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## Norman Durment Breaks World's Hurdles Record

"Norm" Durment, senior football and track star at the Highland Park high school, started the timers at the state finals held in Urbana last Saturday when he ran the 200 yard low hurdles in 22.2 seconds to establish a new national interscholastic record. The old state mark was 22.7, and the national, 22.6 seconds.

"Norm" who is the son of Otto Durment, police officer at the high school, has pointed for this race for the past two seasons. Last year he won his way to the finals only to lose out in the last race. His startling time this year is a tribute to him and his coaches, Chas. Lauer and "Deac" Wolters.

Wally Repholz, another H.P.H.S. senior ran the fastest half mile in the history of the local track teams to bring two more points as he completed the distance in 2 min. 5 seconds. John Rompel, a junior, also made his way to the finals but did not place among the point winners.

Durment reduced the world's record for the 200 yard low hurdles to 22.2 seconds in spite of several handicaps. The weather was anything but favorable, and the contenders were forced to run in pouring rain. Durment had the worst possible lane, the inside lane, because it had been dug up by preceding runners. He had to run through a pool of water before getting to the first hurdle.

From the first hurdle Durment was ahead, and he was never challenged. When he reached the last hurdle, the nearest competitor was 18 yards behind.

Durment who is 18 years old, was born in Highland Park and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Durment. His father is an officer of the Highland Park police force and his mother conducts the Inga Durment Employment Agency. He will graduate from the local high school in June and is making plans to attend college in the fall, although he has not made a definite decision as to the school, he favors Iowa State.

On his finish, all of the spectators, coaches, and other tracksters congratulated him. Newspaper cameras snapped, and though Durment realized what he had accomplished for Highland Park, he took it very modestly, as usual, as his name was announced as the maker of a new world's record and was presented with a medal.

The special high school race in which Durment completed, the 200-yard low hurdles, is two years old. It is run in most states in the union, and as his time is the fastest anywhere the race has been run, it is classed as a new world's record. Last year the fastest time listed in Spaulding's guide was 22.6. Norm's is listed next as 22.7, which he made in the district meet last year.

Three Year Goal  
Durment has worked toward this goal for three years, and all this year he has been keeping in fine condition. In the preliminaries held Friday, he ran 22.9 on a dry track, and could have easily lowered the record to 22: flat, but he realized he had to save himself for the semi-finals, and then the finals. Later in the semi-finals he ran it in 23: flat, but he was taking it easy.

Six Highland Park trackmen, Harris, Durment, Heath, Heymann, Repholz, and Rompel, traveled to Champaign to compete in the meet. Every fellow accomplished something, and Coach Lauer was delighted with the fine showings the boys made for themselves. Besides Durment's record, Repholz grabbed a fifth position in the half-mile in 2:00.5, while "Johnnie" Rompel ran to fifth berth in the 440 in 51.8. The relay team won their heat, but finished in sixth place; it was composed of Durment, Rompel, Heath, and Harris.

Suburban League Rates High  
In the first ten schools out of thirty, there were five Suburban league schools. Oak Park won the meet, while New Trier tied for second position. Proviso and Morton were also in the first ten. Highland Park, by far the smallest school of all, came in tenth. Evanston scored very little, and Waukegan didn't have any entries in the meet.

Some suburban league school placed in every event except the field events. Our union of seven Suburban schools broke the 300-yard low hurdle record, the pole vault record, and placed in the 100 and 220. Four out of five Suburban league schools placed in the 440, and three out of five Suburban league schools placed in high hurdles. In the relay, the league schools placed first, third, and tied for fifth and sixth.

## Dancers To Portray Enchanted Swans At Exhibition June 4

Girls from North Shore homes are attempting an ambitious project in the annual dance exhibition of the pupils of Mildred Haessler at the Ravinia auditorium Saturday afternoon and evening, June 4. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Park Ridge School for Girls where Miss Haessler has been contributing dance instruction for several years.

The story of the Enchanted Lake, one of the program numbers, requires the transformation by an evil fairy of a number of princesses into swans who appear to glide upon a lake until the magic spell is lifted.

In the Toy Shop number the younger students are given a grand opportunity to dance and play along lines less subtle and sophisticated than in the toy shop program produced in the same series a few years ago.

While the sets will be simple the costumes are extremely colorful and attractive and an elaborate lighting scheme is being worked out.

## Royal Arcanum Celebrates 50th Birthday, June 6th

Highland Park Council No. 1066, Royal Arcanum, will celebrate the fiftieth birthday of the local council on Monday, June 6. A banquet is to be served at 6:30 o'clock in Masonic temple to which members and their families are invited.

The Grand Regent of Illinois and other Grand Council officers will be the honored guests, and those members who have been in the order for 25 years or more will receive the Royal Arcanum Veteran Jewels. There will be entertainment and the showing of a number of interesting motion picture reels following the dinner.

Mr. Ferdinand Humer is beginning his fifth consecutive year as Regent of the Highland Park council.

## Anna Tamarri Is Pledged to Honor Society, Coe College

Miss Anna Tamarri of Highwood was pledged to Crescent, senior women's honor society of Coe College here last week. All pledges to Crescent must be approved by a faculty committee and be outstanding in one and participating in one other or be participating in three activities.

Having won both freshman tenth and sophomore honors, Miss Tamarri was awarded the Knox scholarship last year. This award is given annually to the student maintaining the highest grades in his first two years, and covers tuition for the junior and senior years.

She is a member of Phi Sigma Iota, national romance language society, of Codan, literary society, and of Pi Alpha Theta, journalism sorority. During the past year she was society editor of the Cosmos, student weekly publication, and next year she will serve as managing editor. She is also president of the Eta Sigma Phi, national classical language society.

Next to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, membership in Crescent is the highest scholastic honor on the Coe campus.

## George Kriz Opens Jewelry Repair Shop

George L. Kriz, an expert in the field of watch and jewelry repair work, has opened an office in Room 7, First National Bank building. Mr. Kriz is thoroughly qualified to handle all lines of repair work, and comes to Highland Park highly recommended for his excellent service. All work will be moderately priced.

## Business Houses To Close Monday

All of the local business houses will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial day. The Highland Park Public Library as well as the Highland Park Postoffice will also be closed all day Monday.

## Change Restaurant Name To Mary's Cafe

The Central-Cafe, which recently moved to its new location at 26 N. Second street, will be known hereafter as Mary's Cafe. Italian dinners as well as popular American foods will be listed on the menu.



## MEMORIAL DAY

was first observed by the women of the south, who, in the early spring during the Civil War, placed flowers on the graves of their own beloved soldiers, as well as those of the Union men who died in the South. This beautiful custom was soon adopted by the women of the North. In 1868, General John A. Logan, then Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order designating May 30th as an annual day to decorate the graves of the soldiers. Throughout most of the United States as well as Porto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska and the District of Columbia, it has been adopted as a legal holiday for the commemoration of American soldiers and sailors who have died in the service of our country.

May we not all pause next Monday to pay a silent tribute to the men and women who have so gloriously established, maintained and protected our own country as well as serving over-seas?

## Annual Meeting Of Community Chest Is Friday Evening

Considerable interest has been aroused in the community by the announcement of Thomas H. Reed, Ph.D., of New York, as guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Highland Park Community Chest, which will be held Friday evening at the auditorium of the Highland Park Y.W.C.A., at 8 o'clock p.m.

Dr. Reed, who will speak on "Civic Planning and the Modern Municipal Government," is a nationally known authority and speaker in the field of municipal government and a director of the National Municipal League. Through the cooperation of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, Dr. Reed has been secured as speaker for this annual meeting of the Chest.

The Board of Directors of the Chest feels that his subject is of community-wide interest and particularly informative at this time when City Manager enabling legislation has been included in the special call of the General Assembly now in session at Springfield.

All citizens of Highland Park as well as those who are members of the Highland Park Community Chest are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Eight new members of the Chest Board are to be selected at the meeting and the annual report of the president will be made.

## Infant Son Of G. Anderson's Dies

David Wallace Anderson, day and half old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Anderson, 780 Central avenue, who was born Sunday at the Highland Park hospital and died Monday night, was buried Tuesday in North Shore Garden of Memories.

## Scout Troop 30 Plans Father-Son Banquet

The first annual Father and Son banquet of Rotarian L.O.P. No. 30 of the Boy Scouts of America will be held Thursday evening, June 9, at the Bethany church, corner of Laurel and McGovern streets.

## Dr. Lois Greene To Speak On China At Lions' Meeting

At the luncheon meeting of the Highland Park Lions club to be held at noon today at the Green Tea Pot, Dr. Lois Greene will address the club on her experience in China.

Dr. Greene, who is a product of Highland Park, having been educated in the local schools is an ear, nose and throat specialist. She recently returned to the United States from war torn China, where she saw the effects of Japan's invasion. She was stationed at Hunan-Yale Hospital and Medical school in Changsha.

No one is more adequately equipped to speak on this subject than Dr. Lois, for she had spent the past four and a half years there and has seen and felt the horrors of war, and has witnessed many of the atrocities inflicted on an innocent people.

Shortly before her departure from China, she was forced to vacate Changsha, due to the approach of the invading army. Her return to the states was via a merchant marine.

## Memorial Day To Be Observed Two Days By Legion

Plans have been completed by the officers and members of Dumaresq Spencer post No. 145 of the American Legion to observe Memorial Day on May 29 and 30. Sunday morning, May 29 all members of the post and Auxiliary will assemble at the Legion quarters at 10 o'clock a.m. and from there will march over in a body to the Trinity Episcopal church at 11 o'clock where a memorial service will be held in honor of Dumaresq Spencer for whom the local post of the American Legion was named.

Monday morning, May 30, Memorial Day, all members are again requested to assemble at the Legion hall at 10 o'clock, and from there march in a body to the War Memorial at the corner of Laurel and Prospect avenue. The Elm Place school band will head the parade at 10:30. The Rev. Dr. J. D. O'Neil of the Immaculate Conception Church of Highland Park will deliver the address of the day. He promises to bring to all a very inspiring message. All members and their friends are urged to attend.

Directly following the Memorial services at Memorial park short services will be held at Mooneyes and St. Marys cemeteries at which time the graves of all ex-service men will be decorated.

## The Girl of the Golden West at Alcyon Theatre

Tonight the Alcyon is presenting two very entertaining pictures on the Double-Feature program. Robert Montgomery and Virginia Bruce appear in "The First Hundred Years," and Jimmy Durante stars in "Start Cheering."

It's a continual battle of wits and romances between Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant, who co-star in that rapid-paced comedy, "Bringing Up Baby." Miss Hepburn as a madcap heiress, disrupts the placid existence of Grant, a young museum curator, by enlisting him to help her take care of an unruly leopard in a course of adventures which comprise an exciting romp. Charlie Ruggles, May Robson and Walter Catlett are featured comedians in this picture which you will not want to miss. On the Alcyon screen this Friday and Saturday.

Surpassing all their previous screen appearances in the language of music, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy are seen in an exquisite panorama of romance and song in "The Girl of the Golden West" at the Alcyon for four days, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. An excellent blending of charming music and the romance of California in her early, ribald old camp and pastoral mission days this new operetta is an inspiring picture recommended for theatre-goers and music lovers of all ages. Contributing outstanding performances in a distinguished supporting cast are Walter Pidgeon, Leo Carrillo and Buddy Ebsen.

## Lady Elks Social Club Meets June 7

The Lady Elks Social club will meet Tuesday afternoon, June 7, at 2 o'clock in the Elks club.

## Announce Plans For Opening Of Ravinia Festival

Plans for the 1938 Ravinia Festival season, which is to open Thursday evening, June 30, were made known to North Shore committees assembled under the leadership of J. Eugene Davis, general chairman in charge of the sale of coupon books, and to the Chicago and Suburban press at a festival luncheon in the Casino club, Chicago Tuesday afternoon.

In the absence of Percy B. Eckhart who is in Europe, Mr. Howard R. Will presided at the luncheon. Mrs. Eckhart is the newly chosen chairman of the Festival committee who succeeds the late Willoughby G. Wearing.

The season will last for a period of six weeks, during which time, symphonic music, played by one of the world's finest orchestras, and directed by world famed conductors, will be offered at a nominal cost.

Richard Kebron is chairman of the Highland Park committee for the disposal of coupon books. Other North Shore chairmen are Mrs. Maurice Madeville of Lake Bluff, Mrs. G. Corson Ellis of Lake Forest, Mrs. Dwight C. Orcutt of Glenview, Mrs. Ernest von Ammon of Winnetka, Mrs. T. Weller Kimball of Kenilworth, Mrs. Walter R. Knupper of Wilmette and Mrs. Arthur M. Betts of Evanston.

Announcement by Mr. Murray that the \$40,000 guarantee fund of the Ravinia Festival had been oversubscribed by \$1,000 was greeted with enthusiasm.

Mr. Murray also announced the policy of continuing Ravinia as a Symphonic Festival with the Chicago Symphony orchestra and distinguished guest artists.

Arthur Rodzinski, Willem Van Eugene Ormandy have been secured to conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during the six weeks season. Guest soloists will be announced later.

During the first two weeks, Dr. Rodzinski, conductor of the Cleveland Symphony orchestra and known throughout the world for his conducting of the N.B.C. orchestra, which he has assembled and trained at the request of Maestro Arturo Toscanini, will conduct.

William Von Hoogstraten, Dutch conductor, who appeared during the 1936 season, has been secured as conductor for the third week.

During the fourth week, Mr. Goosen, the young director of the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra, who was heard in Chicago last winter, will be introduced to Ravinia audiences.

The final two weeks will see Mr. Ormandy as conductor. For the past two years he has been with the Philadelphia orchestra and formerly was with the Minneapolis Symphony.

The season opens on June 30 and closes the evening of August 7. As usual concerts will be given each Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon during the season.

## Two Homes Struck By Lightning In Storm Thursday

During the terrific downpour last Thursday evening two homes in Highland Park were struck by lightning and a power line in Ravinia was knocked down. Electric service in many parts of the city was also interrupted during the storm.

The roof was torn and rafters split on the C. Niebur home at 616 Central avenue, when it was struck by lightning at 6:16 p.m. that evening. The damage was estimated at about \$100.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the local fire department responded to a call to the home of Rev. Christoph Keller, rector of Trinity church, when lightning demolished a chimney. The loss was about \$250.

## Ravinia Garden Club Plant Sale To Be Saturday

The Ravinia Garden Club will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 28. Spread out on the village green will be various kinds of potted plants and flats and half flats of annuals. One table will feature plants contributed by garden club members, while another will sell garden accessories such as garden overalls, shirts, gloves, scissors and hoes. The proceeds from the sale will be used to maintain the Ravinia Rose Garden.