

NOW THAT "SPRING HAS SPRUNG" — BEWARE OF THE "CON ARTISTS" An Editorial

While the proverbial young man's fancy in Spring turns to thoughts of love and baseball, the perennial swindler delights in fanciful schemes and questionable door-to-door practices to catch the consumer unaware, Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz warned.

The Attorney General said this week has brought complaints of schemes and practices designed to separate the consumer from his hard earned money. He said the records of the Bureau of Consumers Frauds and Protection of his office show that unscrupulous itinerant pitchmen, who are not to be confused with representatives of reputable sales companies, invade suburbia each spring equipped with every gimmick and dodge in the book.

Their wares range from portable items which can be demonstrated in the home to shrubbery and top soil which may turn out to contain chemicals harmful to plant and animal life.

He noted that a number of suburbanites have complained of being "trimmed" by so-called "tree surgeons" who charge exorbitant prices of up to \$2,000. Investigations have revealed that in some cases, itinerant tree surgeons did not obtain necessary permits required for tree removal, instead had the home owners obtain the permits, thereby placing the entire liability for an accident or property damage on the home owner.

The Current "favorite" on the gyp parade is the "bait" and "switch" game with one of its stated purposes: to get the "consumer's blood" in the sale of home improvements. This is done by using the name of prominent firms and conducting a "bait" advertising campaign designed to "switch" customers from cheap advertised merchandise to more expensive products.

Attorney Gen Louis J. Lefkowitz said he has drawn up the following rules to aid in protecting consumers from being the victims of unscrupulous sales practices.

1. Ask to see the credentials of any sales representative who calls at your door.
2. Check the sales price of services or merchandise with your local merchant.
3. Ask if the sales price includes installation and delivery. If you want these services included, tell the salesman to write a statement to that effect in the contract, specifying in detail the type of service and the period during which it will be performed.
4. In the case of home improvements, never sign a statement that the work is complete until it actually is. If you sign such a statement before the work is finished, as a general rule you will have to make full payment whether or not the contractor fulfills his agreement.
5. Check the reputation of the salesman and his company with your local Chamber of Commerce or Better Business Bureau.
6. Never permit merchandise to be left with you "on approval". The salesman may not return and you will find yourself receiving a bill for an article which you do not want.
7. Remember that the legitimate salesman, who represents the vast majority of resident and door-to-door sales representatives, invites your investigation.
8. If you feel you have been victimized by an unfair or fraudulent sales practice, report the fact to the Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection of the Attorney General's Office, 80 Centre Street, New York 13, COlumbia 7-9800.

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1917

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Mrs. Hannah E. Cook, 70, died at her home two miles East of Andover Thursday, March 22nd. Her husband, two sons and two daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vickers are the parents of a daughter, Helen Luella, born Monday, March 26th.

A farewell reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss at the I.O.O.F. Hall last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bloss have left for their new home in Sayre.

Mrs. Sophronia Greene, 79, who died March 18th at Little Genesee was the mother of Rev. Walter L. Greene of Andover.

Michael Dougherty has returned to his home on South Hill after a two weeks visit in Sugar Notch and Wilkes Barre.

Miss Nora McAndrew is home this week, having to close her school on Pingrey Hill on account of mumps and measles.

Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Greene and son have returned to their home in Independence, after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Greene of Little Genesee, Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Taylor of Pittsburgh, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Garvin.

Uriah Davis was home from Rochester to pass the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leu Davis.

John Nobles is in Depew superintending a line of work in the Depew Mills of the Andover Silk Company.

Z. F. Cook left for his home in Newark, N. J., Sunday after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Cook.

Mrs. Chas. Grantier and Mrs. George Wafer of Hornell were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Friesbey last week.

Miss H. Brown arrived home from Washington, D. C. Friday for a vacation visit with her parents.

Mrs. and Mr. C. E. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Randall and Misses Mae and Grace Randall left Andover Tuesday for their new home at Ruxley, N. Y.

40 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1927

Edward Fraisted, 39, a prominent resident of Greenwood, died Saturday, March 26th. Burial was in Whitesville.

Miss Lenora Dean of Cleveland's teaching staff, came home Saturday to spend the spring vacation with her mother and family on South Hill.

Miss Ruth Baker of Tip Top attended the Teachers' Conference at Hornell, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Frank Norton and friend of Hornell were recent guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ellsworth of West Greenwood, are the parents of a son, born last week.

Mrs. Clifford Frost and daughter, Elizabeth of West Union, have been spending a few days with Gertrude Potter of West Greenwood.

The cheese factory on Dryden Hill burned about 8 o'clock Monday evening. It was unoccupied and the cause of the fire is unknown.

Tim Padden of Dover, N. J., has been spending a few days with his parents and other friends.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenoles and daughter, returned Saturday to their home at Westerly, R. I. They were accompanied by Mrs. Grenold's brother, Clifford Varr of Tulsa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss of Waverly came to Andover Monday to visit his brother, Frank Bloss and other relatives.

Miss Agnes O'Margan of Detroit, Mich., is passing a few days with her brother, Thomas O'Hagan, who has moved his family to this Village and is occupying the Thomas McTighe house on Center St.

Albany Insight

by Johannes Loursen



For Better Transportation

One of the major proposals made by Governor Nelson Rockefeller last September during his campaign for re-election is being implemented towards the end of the legislative session. Behind the rather sweeping changes being made in the State's transportation setup is the realization that the future position of New York State depends importantly on quantity and quality of its transportation network. Transportation facilities adequate to meet the economic and social needs of the people and businesses of a growing State must be provided.

The two main measures in the Governor's program call for a \$2.5 billion bond issue for transportation purposes and for a new Department of Transportation to succeed the existing Public Works Department and also absorb parts of other agencies.

The State's transportation needs for the next five years have been estimated at almost four billion dollars for highways, 2.1 billion dollars for new and modernized mass transportation and 500 million for a statewide system of airports. The bond issue will cover a major portion of these staggering amounts, with the balance coming from Federal aid the bond issue, or \$1,250 billion and from local government. It is earmarked for highways, \$1 billion for mass transportation and \$250 million for aviation.

President and Mrs. R. D. Minge were called to Whitesville Friday, by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Fanny Hazelton of that place.

John Padden was a guest of his brother, Edward in Pingree this week.

30 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1937

Clark of Independence, Mo., in Belmont Monday, where he begins work on the Soil Conservation Project.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murray of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, born Monday, March 12th.

Miss Bernice Hartigan of Andover is teaching school in District No. 7 for her sister, Mrs. Ernest Padden, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Erskine and son of Slate Creek, have moved to Bolivar where he has secured work.

Robins and Bluebirds are back. Pussy Willows are beginning to come out and there's a hint of Spring in the air.

Robert Flynn, Jr., passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Frost are the parents of a son, Clifford, Jr., born Saturday, March 20th.

Mrs. Hattie Eggleston returned Friday from Florida where she has been passing the winter months.

Mrs. Francis Updyke and daughter, Carol, of Wellsville have been passing a week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke and family, Mrs. James Wentworth and family.

Miss Rose Dawson returned the first of the week from Depew where she has been the guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg spent Monday and Tuesday in Hornell guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Murphy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio and Miss Elizabeth Bassett of New York City are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch and Augustus Lynch left Saturday for Florida, they expect to spend a month touring in the South. Mrs. Peter Lynch of Hornell is assisting on the Charles Lynch home during their absence.

Broad Support

There appears to be broad support for the bond issue proposal. The New York State Automobile Association (AAA), for one, says it will enable the State to embark on a bold and constructive approach to solving its transportation problems through comprehensive planning. Broad popular support is needed because following passage in the Legislature, the proposal will have to be approved by the people in a referendum held on Election Day, November 7.

The administration program allocates money for highways and parkways to the 10 districts of the Public Works Department, with the upstate counties and Suffolk County generally getting a larger percentage of the highway millions than their population percentage. New York City and densely populated Nassau County get less than their population share with the exception of Staten Island, due for much highway construction.

Among roads to benefit from the program are the Southern Tier Expressway from Binghamton to Lake Erie, the Genesee Expressway, expressways near Rochester, the Long Island Expressway to Riverhead, the Wantagh-Oyster Bay Expressway in Nassau County, Interstate 84 from Connecticut to Port Jervis, the Bruckner Expressway in the Bronx, the St. Lawrence Scenic Highway and the Northway from Albany to the Canadian border.

An often stressed goal is that of a balanced State transportation policy. Of the proposed bond issue, \$1 billion would be allocated to improving mass transportation primarily, but not exclusively in the New York City area. It is strongly recognized that public mass transportation, not highways, must be the answer in the metropolitan areas.

Much Rebuffing

One advantage of the new State Department of Transportation is said to be its ability to deal with the new Federal Department of Transportation. The new State Department is scheduled to take over the transportation aspects of the existing DPW, but the latter's functions in the area of flood control and shore line and beach erosion control are to go to the Department of Conservation, and its architectural office to the General Services Administration.

On the other hand, the Department of Transportation will get from the Department of Motor Vehicles the State Traffic Commission and from the Commerce Department the Bureau of Aviation. From the Executive Department comes the State Office of Transportation with its responsibilities for urban transportation program planning and for relationships with Federal regulatory agencies.

It all amounts to major realignment in the administrative setup of the State government, such as is necessary from time to time in a field where growth usually comes in the form of additions as needs arise and are recognized. An overhaul was coming in the field of transportation, one of the basic needs both for business and for the general well being of the people.

The discussion of these reforms has been somewhat overshadowed by dissension over the planned fourth jetport in Suffolk County, an on-off proposal which draws strong local opposition, and debate about the place of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, as well as possible consequences in the area of control over the New York City subway fare. These are all important issues, but they cannot becloud the fact that the major transportation proposals are of crucial significance to New York's position of economic leadership in the nation.