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COQUILLE STRIPED BASS—Pictured above is the first (as far as we know) striped to be caught above the Coquille river bridge. This 28 pound striped bass was caught by Mrs. Walter Krantz on the Coquille river from the fishing bank on the Krantz dairy farm on the Fishtrap-Arago road. She was using light tackle and it took nearly an hour to land the bass. (Sentinel Photo)

"IT WAS REALLY 'HOT'"—DEAN BROWN

'Gung Ho' Participant Is Coquille Veteran Who Took Part In Actual Marine Raiding

When "Gung Ho," the movie opens Friday night, tomorrow, at the Liberty theatre in Coquille, Mrs. Dean Brown (the former Joy Norton) is going to be there learning just how tough her husband Marine Veteran Dean Brown really is.

And because the marine raid on Makin Island, one of the Gilberts just north of the equator, occurred on the fateful day of August 17, 1942, ex-Marine Brown says he is going to be able to enjoy the acting of Randolph Scott and the others.

"Gung Ho" is the story of the first American raid from submarine on an enemy-held island base. For this raid Carlson's Raiders chose 200 of the most courageous marines from some 200,000 for the audacious move.

And Corporal Dean Brown of Coquille was one of the 299 men who were packed into stripped-down submarines and taken to the island at night to land from rubber life-boats on the heavily fortified Makin Island housing a Japanese airstrip and Jap seaplane base.

"It wasn't so bad," said Brown today, "as we went in. There was a heavy surf and our boats made no noise, but then it got hot as we landed and the guns started going off. All of a sudden we knew what we were in for."

By the next day there were 295 counted dead Japs. The island was in American hands, and a complete demolition was going on of all enemy fortifications and equipment.

And then it happened. Two Japanese troop ships hove to on the horizon coming in to the island to discharge troops. On the other side of the island were the two little subs with six-inch guns mounted.

On the top center of the island stood Colonel Jimmy Roosevelt, son of the late president, and one of the 200 marines that made the spectacular raid as the executive officer of the foray.

"Col. Roosevelt" coolly and calmly gave orders and directions for firing the subs' guns over the top of the island," Brown relates, "and we stood around and knew he had to do it right. He did. The two submarines sank the two troop ships, and we held the island. For our money, and for any marine's money, Jimmy Roosevelt may have been one of the best and most courageous fighting men you'll ever find. And as an officer, everybody knew he was what a real officer is made of."

And that's why Dean Brown has a date with Mrs. Brown for Friday night and "Gung Ho." He wants to show her why he's sort of proud of that Marine uniform when he gets it out on Armistice Day. He did his share in earning the proud colors it wears.

Spent Sunday In Bandon—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dornath spent Easter Sunday in Bandon, visiting Mr. Dornath's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waggoner.

Dr. Ulett Talks To Lions Club

Dr. George Ulett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ulett of Coquille, a staff member of Bond hospital, St. Louis, and doing work at Washington university's medical school, will address the Coquille Lions club today at noon.

Dr. Ulett will talk on psychiatry and problems related to this important but comparatively new field of medicine.

Many Merit Badges To Be Awarded At Court of Honor

Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held in the Junior auditorium at the Community building Monday, April 25, at 8 p. m.

This will be one of the finest Courts of Honor held in Coquille for several years. Twenty Merit badges will be awarded to members of troops 14 and 63.

The public is invited and the parents of Scouts are especially urged to be present.

School Building Project Started

Preliminary grading and bulldozing on the site of the new seven-room school building at the north edge of the city was started Tuesday by Malarkey and Moore, Portland contractors, who last Wednesday received the bid to erect the modern new seven-unit school building in Coquille.

The Portland builders expect to complete the building in September in time for use at the start of the school year.

New Light Poles Expected Soon

The 35 tapered light poles, especially shipped from Spokane, Wn., for Coquille downtown Mercury vapor street lights have arrived in Albany, Manager W. J. B. Head of the Mt. States Power company says.

The poles will be erected immediately and the lights put into use.

Myrtle Point this week saw the first of their vapor lights going up.

North Bend is also considering the new 21,000 lumen mercury vapor lights for that city, it is understood.

Visit In Portland and Salem—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers, spent the week-end visiting in Salem and Portland.

Osika Presents Brief Urging Action On New Courthouse

Clarence Osika, Chamber of Commerce secretary, presented a complete brief on the need of a new courthouse for Coos county Monday when the official hearing as set by law was held on the proposed \$100,000 addition to the Hall of Records.

Termed by Judge L. D. Felsheim as one of the finest briefs he has heard, Osika's report listed the results of his study and investigation into the need of a new addition to the Hall of Records.

"Immediate action should be taken to protect the present records now stored in the 'old' section of the courthouse," Osika stated.

Over fifty men and women were present at the hearing representing the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, the Coos-Curry Bar association, long pluggers for a new building, and residents of McKinley, Dora, Brewster Valley, Daniels Creek, Sumner, Catching Inlet, Fairview, Lee Valley, and Myrtle Point.

Main point of discussion settled on the condition of Coos county roads, and the questions pertaining to the roads were answered by County Judge L. D. Felsheim, County Engineer Floyd Robb, and the commissioners, Fred True and Fred Kruse.

Commenting on the roads and the new building as projected were Alvin Hunt, Daniels Creek; Mrs. Harold Velure, Sumner; Mrs. Harry Krantz, Lee Valley; Alfred Johnson, Daniels Creek; Mrs. Walter Leeling, Greenacres; Mrs. Sam Flint, Greenacres; Lloyd Davyport, Myrtle Point; Howard Leatherman, Fairview; Fred Brunell, Coos River.

Favoring the courthouse addition in their talks were County Clerk Lloyd W. Oddy and County Assessor Charles Forrest, At- (Continued on page 8)

Lions Essay Contest Has 24 Entries

Twenty-four entries were made in the Lions club essay contest this week, according to Wayne Smith, chairman of the Lions club educational committee.

The topic of the essay is, "If I Were a Lion, What I Would Want My Club to Do for My Community." Judges for the contest are Mrs. Ray Jeub, Mrs. J. Arthur Berg and Rev. Robert Lessing.

Judging will be completed by May 1.

Honors Given At High School

Closure of the school year was a present thought at the Coquille high school this week, and with it came the first announcements of honors to outstanding students of the school.

Named as valedictorian was Mary Gauntlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gauntlett. Beverly Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of Coquille, was named salutatorian, and third highest in the class was May Queen Virginia Corrie.

Given the coveted honor of the American Legion Girls' State candidate was Nancy Godard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Godard. Miss Godard will attend the Girls' State camp at Silver Creek Falls in June with other girls from Oregon high schools.

As candidate for the Oregon State college Mothers' club scholarship, Warren Jenkins, son of County Agent and Mrs. George Jenkins, was chosen today by a faculty committee. The scholarship is valued at \$150.00 for college studies at the Corvallis school.

Golden Wedding Open House Set

An "open house" in honor of their golden wedding anniversary will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Steward at 581 North Henry Saturday evening.

The Coquille couple who have been married for half a century were united in wedlock at a logging camp up Fishtrap on April 23, 1899.

Mrs. Steward was the former Lillian Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomas of Coos county.

Cyclist Touring United States

Walter E. Devine of Portland who has been bicycling across the United States landed in Coquille on Tuesday on his return trip to Portland. Devine left Oregon May 18, 1948, and has been on the road almost a year.

His trip east took him to Detroit, Michigan; Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City. He visited Miami and Key West, arriving in Key West just as President Truman was leaving. He returned via Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and visited Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

In all Devine has travelled better than 7,000 miles, on good roads making as much as 73 miles a day.

Lots Of Water Struck At New City Well Hole

Lots of water, in fact more than could be bailed out was struck at fifty feet on the well test hole on the high school football field, and at 100 feet when drilling was stopped, a continual flow of crystal clear water was pouring into the hole.

According to City Engineer Joe Kuffler he will take samples of the water this morning at ten-thirty and send them immediately to the Oregon State Board of Health offices for official testing as to purity.

No metered test pump was placed in the hole as the water supply was actually "heavy," city officials said. The first hole was a test hole and if the water is pure at this depth a city well will be sunk at once.

The well will be concreted and encased and the purity of the water maintained at all times. The water was found below a heavy bed of fine sand and gravel.

Indications at present are that the well will more than bring Coquille's Rink creek water system up to a place where the entire city will enjoy a fine supply of water every month of the year.

Beach St. Extension Favored By City

The city council went on record this week as favoring an extension of Beach street to Tenth street and the vacation of a part of Holly street.

A request for a fill on Fourth and Taylor street was oked by the council if the plan is favorable to the state highway commission.

Dave Biegler asked that the sidewalk from Henninger's corner on Taylor to the corner on which the Biegler Furniture store is located be widened. A request was also submitted asking for the improvement of Heath street from Eleventh to the ball park and of North Schroeder street between Fourth and Sixth streets. Petitions will be submitted in this connection.

L. L. Bonney was elected to the budget committee to replace Dave Rackleff.

The date for the dedication of Fortier field has been changed from May 22 to May 29.

Bids will be asked on the purchase of a police car as well as on the purchase of a flusher and sweeper.

Park Commission Discuss Patterson

A park planning commission will meet with the Coquille park commission under the chairmanship of Ray Hunsaker tonight and outline plans for a development of Patterson Grove, Coquille's lovely firred hillside park area.

Patterson Grove has been used widely by the Girl Scouts and is the scene of an annual week day camp. A modern out-of-doors fireplace was erected for the Girl Scout day camp last year by the Coquille Rotary club and is also used by evening picnickers.

Also under study tonight will be the type of arch to place on Fortier Field. The University of Oregon park adviser is bringing a proposed drawing and sketch.

Powers Senior Ball Saturday

The high spot of the season at Powers will be the annual Senior ball which will feature this year Johnny Lush and his University of Oregon band. The affair is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 23. There will be dancing from 9:30 p. m. to 12:30 p. m. and admission will be \$1.50 per person, tax included. The dance is held in the Powers gymnasium and is a colorful affair.

Bank Call Shows \$4,222,631 Deposits In Coquille Branch

"Deposits of \$4,222,631.44 and loans and discounts of \$1,607,339.89 are reported by the Coquille branch of The First National bank of Portland," according to Lewis Wiltshire, the manager.

"The figures were compiled in accordance with the April 11 call by the comptroller of the currency. At the same time totals for the First National Bank of Portland, Head Office and 45 branches were: Total resources, \$507,365,745.70; deposits, \$469,082,363.09; loans and discounts, \$162,580,882.63. Totals for the First National group, including all branches and the 15 affiliated banks were: total resources, \$610,859,522.00; deposits, \$566,620,915.46; loans and discounts, \$186,482,892.69."

Low Cost Houses Can Be Built Chamber Body Told

Members of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce received some first-hand information about low-cost housing plans as they are being developed at North Bend when the civic group met in regular session last Monday noon.

A. Rinar Mattson of Commonwealth, Inc., a guest of Noble Chowning at the Chamber meeting, spoke about the need for a low-cost housing program that will provide \$6500 homes that can be bought for \$500 down and payments of less than \$40 per month. This is the program that is being forwarded at North Bend where, according to Mattson, fifty homes are under construction at the present time with the prospect that one hundred and eighteen will be developed by next fall.

Anyone interested in seeing how this program is being carried out are urged by Mattson to visit the North Bend development.

Returns Favor Increased Budget

Incomplete and unofficial returns from the various school districts of Coos county showed that the people who make up the schools served by the rural school board were voting in favor of exceeding the six per cent limitation for their new school budget.

Amount to be in excess of the statutory limitation is \$536,938.30. Total amount of the 1949-50 levy is set at \$848,052.83.

More teachers, more improvements, higher salaries, and a big growth in school age children caused the rural school board to raise their proposed budget.

Following is the report from the districts sending in results to date:

District	Yes	No
Broadbent	16	8
Arago	6	0
Riverton	11	4
Parkersburg	1	10
Kentuck	10	0
Millington	11	0
Riverside	3	0
Sunnyside Hill	8	0
Powers	10	0
Dora	14	0
Catching Creek	0	4
Myrtle Point	13	0
Allegany	7	2
Eastside	19	5
Remote	0	6
Bandon	150	0
Bear Creek	5	0
Bunker Hill	22	0
Lakeside	26	0
Valley View	0	3

Colorful May Day Program To Be Given As Benefit For Library Light Project

This year's May Day Festival will be one of the most colorful and spectacular ever presented in Coquille, Mrs. Ardis Sherwood, chairman, states. And lending interest to the May Day fete which is set for Saturday evening, April 30th, is the fact that it is a benefit

to help pay for the newly installed lights in the Coquille public library.

The lights which are modern and extremely efficient were recently placed in the library by the Coquille Woman's club.

Muriel Dae Ardath who has directed so many successful productions in the past is again program director. Mrs. Ardath's professional training lends to her presentations a polish which is outstanding.

The theme of the colorful show will be "Apple Blossom Time." Queen Virginia Corrie will be crowned against a background of riotous blossom, and the members of her court, in their brightly hued costumes will add to the scene.

Betty Maxwell will present members of her dancing class in many beautiful dances, featuring both ballet and tap numbers. Soloists will be Joy Brown, Kenneth Talley who will sing the theme song and other vocal selections. Accompaniments will be by Wayne Smith.

Carroll Nickels, high school music instructor, will present the high school band and the much publicized glee club in specially prepared concert items, including numbers from the colorful "Student Prince." A special feature will be the appearance of the complete majorette group from the three local schools.

A May Pole dance will be given by the children from Washington school, has been cleverly arranged by Valda Heenan.

Climaxing the affair will be the dance given for the queen and princesses which will be under the direction of Wayne Smith.

Greenough Lands 'Big One' To Lead Salmon Derby Race

Big news among the fishing fraternity was made this week when City Attorney Tallant Greenough stepped into the lead in all salmon derbies, present rating at least, with a 45 pound, five ounce, Chinook caught on the Rogue river Saturday.

The huge salmon was weighed in for the Rogue Beach and then packed in ice and shipped to Portland where it became the object of envious glances from the sportsmen checking the state-wide Oregonian-Meier and Frank salmon derby.

The chinook was caught on Shallow Riffle above Lobster creek on a No. 5 Copper Stanky.

Today Attorney Greenough was in receipt of a letter from the Shrine hospital in Portland thanking him for "one of the finest, largest and most delicious salmon to ever be given to them."

WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Mrs. James R. Richmond Honored With 'Woman Of Month' Legion Nomination

"Outstanding" would, indeed, characterize Mrs. James R. Richmond, the American Legion Auxiliary's April choice for WOMAN OF THE MONTH.

She was born in Douglas county, the daughter of George and Harriet Gould and one of nine children. The family as her husband's surgical nurse from the time they were married until his retirement a short time ago. In the early years of his career when country roads were difficult to travel, they answered calls both day and night, by horse and buggy often going as far as Eckley.

Dr. and Mrs. Richmond have two children and two grandsons. Their daughter, Barbara, who attended Willamette university in Salem, is now Mrs. Verner "Putts" Arnes of Tigard and their son, James G., known as Jimmy, a graduate of the University of Oregon where he is now studying law, will receive his degree in June. Both their son and son-in-law were members of the armed forces during the war.

Although her home, family and hospital work occupied much of her time Mrs. Richmond has been

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