

# Once Untamed Zulu Youth, Now Foremost Art Model

## Morris Hunter, In Wide Demand By Artists, Came To U. S. As 'Savage' Chore Boy



Leonard Chester French's World War Statue at Milton, Mass. for which Hunter Hunter as a tribal chief, true to his birth and race.

In his delirium, the American talked much of his native beast. The chore boy listened with eager ears and alert mind to the tales of the golden opportunity and its many wonders.

Two years later that boy left his savage parents and his mud hut and embarked on the high seas as a cabin boy on a freighter, with America as his dim, distant goal.

Two more years passed before he sighted the towering skyscrapers of New York, a land of mystery and glory to him—two years which he passed sailing on the treacherous Caribbean, having silently with only one thought in mind.

**In Front Rank**

The remainder is a story of his rapid rise against terrific odds. Today he is heralded as the world's foremost artist's model. He has posed for almost all of the contemporary masters and in demand from one coast of the United States to the other.

Morris Hunter, for that is his name, is not satisfied, however. Today he is reaching out for new worlds to conquer. He is seeking now to create a niche for himself in a new art, the realm of pantomime. Already he has appeared at many of the larger universities, including Yale, and has given recitals at Town Hall and Carnegie Auditorium in New York.

Hunter's rise to prominence reads like a fairy tale. When, as a boy bred of pure Zulu stock, a race of tribal chiefs, he landed in New York, he obtained a job as waiter in a Harlem restaurant. Later he became an elevator boy in an apartment house. It was while working there that he was induced by a woman of his own race, an artist's model, to try her field of endeavor.

**An Easy Success**

Hunter first posed for a class of 10 at the Art Student's League. He was an instantaneous success and soon he was widely sought by prominent artists.

He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 155 pounds, possessing what is considered a perfect physique, although he violates every feature of the Greek figure. The silhouette of his body and his keen sense of the dramatic, more than anything else, have raised him to the high place that he now holds, however.

During the 18 years that he has been posing—he is now 31—Hunter has served as a model for Boardman Robinson, Charles Dana Gibson, George B. Searns, Walter Briggs, V. E. Fyles, Herbert Sloop, Eugene Savage, Leslie Threlkeld, Dean Cornwell, Cyrus LeBlond, Baldrige, Mead Schaeffer, Joseph C. Key-ender, Frank Gehring, Leon Gordon, Lawrence Herndon, Harry Burne, Charles

H. Baumann and dozens of others. His figure was used in three places in the mural done by Ezra Winter for the Bank of Manhattan Trust Company in New York. He has been transferred to wood, stone and copper many times. He posed for Georgia Bonstein and John Flanagan and for Leonard Chester French for his famous World War statue at Milton, Mass., depicting the poem, "In Flanders Fields."

**Many Characters**

He has posed for the sketchy done by Frank Bradford's negro stories, assuming as many as a dozen characters, including a stern woman. His face and his figure have appeared as illustrations in and on the cover of almost all the popular fiction magazines. Many times he has been the model for adventure and action publications, one time an Arab chieftain of solemn mien, another time as a laughing, carefree Spanish bull fighter, and again a lecher.

Artists agree that Hunter is capable of any kind of facial expression and is able to fixity in the same character for hours. At times he has posed 14 to 12 to 10 hours at a stretch. He transcends the usual efforts of an artist's model. A painter need only hint to him the character he is seeking in a pose and Hunter expands on the artist's vision of his subject, affording an anatomy insight into the character.

### Poisoning Victims



Here are the principals in the triple poisoning tragedy at Pittsburgh. After giving Mrs. Dorothy Yunker 25 cental capsules, which later caused her death, Edward J. W. Kerr, bottom, druggist of New Kensington, suburb, took an automobile drive with Mrs. Della Grandler, 24, above, the wife of his best friend, and took a dose of poison with her. Their bodies were found in his parked automobile.



**Mother Love Wins**

Mrs. Margaret Erkenbeck, of Dear, is photographed with her baby boy who was placed in custody of the Denver juvenile court after the baby's father, Raymond, told Judge George H. Ling "we hate the child and don't want him around." Stayed by her love for the child, after posing him, Mrs. Erkenbeck now makes daily trips to the state home for dependent children, where the boy is residing, to nurse and tend him. The father recently left home when he obtained employment in Oregon.

# HOGAN RUNNER-UP FOR STATE TITLE

## Birmingham Tank Star Finishes Behind Haynie in 220-yard Free Style

Jack Hogan, former Baldwin High School swimming star, took second place in the State Championship A. A. U. 220-yard free style swim at Belle Isle yesterday afternoon. The event was won by Ted Haynie of the Detroit Athletic Club, last year's title holder and present state record holder, who beat Hogan by a scant three yards.

Two other Birmingham swimmers, both of whom were entered in the boys' division, placed first in their events. Jerry Hiltz won the boys' 55-yard free style swim in 1:14 seconds, after winning the preliminary heats. Dean Smith missed qualifying by a foot in the semifinal heat of the same event.

Charles "Bud" Miller of Birmingham won first place in the boys' 164-yard breast stroke, padding the distance in 4:24 seconds.

In placing second in the 220-yard free style championship, Hogan beat Clayton Mains, holder of the state record in high school competition, to the tape by four yards.

Don Goulding, Detroit city champion, finished fourth. His winning time was 2 minutes 30.2 seconds.

**Glasses Needed**

Prof.—This is the third time you have looked on Jones paper. Student—Yes, sir, he doesn't write very plainly.—Boston Beacon.

**The Wining Eye**

"So he married the widow. I thought he had his eye on the daughter."

"So he had, but the widow had her eye on him."—Exchange.

**The Silver Lining**

"Do you approve of your daughter smoking?"

"No, but there's one good thing about it—I don't get all the blame for the ashes on the parlor rug."

**Won A Ticket**

Policeman—How, you were driving 60 miles an hour. Shop—Oh, isn't that splendid! I only learnt to drive yesterday. Montreal Star.

# SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Clyde H. Bennett of Wing Lake Shores, with her sons, Clyde, Jr., and Jimmie, returned Friday from Birmingham, Ala., where they spent the past few weeks.

Mrs. Langley Smart of Wing Lake Shores is spending the week at Spring Lake, where she is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Brink. Mrs. Smart is expected to return Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Hirsch of Abbey road have as their guests for the week, Mrs. E. M. Saling of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. W. D. Roy of Williamsburg road, with her sons, Wallace and Harold, is spending the week in Chicago at the World's Fair.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Morgan of Wing Lake Shores will be hosts at an informal supper party Friday evening in honor of their niece, Miss Eleanor Allington of Grace Point, who will become the bride of Frederick Hedges where they were the guests of Mr. Duffield on Sept. 9. The guests will include, besides Miss Allington and Mr. Duffield, Miss Florence Allington, Miss Anne Fletcher, Miss Evelyn Cook, Edward Evans, John Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. James Benish, Robert Shull, Mair Snow, and Courtney D. Allington, Jr.

# SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. P. V. Peters of Aspen road had as her guests Thursday and Friday Mrs. H. V. Cole and her daughter, Miss Jane Cole, of Detroit.

Mrs. D. G. Clemens of Waddington road entertained at a bridge tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Minnie Mitchell of New York and Mrs. A. B. Moore of Dayton Beach, Fla., who are the guests of Mrs. George Lay of Royal Oak. Besides the hostesses and their hostesses, the guests included Mrs. A. B. Moore, Mrs. Charles MacDougal, Mrs. E. F. Bause, Mrs. E. V. Buppelle, Mrs. L. W. Gillette, Mrs. Eugene Hamb and Mrs. George A. Wright from Detroit, Fla. W. H. Farr of Royal Oak and Mrs. Clara MacGregor of Birmingham.

Mrs. A. W. Grann of Waddington road entertained a group of friends at luncheon Tuesday at dining Mrs. C. V. McGuire, Miss Minnie Chapman and Mrs. W. O. Seelye.

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