



**Ascent Made Easy**—Ten miles of string, for each of the 30 acres are needed for these thrifty green climbing beans on the Roy Fitzwater farm north of Lebanon. Fitzwater estimates that the 40 members of his present crew will handle a total of 300 miles of string. He says that the yield from his acreage will be well over the state-wide average. (Lebanon Express Photo).

### Firemen Will Attend School

Dallas, June 17—A three-county fire school for personnel of the state forest service will start at the arboretum near Corvallis Monday, according to W. M. Curtis, district warden for Polk and Benton counties, who will be one of the instructors at the school.

Men from Polk, Benton and Lincoln counties will attend for the three-day session, and about 40 will be present. Heading the instructors will be Don Moss, Lee Port and Radio Technician Bill Sanders.

District wardens and their assistants will complete the faculty. Among topics to be considered will be district policies, maintenance of rolling stock and other subjects. On day will be devoted to actual field training. While most of the men of the Dallas headquarters will attend, a skeleton crew will remain to keep in contact with forestry lookouts.

### Harris States Campaign Issue

H. H. Harris, 2455 Trade street said Friday that his candidacy for the position of school director does not mean that he has the backing of any particular group, but merely that he is "definitely interested in education as well as in the taxpayer who has to foot the bill."

"I realize that the position is something of a headache but I also realize that the duties of a citizen carries with it responsibilities," Harris added. Being self employed he said he would have time to devote to the position. "I would approach the directorate from the standpoint of a practical business man."

Harris, as a machinist, was employed by the Douglas county court for a number of years. During the war he had charge of the vocational department of the Eugene schools and later was production manager and cost estimator for Multnomah Iron in Portland.

### Commercial Street Will Get New Lights

By August 1 Commercial street between Center and Trade, the downtown stretch of that street, will be lighted with 78 mercury vapor lighting units. The installation is to start Monday.

The contract has been let to City Electric, Inc., following an agreement between the city and the Portland General Electric company.

The 78 units will be mounted on 38 standards, two to each, according to Fred M. Snider, head of the contracting firm, and will increase by several times the present illumination.

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### Lebanon Bean Yield Is Heavy

Lebanon — A typical grower of climbing green beans, a crop which is annually gaining acreage in Linn county, is Roy Fitzwater, whose farm north of Lebanon contains 30 acres devoted to this fast-growing vegetable.

Fitzwater says that soils of this vicinity produce an average of 10 tons per acre, compared to the state average of 5 1/2 to 6 tons.

A ready market is found for the crop, he said, and prices here are the same as for growers closer to canneries, some of which will set up receiving stations here.

String manufacturers should be interested in this crop. Fitzwater estimates getting his fields ready for the climbers requires 10 miles of string per acre—in all, 300 miles of string on his 30 acres.

Fitzwater employed 40 men, women and children in stringing operations, and expects between 300 and 400 pickers will be required for harvesting, which will begin the latter part of July.

**U. S. Warships in Britain**  
Portsmouth, Eng., June 17 (AP)—Ten U. S. warships, led by the 45,000-ton Battleship Missouri, dropped anchor at dawn today for an official eight-day visit to Britain.

### Espee Asks Permit On Unlimited Speed

Woodburn—The council will consider the request of the Southern Pacific railroad that the city revoke the ordinance through Woodburn to 45 miles per hour. The change was asked to facilitate the schedule of the new streamline trains proposed between Portland and San Francisco. Action will be considered Tuesday night.

Should this action be taken by the council the probable speed of trains through Woodburn would be 75 miles per hour to permit the railroad company to save three minutes of time on their schedule.

Four ordinances have been adopted by the Woodburn city council providing for the improvement of Sixth, Second, Third and Fifth streets between Harrison and the north city limits. Bids for the work will be called shortly.

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### West Salem Budget Given Approval by Taxpayers

West Salem, June 17—A city budget of \$74,538 for the fiscal year 1949-50 will be submitted to the voters of West Salem at a special election to be held June 30, according to arrangements made last night at the taxpayers meeting.

The budget as reported out by the citizens committee and approved by the city council is \$1129 less than the budget approved for the 1948-49 fiscal year, and will be offset by \$55,810 in anticipated revenues, leaving \$22,228 to be met by direct taxation. The proposed budget to be voted upon by the people exceeds the 6 per cent limitation by \$3603.

Even though the proposed budget provides for a \$20 monthly salary increase for seven city employees, the amount to be raised by taxation will be reduced from \$36,047 for 1948-49 to \$22,228 for the fiscal year 1949-50.

This marked decrease in taxation is attributable to a \$9000 cash balance, derived from the sale of city land, pipe surpluses, etc., and increased anticipated revenue from the water department, utility fees, and state funds.

All voting in the special election will be at City hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. standard time, or 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daylight savings time.

### Coast Lures Group

Grand Ronde—A group gathered with their lunches and motored to Road's End for the day. The guests were Rev. Grace Harting, Mrs. Harry True and Ronnie, Mrs. Louis Jerabek and sons, Miss Mabel Brown, Mrs. Oral Singleton and daughters, Betty, Jeannette and Oralene, Mrs. Albert Johnson and daughter, Jeannette, and Miss Louise Curl. Later the group went swimming at Devils Lake.

### Colonel Ends Life

Paris, June 17 (AP)—A 50-year-old reserve colonel, identified as a follower of General Charles De Gaulle, took his own life today in his prison cell, an official announcement said. He was held on charges of plotting to "demoralize the army."

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