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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

20 YEARS AGO: June 7, 1942 (Sunday) Navy announcement reveals loss of aircraft carrier Lexington at battle of Midway.

30 YEARS AGO: June 7, 1932 (Tuesday) Medford American Legion post presents gold watch to George Harrington as the most outstanding athlete in the high school senior class.

40 YEARS AGO: June 7, 1922 (Wednesday) Medford auto accessories store offers automobile tires regularly costing \$90.00 for \$50.20 each at "great bargain sale."

50 YEARS AGO: June 7, 1917 (Thursday) Local man arrives from Klamath Falls to Medford by way of Crater lake on horseback.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Is the Commonwealth of Australia composed of States or Provinces? 2. To which country do the Azores Islands belong?

Why Medicare? Why, it is asked, should the King-Anderson bill for medical care under social security be passed when so many older people "don't need it"?

FOR many millions of our older people, a serious illness is the difference between a dignified and self-supporting old age, and a dreary existence on charity or welfare.

For nearly 30 years, the social security system has made old age easier and more comfortable and more dignified than ever before in history.

Men! Arise! Wake up and fight! They're after you! We refer, obviously, to an item which appeared on the Women's Page (of all sneaky places) of the Mail Tribune the other day.

"Tuck in the waist line, men, there's a one-button jacket in the immediate future... The American Envy Model" is on the way...

ALL these years we have taken comfort in the fact that the American male was not (like the female) a slave to fashion. He wore a suit, or slacks and jacket, and gradually was winning his way to the right to wear open-neck sports shirts in the summer.

What changes in his attire there were came gradually. And sensibly. And without undue fuss. And without gushy Ohs and Ahs from "fashion editors."

THIS is the time to recall the ringing words of a Patrick Henry ("Liberty or death!") a Commodore Dewey ("Damn the torpedoes..."), or a General McAuliffe ("Nuts!!!")

Richard Nixon won the Republican nomination for Governor of California, as expected. What wasn't entirely expected (by many, anyway) was the fact that his margin over Assemblyman Shell was less than two to one.

THE San Francisco Chronicle's pixyish columnist, Art Hoppe, writing BEFORE the election, analyzed the results.

He wound up saying: "So there you have it. Mr. Shell's firm stands stirred up the animals, but the appealing solutions he proposed were perhaps overly simple."

THIS infuriated cat-lovers, Hoppe explains. But on the other hand, it made cat-haters happy. And he went into intricate detail as to how the cat-loving and cat-hating vote was split.



Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

More Fun! To the Editor, and Friends: Stage coach station, a log cabin at the north edge of Jacksonville, held an opening the second of June.

Sut Speaks Again To the Editor: We were very sorry to read in June 6 Communications that there are still misunderstandings regarding the use regulations in effect at the Howard Prairie Recreation Area.

The Nature of Debate To the Editor: Anyone who engages in public discussion, whether from a lecturer's rostrum, debate platform, even a pulpit or the forum of a newspaper's letters columns (and I have shared them all, must be prepared to receive both acclaim and denunciation.

Temples of the Spirit To the Editor: Your article, "The Noxious (But Lovely) Weed" April 8, was outstanding and timely in acknowledgment of truth concerning this subtle destroyer.

Love to all Sut (Real name on file) Medford

My experience may help someone to escape the toils of physical wreckage. Here it began smoking, age 14, rejected by army, age 31 (to-bacco habit), package, package-and-a-half per day.

It has not been my pleasure to meet John personally, as I have so many other fine young people of our local schools. However, I have no doubt he merits the compliments paid him by his friends.

Anyone conversant with the subject and having read John's recent letter, could not help noting the similarity between many of his statements and those of current AMA propaganda against Medicare.

In Dusty, Leisurely Vientiane, Laotians Follow Peaceful Pursuits in Neutrality

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Vientiane, Laos - (UPI) - Life is leisurely in Vientiane, and in its dusty streets there is no hint that this is a center of world tensions.

These seem to be PROBLEM DAYS in the news. Astronaut Carpenter reports that when he was whizzing around the earth out there in space his candy melted and his cookies crumbled.

THE cookie problem has two of our gigantic corporations stumped. They admit they don't know what caused the crumbling. They are awaiting further reports from the government on just what happened.

When Phoumi or Boun Oum speak of a war to the death against communism or accuse the United States of deserting them, the Laotian couldn't care less.

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California, Mecca for imbibers beckoned. Had mined and prospected in the vicinity of Horbrook on two different occasions and was acquainted there. Old friends seemed to enjoy my exuberance and joined me in activities.

THE problem is simple enough. Candy melts when it gets hot, and the temperatures in Carpenter's capsule ran as high as 105.

THE most common way of committing suicide is not by violence, but by inertia; not by shooting or stabbing oneself suddenly, but by stuning oneself over a long period.

Every cosmic problem has its microscopic equivalent: when we ask why the world continues to have wars when most people don't want wars, we must ask ourselves why millions of us continue to puff at cigarettes when we know that smoking is bad for us, and might be fatal.

Arnold Eugene Jenny Rogue Valley Manor Medford

THE central parking, launching, and picnic area are open free to public daytime use.

THE statistical agency said May sales totaled 656,837 units. This gave the industry its third 600,000 sales month in a row, with May volume alone the best for any month since 1957.

LAughter runs the longest gamut of any human emotion: from innocent joy to the coarsest cruelty.

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