

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 General 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 prite 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, Cortland 7-9800.

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1918

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Andover has organized the Boy Scouts, there are between thirty and forty members. Rev. M. N. Longenecker is Scout Master; Rodney Robinson, Assistant Scout Master; Allen Harvey, Scribe and Directors are: Dr. John Common, B. B. Hann, T. R. Bassett and C. M. Lash.

Monday evening Andover's new Electric Light Plant was started for the first time.

The large barn on the Peter Joyce farm, three miles south of Andover, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary E. Burdick, died at her farm home between Alfred and Andover Wednesday, March 13th. Three sons survive. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

The thermometer stood at 72 degrees in the shade, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook are parents of a son, born Tuesday, March 19th.

Mr. Lowery is moving into the Henry Joyce house in Independence and will work for E. E. Clarke this year.

Mrs. O. R. Henderson and son, Kenneth, are spending a few days at the home of B. S. Baker at Tip Top before going to Henrietta to make their home.

Mrs. John Keough of Wellsville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McAndrew and family of South Hill the first of the week.

Edgar Baker returned the first of the week from Shinglehouse, Pa., where he had been visiting his children for several days.

Mrs. Almond Randall returned Wednesday from several days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watson of Friendship are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson and family.

Mrs. D. C. Hardy has returned from a visit at the home of W. H. H. Keller and B. T. Pettibone at Alfred Station.

Mrs. Estella Richardson is visiting relatives and friends in Richburg and vicinity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brainard of Hornell were guests of Andover relatives Saturday and Sunday.

40 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1928

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Will celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home in Elm Valley March 10th. A company of relatives and neighbors attended.

Thirty-five votes were cast in Tuesday's Election with W. F. O'Connell and W. F. Snyder being re-elected Village Trustees for two years.

Thomas Swain has purchased the property of the late Mrs. Eliza Cooper on Baker Street.

Attorney and Mrs. Silas Kellogg of Greenwood, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Kellogg was for years Editor of The Greenwood Times.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace spent a few days last week with their son, Lee of Canisteo.

Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Watsonstown, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maud Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Shriner of Wellsville are passing the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill.

A heavy fall of snow surprised everyone Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery and Mrs. Carlyle Myers motored to Rochester to pass the week-end with Mr. Myers, who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning at Whitesville.

John Dean returned home Wednesday after passing several months with his daughter, Mary at Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horton and children of Buffalo, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The possibility of legislative session dragging on until June may have gone up in the same fire which burned the top Democrat in Albany twice in three weeks recently.

A more realistic date for ending the 1968 session now appears to be April 15.

The top Democrat, Assembly Speaker Anthony J. Travia, may not be able to hold things together beyond then. Things have nearly come apart at the seams twice.

First there was the garbage strike in New York City — and the embarrassment Travia suffered when he promised Gov. Rockefeller he could address a joint session of the Legislature to present his plan to settle the strike by takeover.

He was burned when he got back to the Assembly from the Governor's Mansion and found he couldn't get enough votes in his own party to pass the technical resolution inviting the governor into the Assembly chamber.

He got burned a second time when upstate Democratic Assemblymen foisted their arms and refused to help him beat off a minority Republican attempt to force severe Medicaid cutbacks out of committee.

That second time appeared to

John Gavin left Tuesday, March 13th for Chicago.

Mrs. F. J. Herrick and son have returned to their home in Buffalo after a visit with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee of Wellsville.

30 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1938

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The Andover Firemen were called to Tip Top at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the first grass fire of the year, covering between 200 and 300 acres. There was no damage to buildings or woods.

Miss Barbara Waters of Greenwood is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burdick of Westfield, Pa., and Miss Anna Goodridge of Andover, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis of Davis Hill.

Mrs. Glennys Forsythe of Rochester, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Joanna Clair of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Green returned Friday from several weeks passed with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Green and family in Florida.

Mrs. Burton Thayer, sons, Dale and Gary, passed the week-end in Rochester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thayer.

Malcolm Brundage of Ithaca college passed the week-end at the home of his grandfather, B. S. Brundage.

Mrs. E. J. Cory is spending two weeks with her sons Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Cory at South Byron and Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Cory at Rochester.

Edward Cannon of the Buffalo Medical College spent the week-end in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Payne of Elm Valley were called to Patuxent Friday night by the sudden death of her father, John Metzler.

Mrs. Ella Casey left Wednesday for Friendship, where she is visiting Mrs. Mary Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bohne of Wellsville passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Mrs. Wilmer Atwell and children of Elm Valley spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green and Orpha.

Raymond and Donald Lynch of Buffalo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen of Hornell.

be the turning point.

In addition to these worries, an underground struggle is going on among Assembly Democrats for Travia's job as speaker when he leaves, probably this summer, to take a federal judgeship.

The leader of one faction in this struggle, Stanley Steingut of Kings County, and the chairman of the state Democratic Party, John Burns, met with Travia recently.

Among other things, Steingut pushed hard for an April 15 adjournment.

The feeling was that if the session runs any longer, Republicans will find more things with which to embarrass the Democratic majority.

Republicans are in fact looking for things, because this is a state legislative election year and they are working hard to recapture six seats and take over control of the Assembly.

And if that happens, Steingut and all the others fighting for the power to be bequeathed by Travia, will find it will all have been in vain.

Over in the Republican-controlled Senate, Earl Brydges, the majority leader, has already said he wants to get out of Albany by April 15.

And a brief glance shows that so far this year, the Senate has done all the work and the Assembly has done almost nothing.

Most, if not all, of the controversial bills the Assembly has considered so far were initiated by the Senate.

There is no way of telling if Travia will take Steingut's advice. Events, however, may force him into it.

Legislators have to be home anyway for the June 18 primary.

Poison Prevention Week

Keep poisonous substances out of reach of young children and save them from possible death, the American Red Cross urged parents today.

The Red Cross is one of 21 member organizations of the National Council for Poison Prevention Week, proclaimed by President Johnson for the week beginning, Sunday, March 17.

Poison prevention is stressed in ongoing Red Cross first aid courses across the country.

"Each year some 2100 persons die from oral poisoning," Mrs. James Thornton, First Aid Chairman of the Allegany County Red Cross Chapter, said today. "About 400 of them are small children, too young to read labels and of an age when they will put anything into their mouths."

"These poisonous substances include products that are kept in the home for useful purposes — detergents and other cleaners, waxes, polishes, turpentine, and pesticides as well as medications," Mrs. Thornton said.

"The danger to a baby begins as soon as he is able to crawl, reach the cabinet under the kitchen sink, and be attracted by a brightly colored container holding something that is poisonous if taken orally. The hazard increases when the child learns to climb."

A 12 per cent nitrogen content in the first six inches of the soil is ideal for lawns.

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