

\$4,000,000 In Law Suits Filed Against Lucy, NAACP, Others

Birmingham, Ala. — (U.P.) — Damage suits totaling \$4,000,000 against Autherine Lucy, four other Negroes and the NAACP set the stage Saturday for new legal wrangling over the Negro

coed's attempts to return to the University of Alabama. The four suits, filed in Superior Court in Birmingham Friday, accused the defendants of trying to stir up "litigation

and strife" for "purposes of advancing their own financial gain." They charged Miss Lucy had no "real desire" to go to the university and was being paid \$300 a month by the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Another Woman Named Mrs. Polly Ann Hudson, who filed jointly with Miss Lucy a federal suit that opened the university to Negroes for the first

time in its 125-year history, was charged as being "a woman of loose morals and unfit to associate with students." They said Mrs. Hudson, the former Polly Ann Myers, was "with a child although not a married woman." Mrs. Hudson was rejected for admission to the campus on the ground of "personal morals" and is now seeking a divorce from her husband, Edward Hudson, a \$35 a week steelworker, who said that their separation was planned so his wife could

enter the all-white school. In his answer to the divorce action this week, Hudson charged his wife was being paid \$300 a month by the NAACP. The suits also named the NAACP organization, NAACP Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall and attorneys Constance Motley and Arthur Shores.

Foul Weather Halts Search for Plane

Darrington, Wash. — (U.P.) — Foul weather halted the search Saturday for two missing F-89-D jet fighter planes, believed down with four men aboard on a 6,800-foot peak in the Cascade mountains near here. A ground party was forced to stand by because of cold and snow. Search planes were grounded by a low ceiling and poor visibility. The missing jets were believed to have crashed on or near White Horse mountain. The

planes had taken off from Paine Air Force base at Everett, Wash. Radio and radar contact with the aircraft was lost about an hour after takeoff.

Is That So?

While man may boast pompously about a lineage that goes back to the overcrowded Mayflower (1620) or that his forebears fought in the Battle of Hastings (surely there could have been Standing Room Only in that encounter, 1066), there are many living mammals today whose ancestors hark back not just a thousand years, or a hundred thousand but millions of years before man even walked upright.



Strangely, the fossil remains of those ancestors are almost identical to their descendants today. So much alike, in fact, that people digging up these million-year old skeletons often toss them aside mistaking them for modern animals.

Among the come-latelies of these living relics are the bison (buffalos) of our plains and the musk ox of our northland. Both of these mammals, closely related to modern cattle, lived in North America, looking much as they do today, a few million years ago. Judging from fossil remains, the musk ox may have an ancestry dating only a million years. The upstart.

Although both these animals existed in large numbers, neither the Eskimo nor the plains Indian who came along, perhaps 20,000 years ago, understood the possibilities of using the milk of these cattle-like animals for food as did the primitive peoples of other parts of the world who were thus able to live a self-sustained life in large communities and so advance culturally. Judging from fossil remains found along ocean beaches, the blue whale was here some 9,000,000 years ago. This mammal, largest that has ever existed on this planet as far as anyone knows, averaged then as it does now around 90 feet. (The modern record is 119 feet and some 170 tons.)

Fossils of Antelope Almost twice as old, dating back to at least 15,000,000 years ago, are the fossils of our pronghorn antelope of North America—the only single living species of an apparently numerous family of antilocapra, a goat-like cattle antelope.

Then as now, the pronghorn was a plains' animal and fleet of foot. (Even today it is the fastest of our North American four-footed mammals, capable of bursts of speed exceeding 50 miles an hour.) In many ways, our pronghorn is related to cattle. Like cattle, too, it has a horn of bone which is never shed by either males or females. But, most peculiar, it has an external covering which it sheds annually—the only mammal living which does so.

With goats, the pronghorn shares the peculiarity of using musk glands as a means of identifying himself, his herds, and his home territories. As well as releasing the musk when frightened, it has the ability to raise the stiff white hairs on its rump to signal members of the herd. A North American mammal whose ancestry dates back much farther, perhaps 50,000,000 years or more, is the manatee. A curious mammal, really, whose appearance may well have given rise to the many legends of mermaids. This nine-foot long water-dwelling mammal is a relative of the elephant although its rear legs have disappeared. It abounds in the waters of north Africa and southeast Asia. In our country, the only living species is found along the southeastern seaboard, principally in Florida.

Rear Out of Water Females rear part way out of the water to nurse their young—and at a good, long distance these shy sea-cows may have a madonna-like appearance; close-up, they are unbelievably homely, even dismissing their whiskers.

These sea-cows were already near their present-day forms when the elephants were still in their earliest stage of development. But perhaps oldest of all living relics in America today is the opossum and, what is more, our American marsupial lives and looks much today as he did 60,000,000 years ago.

Although most opossum fossils are found in Australia, opossums lived world wide—varying in size from mouse-sized creatures to nearly six-foot long giants. From its bony remains, however, we know that this animal which we may now find in our backyard has scarcely changed

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Ranger-Naturalist

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Cliff May Home Open House Today

A Cliff May prefabricated home will be open for public inspection between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. today and daily next week at 101 South Modoc ave., in a new subdivision being developed by the T. J. Hight, Inc., agency. Armin Richter and associates is the Medford agent for Cliff May homes in southern Oregon where the type home is being introduced for the first time. Richter said the house will be open until 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday next week as well as during the day. The homes are constructed on nine floor plans ranging from two bedroom homes to "any size," Richter said. Interior and exterior walls may be changed to meet personal requirements, and the houses are completely insulated, he said. Richter said the Cliff May home is done in a contemporary style to create what he calls "spacious openness, created by the cathedral-type ceiling." The model house here, he said, has been furnished by the

Governor Urges Red Cross Member Increase in March

A proclamation urging citizens to enroll as members of Red Cross during the official Red Cross month of March has been issued by Gov. Elmo E. Smith. The organization's official fund raising drive for Jackson county outside the Medford area began Thursday under the direction of Attorney Manville Heisel. Sixteen areas, not covered by the United Medford Crusade, will be contacted. Gov. Smith's proclamation, in explaining the speedy aid of Red Cross to 1,350 southern Oregon families, said "it brought the sufferers food supplies and other necessities of living; later helped those in need to rebuild and repair their homes and replace household furnishings."

In addition, "the 36 Oregon chapters . . . work with paid national staff members at military installations and hospitals throughout the world. Together they provide Oregon servicemen and servicewomen and their families with counseling, a rapid communications service in emergency financial aid, and recreation."

The majority of hospitals in Oregon receive for their patients blood which is collected from voluntary donors through Red Cross regional blood centers and traveling bloodmobiles. Junior Red Cross "Courses in first aid, water safety and home nursing last year trained about 13,000 Oregonians . . . Thousands of boys and girls are enrolled for service in our schools through the American Junior Red Cross," Smith stated.

"The succession of major catastrophes of the past few months has seriously depleted Red Cross funds budgeted for disaster aid. To restore Red Cross ability to meet the needs of disaster sufferers immediately

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Olson Ross Purchases BLM Timber Thursday

The bureau of land management sold 361,000 board feet of re-log timber in the Butte Falls area Thursday to Olson Ross Lumber company. Three bidders competed in the oral auction sale. Purchase price was \$20 per thousand board feet for Douglas fir; \$9.60 for ponderosa pine; \$5.10 for sugar pine; \$3.60 for incense cedar; and \$8 per thousand and board feet for white fir.

In another sale Thursday, 25,000 board feet of blown down Douglas fir in the Foothills creek area was sold by sealed bid to Dale R. Hatch for \$21 per thousand and board feet.

The next regular BLM sale will be March 15 when 150,000 board feet of salvage timber will be sold with two tracts of green timber totaling 7,522,000 board feet. All timber is located in Josephine or southern Douglas county.

Norris Appointed To College Office

Portland — (U.P.) — President J. F. Cramer of Portland State college Friday announced the appointment of Dr. Will V. Norris to be assistant to the president in charge of the building program at the school. Dr. Norris was formerly chairman of the science division.

Dr. Thurman S. Peterson, professor of mathematics and author of four college textbooks, will succeed Dr. Norris as science chairman.

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Dairy Breeders Set Annual Meeting Here

The annual membership meeting of the Jackson County Dairy Breeders association will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in the Central Point Grand, according to President Carl Hover. About 150 dairymen are members of the group. Fred Roberts, manager of the Oregon Dairy Breeders association, Corvallis, will report to the group. Two directors will be elected and a film will be shown on growing forage. Scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday in the courthouse is the annual meeting of the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association. Don Anderson, Oregon State college extension dairy specialist, will speak. Will Hubbard, Eagle Point, is president.

UW President Says He Will Retire Soon

Seattle — (U.P.) — H. P. Everest, vice president of the University of Washington, said Saturday he will retire "in the reasonably near future." "This is a decision I made a year ago," said Everest. "I have set no specific date or deadline." Everest, 62, said it is "common knowledge" around the campus that because of his health, retirement plans were part of his thinking.

Indian Relocation Project Starts

Portland — (U.P.) — Construction of the first four housing units in the Celilo Indian relocation project will begin shortly with award of a \$28,812 contract to the B&W Construction Company of The Dalles, Don C. Foster, Bureau of Indian Affairs area director, said Saturday.

Two of the four units will be three-bedroom multiple family dwellings and the others two-bedroom family dwellings. The frame structures will be located on a site above the highway south of Celilo Falls and are scheduled for completion in 90 days.

Foster said about 30 families of the Celilo Indian tribe will be relocated in areas of their choice. Most families are expected to locate in areas where there are better opportunities for earning a livelihood, as well as school and community facilities.

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