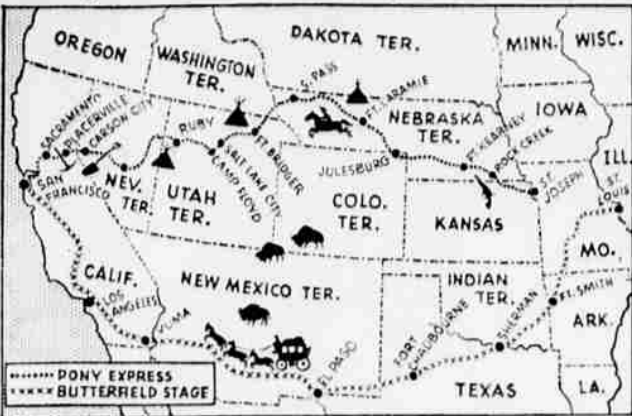


Story of the Pony Express (2)

By Don Oakley and Ralph Lane



Groundwork for the Pony Express was laid in amazingly short order. Russell, Majors and Waddell formed a new company with the ambitious name of Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express. Its route was a long, dangerous 1,966 miles from St. Joseph to Sacramento—but still 800 miles shorter than Butterfield's southern route.

Russell gave his employees only 65 days to get ready. Existing stagecoach stations were utilized and new ones hastily built, to make a total of about 119 dotting the route. Every 75 to 100 miles was a "home station." Each rider was to cover the dis-

tance between two of these, changing horses every 10 to 15 miles at intermediate stations. Pay varied according to length and danger of the route.

Merely to establish the Pony Express required an outlay of \$100,000—for 500 of the best horses that could be bought, the hiring of 200 station tenders and 80 riders, and hay, grain and other materials for the stations.

A unique system for carrying the mail was devised. Over a small, light saddle a leather "mochila" was fitted. In each corner of the mochila was a padlocked "cantina," or box, for the mail.

To change horses, a rider merely whipped off the mochila and threw it across a fresh mount. Thus one mochila made the entire trip.

Selecting riders was of the utmost importance. Not only had they to be superb horsemen, but fearless and able to endure severe hardship. The West was not lacking in them. The ideal age was set at 20, but boys much younger were later to ride. As a condition of employment, each took an oath against profanity, drink and cruelty to their animals. Each rider was given a Bible by Alexander Majors.

NEXT: The Relay Begins.

Age Meeting Set April 28

The State Conference on the Aging under the State Council on the Aging will be held in the state capitol building, Salem, April 28 and 29. Announcement of plans for the meeting were made by Mrs. Clifford Zollinger, chairman, State Conference on the Aging, and Wesley G. Nicholson, chairman, State Council on the Aging.

Among questions to be discussed are: (1) Are present pension plans providing the means for a reasonably adequate standard of living? (2) Can middle-aged and older persons willing to work get jobs in Oregon? (3) Are older persons in Oregon communities given the advantages of the newer medical practices in rehabilitation after a stroke or a fractured hip? (4) What kind of living arrangements do older people want? (5) How do early habits of eating, exercise, use of leisure time, affect the attitudes and health of the older person? and (6) What is being done in local communities to provide activities and other services for older residents?

Purpose of the meeting is to develop recommendations for Oregon's report to the White House Conference on the Aging to be held in January, 1961.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will give the welcome. Among speakers will be Mrs. Elizabeth Breckenridge, supervisor, services for aging and rehabilitation, Illinois Public Aid Commission, and G. Warfield Hobbs, vice president, The First National City Bank of New York City, chairman, National Committee on the Aging.

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PINE GROVE SHEEP CLUB Dr. Dean demonstrated some showmanship. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Dean.

Diane Vanderhoff, News Reporter.

ADAM AND EVE FONTANA, Calif. (UPI) — The owner of a nudist camp who checks the birth certificates of applicants said today the most recent members of the local colony are Adam and Eve.

Agriculture Curriculum To Be Dropped By OTI

Sentimental Symbolists will have something to lament this year. Their organization, for alumni of the agricultural technology course at Oregon Technical Institute, will be defunct July 1, when the institute is adopted by the state System of Higher Education. The ag curriculum is to be dropped.

For their final annual banquet on campus April 9 at 7 p.m., they have invited Dr. M. E. Ensminger, chairman of the department of animal science at Washington State University, to speak.

Dr. Ensminger says his subject will be "Why \$1 Steaks From 25-cent Cattle?" The talk should be interesting to consumer and rancher alike, say OTI personnel.

Dr. Ensminger used to be a member of the faculties of the University of Massachusetts and the University of Minnesota. He came to WSU in 1941.

He has been assistant to the superintendent, U.S. Soil Erosion Station, Bethany, Missouri, soil erosion specialist in the Department of Interior in Illinois, and manager of Dixon Springs, Illinois, project, an extensive 10,000-acre cattle and sheep experiment area.

He has written "Animal Science," "Beef Cattle Science," "Sheep Husbandry," "Swine Science," "Horses and Horseman-

ship" and "The Stockman's Handbook," all textbook or general interest books.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America," "American Men of Science," "Leaders in American Science" and "Who's Who in American Education." He will be accompanied to Klamath Falls by his wife.

Among guests to be conferred honorary membership during banquet night are Dr. Ensminger, S. E. Brogotti, chairman of the state board of education and a rancher at Helix; Donald Macken, Tulelake rancher; Merrill Gveson, superintendent of Pendleton experiment station; Harley Libby, state advisory board member and Jefferson rancher; Gene

Stivers, OTI life science instructor; Charles Henderson, Klamath County extension agent; Adam Ekerich, OTI machinist instructor; Robert C. Geaney, Broadbent rancher; Robert Geaney Sr., Coquille rancher; Donald Potter, Olex rancher; Cecil Lake and Ray Garrison, members of the OTI ag faculty; Joe Mohan, forest service official at Prineville; Herb Howell, superintendent of John Jacob Astor experiment station at Astoria, and Harry Sandquist, Malheur County extension agent, Ontario.

The public is invited and tickets are available at the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce or from the agricultural technology division at OTI.



DR. M. E. ENSMINGER

Businessmen To Get Hearing

PORTLAND (AP) — Two businessmen here say they got assurance of a hearing after complaining about rate increases granted Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Gas bills for some small business firms here increased as much as 50 per cent under the new rate schedule, said John Goss and Dick Garver.

Garver owns a cleaning firm here, and Goss operates several motels in Portland.

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