctions.

Saturday, May 2

Following breakfast, the first session was a brief presentation, with color slides, by Newsboy editor Bill Gowen on book collecting titled "Mild-Mannered Reporters, or Boys' Book Heroes?"

Following immediately was the annual auction, and over the next 4 and one-half hours, auctioneer Jerry Friedland distributed nearly 200 lots of books and related ephemera. (For complete auction results, see Pages 12-14).

The remainder of the afternoon was free time, including Scottsdale and Phoenix-area attractions or simply relaxing by the hotel pool.

The annual H.A.S. banquet took place at the hotel, catered by Kathy's Rum Cakes, Inc. in buffet style.

Following dinner, the first event was the presentation of the annual awards.

The **Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award** was presented by its 1997 recipients, Marg and Ivan McClymont, to convention hosts Mary and Angelo Sylvester, who, said Ivan McClymont, "took on the unprecedented feat of hosting two consecutive conventions, and did it in an outstanding manner."

The **President's Award** was presented by outgoing President John Cadick to Newsboy Editor Bill Gowen.

Cadick then reopened the business meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors. Before the vote was taken, Cadick explained that through a misunderstanding of the H.A.S. bylaws, the nominating committee had reported first to the board of directors rather than directly to the membership, that the change of the original slate of officers should not have taken place. Consequently, both he and Jack Dizer had withdrawn their names from nomination (not for further consideration), and that while Carol Nackenoff had also removed her name as a Vice president nominee, she said she would remain available if called upon. Cadick also noted that Dizer had resigned as director and has chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.

If effect, the nominating process had to start from scratch, with nominees to be taken from the floor.

For President, Janice Morley nominated Carl Hartmann (PF-102), and Tom Davis nominated Bob Routhier (PF-889), while for Vice President, Doug Fleming nominated Carol Nackenoff (PF-921).

In a vote by written secret ballot, with the votes counted by Doug Fleming and Samuel Huang, Hartmann was



Samuel T. Huang (PF-963) discusses plans for the 1999 convention, to be held in DeKalb, Illinois.

Photo by Doug Fleming

elected President.

For Nackenoff, running unopposed as Vice president, it was moved that the President cast the lone ballot, which was "aye," and the membership approved the election by acclamation. For Treasurer, in which Chris DeHaan was running unopposed, it was moved that the President cast the lone ballot, which was "aye," and the membership then approved the election by acclamation.

The three nominees for three-year terms as Directors were read: Tom Davis, Angelo Sylvester, and Robert L. Kersch. It was moved and seconded that they be voted by acclamation, and their election was thus approved.

To fill the one-year unexpired term of Dizer, Bob Collmer and John Cadick were nominated, with Collmer winning by written ballot. As immediate past President, Cadick also serves on the board.

Cadick then turned the floor over to Samuel Huang, who outlined the planning that is already underway for the 1999 Centennial Convention in DeKalb, Illinois.

Cadick then mentioned the sites being considered for future conventions, including Janice and Mike Morley's expressed desire to host, not in Northern California, but back in the Scottsdale-Phoenix area, which received a loud round of applause from the members, who felt this was one of the finest convention locations they had ever visited.

With that, Cadick brought the business meeting to a close, and thanked the members for their support during his two years as President, for which he received a standing ovation.

Sunday, May 3

This was a day of departure for many Partic'lar Friends, with the Pima Inn & Suites' breakfast terrace crowded throughout the morning. Several of us remained until Monday, either to sample more of the wonderful Valley of the Sun or simply because flights were not available on Sunday, more evidence of the popularity of Phoenix/Scottsdale as a place to visit as well as live.

It seems likely that the Horatio Alger Society will also make a return visit a few years in the future.

BOOK REVIEWS

John T. Dizer: *Tom Swift, The Bobbsey Twins and Other Heroes of American Juvenile Literature*. 1997, The Edwin Mellen Press, P.O. Box 450, Lewiston, N.Y., 14092-0450. 460 pages, hardbound. ISBN 0-7734-8641-0. \$109.95, plus \$5 shipping and handling. A 20 percent discount is available by using Visa or MasterCard and calling (716) 754-2788.

Reviewed by William R. Gowen (PF-706)

Fifteen years is a long wait between books from one of juvenile literature's great researchers. And while Jack Dizer (PF-511) is pleased with the book itself, he's not with the price (it wasn't his idea, so don't blame him!).

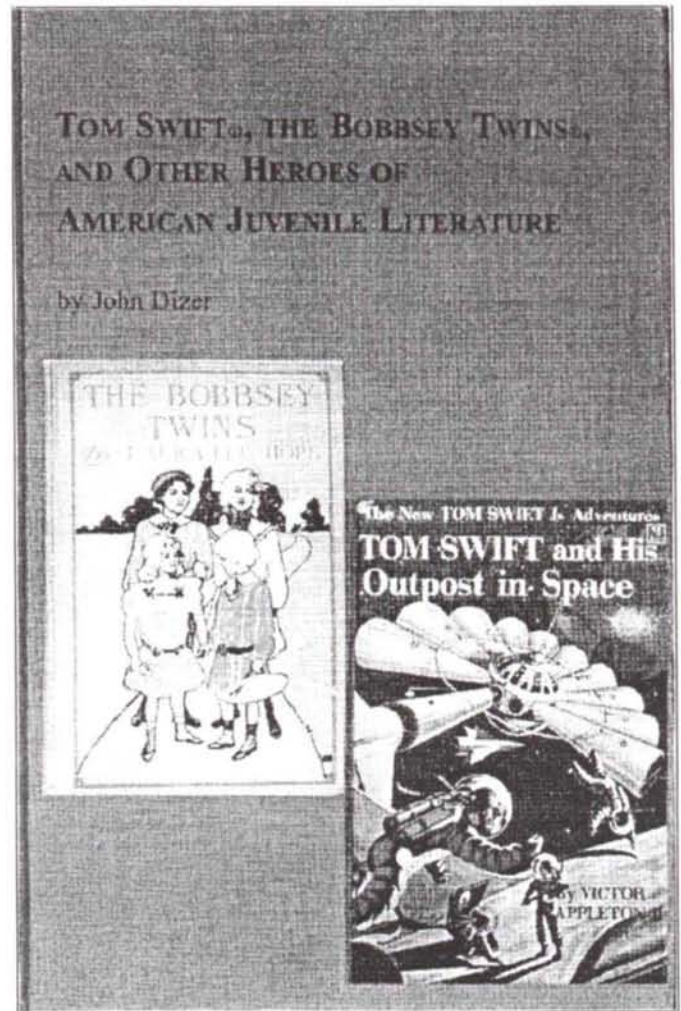
Anyway, *Tom Swift, The Bobbsey Twins and Other Heroes of American Juvenile Literature* is worth the wait—and the price—in this reviewer's opinion. Written with academic ease, yet with touches of his unique style of Yankee humor, Dizer gets right down to cases about subjects of which we in the series-book field are superficially familiar, but have little of his vast knowledge.

The source material for the 25 chapters in this book (not so coincidentally, the number of chapters of a typical Tom Swift book) comes from presentations and papers given to such groups as the Popular Culture Association and American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dizer, a who holds a Ph. D. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University, obviously knows his way around the technical aspects of his subject matter, in particular the wondrous inventions of the several generations of Tom Swifts.

But it is Dizer's life-long belief that a young person's mind and persona are best developed through reading that comes through here in page after page. Dizer believes series books are an important tool for all young people in helping them achieve the Great American Dream. Today, our so-called "X-Generation" youngsters are "educated" by television and Sony Playstations and as a result, many of our basic values are slipping away.

Most of the chapters in *Tom Swift, The Bobbsey Twins and Other Heroes of American Juvenile Literature* have appeared as articles in *Newsboy*, *Dime Novel Round-Up*, *Yellowback Library* and other periodicals. *Newsboy* is proud to have published the chapters on "The Lesser-Known Works of Percy Keese Fitzhugh," "Other than Uncle Wiggily: The Lesser-Known Works of Howard R. Garis," and "Mershon and Stitt Alger Printings."

Other chapters deal with such authors as Harry Collingwood, Francis Rolt-Wheeler, "Leo Edwards," and, of course, the man most dear to Dizer's heart,



Edward Stratemeyer. Several chapters deal with Stratemeyer and the Stratemeyer Syndicate, including pen names, his relationship with Street & Smith, and the images of girls as portrayed in his boys' books. Two of the most detailed chapters cover the complete early printing history of Stratemeyer's *Rover Boys Series* and the Syndicate's *Bobbsey Twins Series*.

There's also a detailed look at a couple of publishing experiments: the Street & Smith/David McKay *Boys' Own Library* and the Wanamaker Young People's Library.

This book also contains numerous illustrations, several in full color.

All in all, this is a treasure-trove of information for the collector, or someone who simply enjoys reading the books that shaped the lives of the youth of yesteryear.

A related note: Dizer's first book, *Tom Swift & Co.*, has been reprinted and is available from Jim Towey (PF-975) for \$30, plus \$3.75 priority insured postage, by writing Towey at 249 Hartland Rd., W. Granby, CT 06090; by emailing Towey at toweyj@aol.com, or visiting his web site at <http://members@aol.com/brentwooda>

Westgard, Gilbert K. II (ed.): *Bootblack, The Horatio Alger Magazine, Volume VIII*. 288 Pages, ISSN 1040-7405. Available from Gilbert K. Westgard II, 1001 S.W. 5th Court, Boynton Beach, FL 33426. Special offer to Horatio Alger Society members for Vol. VIII and Vol. IX (available this summer): \$40 per copy if ordered within 30 days, or, you can order both volumes during this period for a combined price of only \$75.

Reviewed by William R. Gowen (PF-706)

Bootblack has for years been the best-available source of original Alger material, including short stories, serials, background studies on Alger and his times.

Gil Westgard (PF-024) has striven to improve each volume, and with Vol. VIII, he has obtained new equipment that sets type proportionally, rather than monospaced (as by a typewriter). Westgard estimates that each page of *Bootblack* now has 20 percent more content as a result.

One of the most interesting "discoveries" reproduced in this issue is a 16-line advertisement for the Alger Institute, a boarding school for boys located in Cornwall, Conn., appearing in the Oct. 29, 1851 issue of the *New York Daily Times*, which began publication the year the advertisement appeared.

"At that time the Alger family had been in America for more than two centuries, and this temple of learning may be named after some distant cousin of our distinguished author, who, at that time, was still a student enrolled in the Harvard College Class of 1852," Westgard says.

On the same page of *Bootblack* is reproduced another advertisement from the *Times* (April 16, 1853), this one for a boarding school at Wilton, Conn., with the point of contact no other than The Rev. Charles Loring Brace, a friend of Alger.

There are more than 100 items (conveniently listed chronologically in the back of this volume) from the *New York Daily Times* from the 1851-55 period appearing in this volume of *Bootblack*, covering street life among the poor, the Newsboys' Lodging House, the Children's Aid Society, and many other related subjects familiar to any Algerite. This is all billed as a "Prelude to Ragged Dick," as a way of allowing the reader, as Westgard describes, "...to take a vivid mental pilgrimage back to noisome neighborhoods and struggling institutions serving the paupers and worthy poor of the teeming metropolis."

So what better place than this issue to include two of Charles Loring Brace's *New York Daily Times* series, "Walks Among the New York Poor" and "The Charities of England"?



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COMMENCING WITH THIS VOLUME:
PRELUDE TO RAGGED DICK
STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM THE NEW YORK DAILY TIMES
THE EARLY YEARS: 1851-1855.

We trust that none of the readers of the *Times* neglect the articles which, from time to time, appear in its columns, under the general title of "Walks among the New-York Poor." They relate to a subject of vast importance to the welfare of our City, and are well calculated, (as they are designed,) to infuse into the public mind a more zealous and active interest in the condition and fate of that unhappy class of our inhabitants to which they refer. They are from the pen of Mr. C. L. BRACE, perhaps more widely known through his Adventures in Hungary than from any other cause,—but who is now winning for himself more solid and enduring praise than mere literary ability can ever confer. He is devoting himself, in connection with Mr. PEASE, and under the general supervision of the intelligent and public spirited Committee by which the effect is aided, to the arduous, unthankful and self-denying work of studying the circumstances and improving the character and condition of that large and increasing portion of our inhabitants who have sunk out of sight and reach, and almost beyond the knowl-

edge and the care of the ordinary means of Christian benevolence. He descends into the dismal dens where they hide their wretchedness and their guilt—he seeks their acquaintance and their confidence; and through means adapted to their actual condition and tastes, he seeks to bring them into the light of day, and into ways of comfort and virtue.

This great subject has received but little attention until very lately; and never before have men been found both qualified and willing to enter upon the repulsive and saddening task. But such men are not engaged actively and zealously in its prosecution. And they ought not to lack any amount of means which they could advantageously use in the advancement of their plans. The "Walks among the New-York Poor," in which Mr. BRACE sets forth the results of his own experience and observation in connection with this subject, will enlighten the public as to the necessity of earnest effort, while they also indicate the manner in which it can be made to the best advantage.

—New York Times, January 22, 1853.

THE ALGER SERIAL THAT NEVER WAS:
JULIUS; or, THE STREET BOY OUT WEST.
SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE INTENDED 1873 ISSUES OF STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE,
BUT NEVER PRINTED DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MAGAZINE
IN THE GREAT BOSTON FIRE OF 1872.

Also in the same vein, there is a serial by Minnie Myrtle, titled "The Friendless Children."

This issue also contains the 30-chapter "Alger serial that never was" — *Julius; or, The Street Boy Out West*, which had been written for the 1873 issues of *Student and Schoolmate*, but never saw print therein because that magazine's offices and plant were destroyed in the Great Boston Fire of 1872.

Westgard notes that this summer's Volume IX will offer a "Prelude to Ragged Dick: A Closer Look," including more than 400 items. There will also be a reprint of Alger's early novel, *Helen Ford*, from the original Loring edition of 1866, and much more, including the complete 1852-53 *New York Daily Times* run of "Pavement Sketches," by "Vauc."

Material like this makes the above "two for \$75" deal for Volumes VIII and IX especially attractive.

Incidentally, beginning with Vol. IX, Westgard is changing the title of his publication from *Bootblack: The Horatio Alger Magazine*, to *Bootblack: The Horatio Alger Annual*, to more accurately reflect his source materials and publication schedule.

So for those Partic'lar Friends who enjoy Alger's stories for their content rather than for their fine bindings, *Bootblack* is a must — and a bargain at this price.

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Alger books for sale:

The following Algers are all first editions unless otherwise stated. Reference is either Bob Bennett's *Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography* (1980), or Ralph Gardner's *Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era*. These are considered the foremost authorities in Alger bibliographies. Sometimes they differ in opinion and in some instances it is difficult to tell who is right, but both are accurate on all points.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. Do and Dare	Porter & Coates, 1884	VG	\$100.00
2. Do and Dare	Porter & Coates, 1884	Good to VG	90.00
3. Struggling Upward	Porter & Coates, 1890	VG	150.00
4. Jed, the Poorhouse Boy	H.T. Coates, 1900	VG to Ex.	175.00
5. Chester Rand	H.T. Coates, 1903	VG to Ex.	150.00
6. The Young Bank Messenger	H.T. Coates, 1898	VG	125.00
7. Walter Sherwood's Probation	H.T. Coates, 1897	VG	125.00
8. Helen Ford	A.K. Loring, 1866 (scarce item)	VG to VG+	175.00
9. The Young Musician	Penn Pub. Co., 1906	VG	150.00
10. Out for Business	Mershon, 1900 (1st. ed., 2nd issue)	VG	75.00

The following are early reprints:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Price</u>
11. Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	A.L. Burt, fez edition	Good+	\$20.00
12. Tom the Bootblack	A.L. Burt, fez edition	Good	15.00
13. Tom the Bootblack	A.L. Burt, boy standing ed.	Good	5.00
14. Mark the Match Boy	Porter & Coates	Good	5.00
15. Luck and Pluck	Porter & Coates, small fruited ed.	Good	10.00
16. Herbert Carter's Legacy	Hurst	VG	5.00
17. Telegraph Boy	Hurst	VG	4.00
18. Shifting for Himself	Winston	Good	4.00
19. Strive and Succeed	Winston	Good+	5.00
20. Mark Manning's Mission	Aeonian, 1975	As new	10.00
21. Ralph Raymond's Heir	Aeonian, 1975	As new	10.00
22. The Train Boy	Aeonian, 1975	As new	10.00
23. The Erie Train Boy	Aeonian, 1975	As new	10.00