



**His First Good Trimming**—Judging from the appearance (left) of Franklin George Pia, 3, he is not enjoying his good trimming. Barber Carl Canright seems to be enjoying the job of snipping Franklin's 20-inch-long curls. Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pia of Cupertino, Calif., was sure of two things after it was all over. His neck was cold and he was the owner of a man-sized candy cane (right). (AP Wirephoto)

**Loan to Lustron Held in Default**

Washington, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation said today it will have to act "very soon" unless Lustron corporation, prefabricated housing firm, gets its financial affairs in order.

Lustron, long a target of congressional criticism, was declared "in default" on RFC loans. These now total \$37,500,000.

Harvey J. Gunderson, RFC director, told a reporter the agency "will have to do something very soon" about Lustron's indebtedness unless the company evolves some plan to make itself solvent.

Gunderson said the company "is in default on its loans, and we can't wait much longer."

Lustron's RFC borrowings have been an issue in congress since its president, Carl G. Strandlund, told a house committee he put up only \$1,000 to launch his project at Columbus, Ohio. The rest, he said, came from RFC.

At Columbus today, Strandlund said he would seek a new loan in about two weeks and denied his firm was in default on \$20,000,000 due the government this month.

Earlier an RFC spokesman had announced a halt to further financing to Lustron.

**Murdock Fined \$25 and Costs**

Maurice B. Murdock, a 30-year-old Turner resident who was arrested on two separate charges in the recent taxicab morals case, was fined \$25 and costs Thursday in district court on a disorderly conduct charge.

The charge upon which Murdock was tried before Judge Joseph B. Felton Thursday was filed October 3rd. It was the outgrowth of a fight at the Aumsville dance pavilion on October 2. Goula Ralph Lowery, involved in the altercation with Murdock, originally pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$50 and costs.

At the time of his hearing in district court Murdock was free under bail on a pandering charge related to the 14-year-old girl who was the principal in the taxi vice ring. He was given a suspended sentence on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor along with other cab drivers.

**Independence Youth Held on Girls' Charges**

Two Independence youths—Michael J. Drazdoff and a 16-year-old juvenile—were arrested by Salem police on a municipal court warrant charging disorderly conduct for molesting girls.

The girls said that the two had blocked every crosswalk from the intersection of Court and Commercial streets until they reached the 900 block on North Commercial. They were urged and threatened to get in the vehicle in which the two youths were riding.

The girls eluded the pair by entering a cafe and telephoning parents who summoned police. The arrest was made possible because the girls had taken the license number of the car driven by the pair.

**Braats Entertained**

Grand Island—Mrs. M. Braat and her family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Fowler and Marcena at their home. Attending were Mrs. Braat, Unionvale; Miss Doris Braat, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estelle, Myrtle Point; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee and



**Reports Cancer Find**—Dr. Irene Corry Diller, one of the major research contributors to the American Cancer Society, works in the laboratory of the Institute for Cancer Research at Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Diller announced the discovery of fungi, tiny invisible plants, growing in cancer, to the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its meeting in New York City. (AP Wirephoto)

**Barnes' Funeral Set for Friday**

Independence, Dec. 29—Funeral services will be held in Salem at the Virgil T. Golden chapel Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. for Albert Franklin Barnes, who died at a Salem hospital December 28. Rev. W. S. Frederick will officiate.

Barnes, a resident of Independence for the past 11 years, was born at Leavenworth, Kansas, March 4, 1871, and came to Independence from Liberal, Kansas. His wife, Ella, preceded him in death in 1925. He was a member of the Church of the First Born in Oklahoma.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Sutton and Mrs. Fern Terrel, both of Redwood City, Calif., and Mrs. Bessie Owings of Klamath Falls; four sons, Clarence Barnes of Turner, Clyde Barnes of Stanton, Texas, Henry Barnes of Lakin, Kans., and Dennis Posey of Independence; two brothers, Ross Barnes of Ulysses, Kans., and George Barnes of Clinton, Kans.; a sister, Mrs. Cora Hawk of Stillwater, Okla.; 24 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

**2,717 Killed on Six Holidays**

(By the Associated Press)

The nation celebrated the six major holidays in 1949 with a lot of whoopla and gaiety but there was a staggering toll of violent accidental deaths—2,717. And, the National Safety Council predicts, 1950 will start with 330 Americans being killed in traffic accidents over the New Year's week-end. It did not estimate the number of deaths in other accidents.

Deaths on the highways, in the air, fires, drownings, and a variety of other causes reached new records over some of the holiday periods this year. In most of them, the traffic toll exceeded the figure estimated by the council.

The 1949 holiday violent deaths showed: 1,705 in traffic mishaps; 391 drowned; 66 killed in fires and 555 killed in accidents of miscellaneous causes—including falls, airplane crashes, shootings, asphyxiations, etc.

**Pattersons Are Hosts**

Webfoot—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson had a family reunion of all of their sons and grandchildren with them for a portion of the Christmas vacation. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patterson and two daughters of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Patterson and two children of Wenatchee, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. LaVell Patterson and daughter of Unionvale, Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Patterson and Elton Patterson of Webfoot.

**Dayton Boys Guests**

Dayton—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman and sons Jack and Bill had as dinner guests a group of boys. The guests included Robert Hedgecock, Marvin Lorenzen, Robert Coburn, Jack Gell, Kelvin Crafton, Gordon Manning, Brownie Zentner, Ted Bell, and Curley Reeder. Miss Barbie Sherman assisted Mrs. Sherman. Later they all attended the Christmas school program at the high school.

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**Turner Road Dangerous**

Three complaints have been received by the county court as to the condition of what is known as the Dike road running south of Turner from the Ball Bros. garage with the implied threat that rural route privileges may be taken away from it unless it is put in better condition.

One of the complaints from Helen Peetz, postmaster, says the ditch on the road needs cleaning and states unless repaired the route may be amended to avoid the neglected parts or discontinuance of the service.

Another from Margaret E. Riches, clerk of the school board, says the board has given consideration to the road and advises it is not suitable for bus travel when the water comes up. It is stated the road is very narrow

and brush extending over it makes it difficult to see oncoming travel. Part of the road is in the city and part in the county and the court is asked to make repairs on the county part.

The third complaint is a letter from John Mickey and 15 others which repeats complaint as to the brush and road and says it is impassable to the mail, the school bus and also to taxpayers using it.

Court members will make another inspection of the road but state it is so narrow ditch cleaning activities are very difficult at this time of the year.

**Naming First Citizen**

Silverton—The date of the banquet for choosing the Junior first citizen is set for Thursday, January 19, at the St. Paul's Catholic school. The committee in charge includes Ronald Wood, Dave Demeter, Les Barton and Harlan Moe. The speaker has not yet been selected.

**Lester Barrick Dies, Tillamook**

Funeral services will be held at the Lundberg funeral home in Tillamook Friday morning at 10 o'clock for Leslie A. Barrick, former Willamette valley resident, who died at his home in Tillamook Wednesday from a heart attack.

Interment is to be in Salem at the City View cemetery at 2:30 o'clock Friday under the direction of Clough-Barrick company.

Barrick, who is the brother of Dr. L. E. Barrick of Salem, was born November 1, 1874, at Litchfield, Minn. He came to Oregon with his parents in 1891 and settled near Mehama. Prior to leaving in 1900 for North Dakota to make his home, Barrick for several years worked for his uncle, J. A. Austin, at his grocery store in Woodburn.

Returning to Oregon from North Dakota in 1908, Barrick worked in Salem and in 1918

moved to Tillamook where he continued to reside until his death. For several years Barrick was in the transfer business and at one time he was connected with the Henkle Funeral home in Tillamook.

Surviving Barrick besides the brother in Salem are two sisters, Mrs. Edna B. Clausen of Tillamook, and Mrs. Mary B. Hays of Portland and several nieces and nephews.

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