

Story of the Pony Express (4)

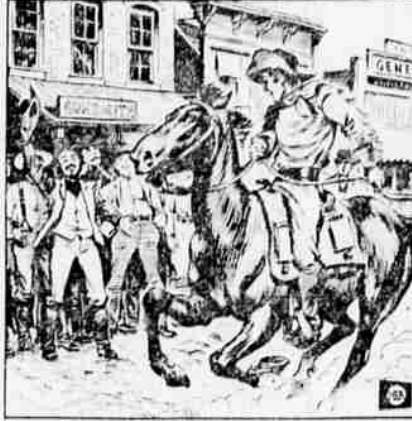
by Don Oakley and Ralph Lane



On the same day that the mail left Missouri for California, the eastbound half of the Pony Express got under way. The mail was carried from San Francisco to Sacramento by boat. At 2:00 a.m. the next morning it was transferred to the rider, William Hamilton, who splashed out of town in a heavy rain.

For over five hours Hamilton climbed a steady upgrade to the relay point, 57 miles away, timing himself in the darkness by the rhythm of his horse's hooves. He arrived with a half-hour to spare.

The California mail had reached the mountains,



but the real test was just beginning. Back in the valley, miners were laying bets against the express making it.

A youngster named Warren Upson seized the mochila and mounted a rugged, mountain-wise pony. It was going to be one long fight over the Sierras. Heavy snow was falling, turned into stinging bullets by the wind that funneled through the pass. Landmarks were blotted out in 20-foot drifts. Often Upson had to dismount and lead his horse.

After 85 miles and several changes of horses, he reached the home station at Carson City, having

done what many thought impossible. He was to do it again on the return trip and many times after.

On April 8, 1860, the eastbound and westbound mochilas crossed somewhere east of Salt Lake City.

On April 13, they reached their goals. Both St. Joseph and Sacramento gave rousing welcomes.

Four days later the California mail arrived in New York and newspapers told the amazing story—the "Great American Desert" had been bridged in 10 days. Thereafter, "By Pony Express" became a familiar tag on news items in the eastern press.

NEXT: Indians vs. the Pony.

'Green Thumbers' Given Warning Of Con Men

By JERRY BENNETT
WASHINGTON (RE)—Gardening enthusiasts, beware you're not among this year's victims of racketeers that bloom in the spring.

Federal Trade Commission officials, who protect you against phony advertising and sales practices, warn that a special type of gyp artist starts to blossom in warm weather.

He's the gyp promoting all types of fraudulent deals that are guaranteed to beautify your lawn. But the only thing you'll get from doing business with him is a red face to go along with your green thumb.

Typical examples of gardening swindles is a so-called liquid fertilizer supposed to keep grass green all year. Of course, there are a lot of good legitimate liquid fertilizers. The manufacturer's advertisement for this one declared that only an occasional spraying was necessary.

Purchasers' first reaction was that they had found the buy of the century. One spraying caused their lawns to get greener instantly.

But as soon as it rained, the grass turned brown. The "liquid fertilizer" was cheap green dye. FTC officials clamped down on another firm that made super-no-jamming lawn mowers which were guaranteed to kill weeds simply by cutting them. Investigators found

that the "new mowers" were either second-hand cutters with new paint jobs or machines built from old parts.

The mowers had absolutely no weed killing powers and were practically useless even for cutting grass.

Gardening swindlers, however, don't always operate with printed advertising. Recently several outfits used door-to-door salesmen.

The salesmen, who knew as much about gardening as desert nomads, passed themselves off to unwary homeowners as landscape artists. Their come-on consisted of drawing a "landscape" especially suited for your property.

Included with the plan was a list of all types of expensive shrub, tree, berry and flowers needed to make

the sucker's home the best looking place in town. Victims often signed an order blank right away. What they didn't know was that all of the salesmen's landscape plans looked alike and that many of the shrubs would not grow in that particular climate.

In several cases, purchases arrived after the planting season was over. Often the shrubs were dead or in such poor condition that planting was useless.

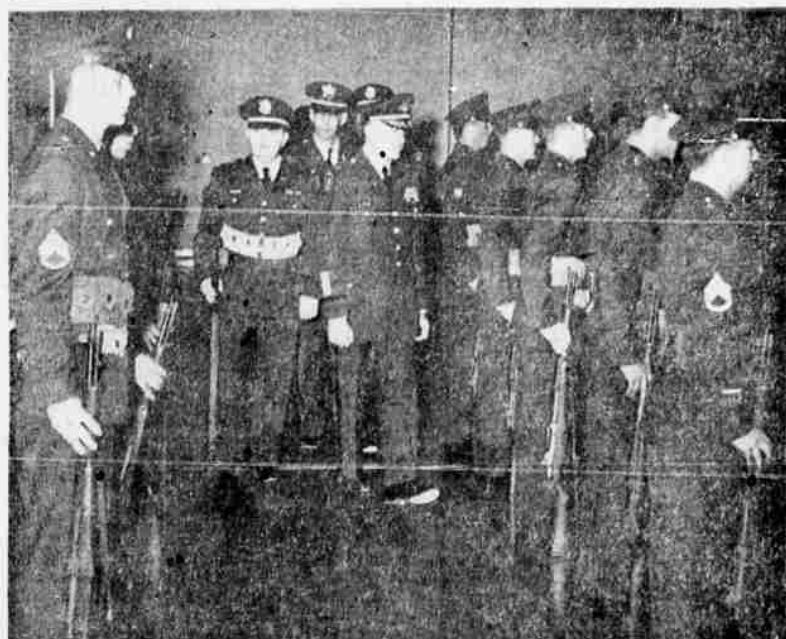
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of investigation legal adviser, explains that most nursery owners are highly ethical businessmen. The phonyes make up only a fringe group. Thus, he believes that you can usually rely on eye-catching gardening ads.

But whenever you are in doubt, he recommends writing your State Agriculture Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture experts in your locality or your county agent. These experts know whether plants can live up to an advertisement's claims.

• People Read
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FEDERAL INSPECTION of local National Guard batteries took place Wednesday and Thursday. The annual inspection will directly affect unit rating. The three officers at center are, from left, Lt. J. R. Davenport, local first platoon leader; Capt. Paul Connor, 8 Battery commander; and Maj. William Ireland, Regular Army inspector general, Presidio, San Francisco. Administrative, unit fund, property and training records, the armory, classrooms and other training facilities, storerooms, property and equipment were inspected as well as the men's demeanor.

Chewing Habit Invades Japan, U.S. Is Blamed

TOKYO (AP)—Before the war, Japanese considered gum chewing the height of bad taste. Today, Japanese chomps away at 23 million dollars' worth of gum a year.

"The habit definitely came from America," says Iryo Maeda of the Japanese Chewing Gum Society, a group of manufacturers.

One version says the first American to land with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1945 walked off the plane chewing gum.

Today's gum market is the nation's youth—those who grew up under the postwar American influence.

SATURDAY CLIPPING

CHICAGO (UPI)—There may be a week-day boom in the hair-cutting business here. Barbers have voted to raise the price of a Saturday haircut from \$2 to \$2.25.

Estimated 1959 advertising investments again show that more money was spent in daily newspapers than in television, magazines, radio and outdoor combined.

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8-00-13 1/2	32.95	24.88	30.45	23.88
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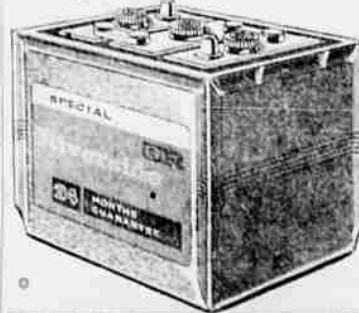
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