

# MILLIONAIRE WHO BECAME FIREMAN GIVES NEW THRILL

## Refused College Career to Wield Shovel on Long Island Locomotive.

### THEN MARRIED BARONESS

### Last Shock to Friends Is Leading Paris Mannikin to Altar.

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NEW YORK, March 25.—"Millionaire Fireman" was the sobriquet given Frederick Almy, Jr., when, in 1907, the son of one of New York's largest wholesale woolen merchants, after refusing a college career of a place in his father's office, laboriously wielded a shovel on a locomotive on the Long Island railroad. His decision shocked his friends. He added another thrill in the social sphere in March of last year when he took for his bride Almee Geraldine, Dowager Lady Michelham, one of Britain's wealthiest and most widely known hostesses and philanthropists.

Thrill No. 2 came when, on February 17 last, Mr. Almy, a widower of a few months, led to the altar June Dibble, one of the most beautiful of the Paris mannikins.

While the young New Yorker set out to learn all there was to know about railroading, and probably added much to his store of knowledge in that particular field, he evidently had learned much in the art of winning women, for both his brides are rated as beauties. What is more, his first wife, who died within a year after becoming Mrs. Almy, is said to have left his spouse upward of \$50,000.

Lunch by Auto.

Many New Yorkers recall young Almy, who preferred ten hours a day hard labor to a luxurious social existence; who, after the grime and oil had been rubbed from his ruddy face each evening, returned to his father's palatial home in Lawrence for dinner, who resisted every effort on the part of his family and friends to take up a business career.

Others will remember the newspaper stories of how the hustling son of a millionaire told how he preferred associating with men who worked hard for their living and how these associates admired the democratic attitude of "the only man in the yard who had his lunch brought to him by servants in an automobile."

One of four children in the Almy household, Frederick, Jr., announced his dislike for further schooling after he had absorbed all that tutors or private schools could give him. But his father was insistent, and, to please his sire, young Almy entered the Mackenzie academy, entered into his studies with a zest, took part in all the school's sports and was popular with his classmates.

But just one month before he would have been graduated young Almy left the academy. This was so much against the elder Almy's wishes that Frederick was told to "get a job,

# BOY SCOUT NOTES

The regular meeting of the court of honor to qualify scouts for first class rank and merit badges will be in the Albany High school on Friday night, April 22. Nominations should be in Scout headquarters on or before Monday, April 18. Chairman Ralph C. Tanager will conduct the court, assisted by the regular examiners.

The annual aquatic meet of the council will be conducted in bath 3, corner of Central avenue and Ontario street, Thursday night, March 31. All scouts in the council are eligible to compete. The events in the meet are fifty yards junior, fifty yards senior, 100 yards junior, 200 yards senior, twenty-five yards junior backstroke, fifty yards senior backstroke, breast stroke open to either class, diving and relay race with teams from each troop. Juniors in this class are boys under fifteen and seniors are boys over fifteen. The meet will be conducted by officers of the Fort Orange council life saving corps.

**Rallies.**

The last two series of six rallies to select divisional championship troops of the Fort Orange council will be held on March 29 and April 5. On March 29 troops in division 6 will meet at school 1 in Rensselaer to select the division champion. Troops in this district and their scoutmasters are: Nassau, Melville Boyce; Troop 2, Rensselaer, Adam Meineker; Troop 4, Rensselaer, Tracy I. Brooks; Troop 1, Castleton, Paul Hanreeder; Troop 1, East Greenbush, John Wood; Troop 1, Menands, Robert H. Glenn.

The rally of division 3 will be held in the Albany High school on Tuesday

evening, April 5. Troops in this division and their scoutmasters are: Troop 5, Cantine Tremper; Troop 20, George Steinbach; Troop 26, Frederick Dennison; Troop 27, Mr. Hewitt; Troop 19, Henry Sontz; Troop 28, Abraham Katz; Troop 1, Milton Clark; Troop 34, William Lange; Troop 31, Anthony Pierot.

The rally of division 1 was held last night in the Albany High school. The rally of division 2 held last Wednesday night in the Albany High school was won by Troop 16, which meets at the Trinity M. E. church under the leadership of Scoutmaster Paul Rentz. Second place went to Troop 6, which meets at the Grace Episcopal church under the leadership of Harry O. Stevens. Troop 23, which meets at the West End Presbyterian church under the leadership of James M. Shillinglaw, was third.

The rally of division 5, which is composed of troops in the suburban district, was conducted at the Delmar high school, Troop 4, Elmore, under Scoutmaster Leonard Walter, won this rally, and second place went to Troop 2 of Delmar, which meets at the Delmar Reformed church under Harold Warden, scoutmaster. Troop 1 of Guilderland Center, Raleigh Moffett, scoutmaster, and Troop 1, Sillegard, George Fowler, scoutmaster, were tied for second place.

The divisional champions of the troops will meet in the armory in April in the final championship rally. The troop among the six scoring the highest number of points will be awarded the field championship trophy and will be the rally champion for the year 1927.

At the regular meeting of the second class board of review conducted by Deputy Commissioner W. W. Deussen Friday afternoon, March 18, the following scouts were passed to the rank of second class: Troop 2, Carlsson; Troop 4, Robert Parley and Thomas Doyle; Troop 10, Robert Usher and Robert Birchenough; Troop 11, Charles Frost and Paul Livingston; Troop 13, Arnold Hatch and Lewis Mitchell; Troop 14, Clifford Hewitt; Troop 18, Edward Champagne; Troop 24, Emerson Miller and Arthur Froelich; Troop 23, George Dennis; Troop 26, Henry Beaulac, Jr., and Archie Hill.

Leroy Earing, of Troop 4, Rensselaer, reserved three lodges for the entire season. Troop 24 has reserved the Johnson lodge for the full season, and Troop 19 has reserved two lodges for the boys in the troop. A descriptive camp circular and registration cards will be mailed to all members of the organization in the near future.

All Boy Scouts in the council have been the annual birdhouse contest of the Fort Orange council, Boy Scouts of America. The wrong house submitted by Scout Earing was given first place in the contest, in which more than seventy birdhouses made by scouts of various troops of the Fort Orange council were entered. Earing will receive as a prize seven

days in Camp Hawley during the 1927 camping season.

Second place was awarded to Joseph D. Brooks of Troop 19; third place to Harold Young of Troop 23. Ralph Hill of Troop 13 won the first prize given for the best example of Scout handicraft in birdhouse building. Hill's house was of the colony type for purple martens or bluebirds.

Troop 19, which meets at the Trinity M. E. church under the leadership of Scoutmaster Hyde R. Fussell, won a prize in troop equipment for submitting the most birdhouses for a troop. Troop 23 of the West End Presbyterian church, of which James M. Shillinglaw is scoutmaster, was awarded a prize in troop equipment for submitting the best group of three houses.

The houses were judged by Sherman C. Bishop, state zoologist, and Howard H. Cleaves of the state museum staff.

The houses submitted this year showed great improvement in ingenuity and workmanship over those submitted in former years.

The regular monthly March meeting of the Fort Orange council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held tomorrow noon at 12:30 in the Albany club. Reports will be made by officers of the council and chairmen of the different committees.

The Rensselaer district committee met in the High school Wednesday evening. The vice chairman of the committee, W. Yates Lansing, presided. The members present worked on plans for the finance campaign for the Boy Scouts which will be conducted during the week of April 24. The city has been divided into three divisions. These three divisions correspond with the three school districts of the city. Each district will be headed by a captain, who will select a group of workers to make the solicitations during the campaign week. Donald Harrison was selected as captain of division 1, Harold March for division 2 and Captain Edgar C. Farrington for division 3.

Boy Scouts of the city will probably distribute circulars the week previous to the campaign. Scoutmasters of the Rensselaer troops who will organize the distribution are Tracy I. Brooks, scoutmaster of Troop 4, who will handle the southern end of the city, and Adam Meineker of Troop 8, who will handle the northern end.

The meeting of the executive committee, the captains and workers will be held in the High school on Wednesday evening, April 4, at which time final arrangements will be completed.

The Scoutmasters' Training troop will meet in the High school tomorrow night at 7:30. Edward M. DeRouville, scoutmaster of Troop 4, will address the leaders on programming outdoor activities for Boy Scouts. Other events in which the men will engage tomorrow night are signalling, knot tying, drill and games.

Troops in division 8 will meet at school 1 Tuesday night to compete for the division championship of the district in the following events: Inspection, attendance, drill, bugling, bandaging, Morse signalling, semaphores signalling, knot tying, flint and steel fire lighting, bow and drill fire lighting and equipment race. The meet will be conducted by Commissioner John L. McElroy and Field Scout Executive James Killough, Jr., and members of the council staff. Troops in the divisions which are entered in the meet are Nassau, Melville Boyce,

scoutmaster; Castleton, Paul Hanreeder, scoutmaster; East Greenbush, John S. Wood, scoutmaster; Menands, Robert H. Glenn, scoutmaster; Troop 2, Rensselaer, Adam Meineker, scoutmaster; Troop 4, Rensselaer, T. I. Brooks, scoutmaster. The troop which wins this rally will compete with the divisional champions, troops of other council divisions for the council championship trophy in a rally to be held in April.

Leroy Earing of Troop 4 won the Fort Orange council birdhouse contest conducted by the council last week. Earing's birdhouse is on exhibit at the Port of Albany exposition in the armory. Ralph Bishop, also of Troop 4, won third place in this contest.

Troop 1, Elmore, won the championship of division 5 at the rally conducted in the Delmar High school last Saturday night. Troop 1 of Delmar was second and Troop 1, Guilderland Center, and Troop 1, Sillegard, tied for third place. Scoutmaster Leonard Walter and members of Troop 1, El-

more, will represent division 6 at the championship rally which will be held in the armory in April. The winning troops of the six divisions of the council will be entered in this rally, and the winning trophy will be awarded the field championship trophy for 1927.

Troop 1, Coeymans, has reregistered with Justin L. Bishop, Perry R. Sheuse, Charles M. Sherman, Henry T. Jones, John D. Manely as troop committeemen, and Clarence A. Robbins as scoutmaster of the troop. The following are registered: Robert Briggs, Ernest Brown, Edjo Civill, Murrell Cronk, Robert Elmendorf, Claude Friday, Eugene Hallenbeck, Harold Lane, James Shafer, Justin Swartout, Lawrence Traver, Harold Van Heusen, Salvador Frangella, James Baker and Jack Tracy. Members of the troop committee conducted a court of honor on March 17. The scouts who were examined and the subjects they passed are Claude B. Friday, path-finding and diving; Edjo Civill, personal health and safety first.

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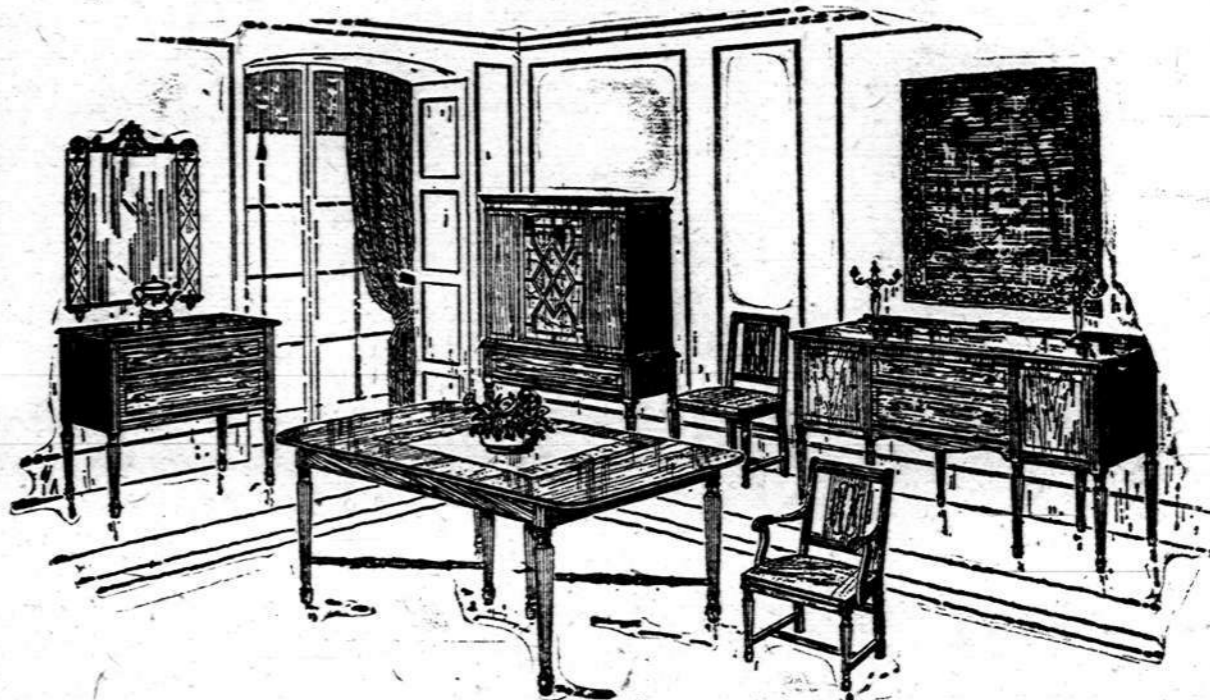
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