

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 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 print 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.



50 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1919

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Robert Church has moved his family from Rochester Ave. to the Abram Slings property, 91 First Street which he has purchased.

Miss Mary Baker is home from Hornell after finishing her course in the business school there.

Edward Fuller, 53, day at his home on Rochester Ave. Monday, March 10th. His wife, four sons and a daughter are present.

Clarence Smith, 1st Monday for Terrence, Pa. after a visit at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hardy.

F. E. McGowan of Canaan, Pa., spent Thursday and Friday with his daughter, Mrs. F. S. Casey.

John J. Casey returned to Eastville Tuesday after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. John Casey.

Miss Mary E. Lynch of Andover was a week-end guest of her brother, Ted Lynch and family of Belmont.

E. P. Rogers left on Train 8 Thursday evening for Livingston Manor, Sullivan Co., to take charge of a fishing job which has stopped the drilling of a well for about a year.

Capt. Floyd Brundage and wife have been visiting Andover relatives the past week.

Mrs. Dell Hawkins was a guest of relatives in Wellsville a few days this week.

Mrs. Gerakd Harrington is passing some time guest of friends in Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. John Strait visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey from Sunday until Thursday.

Miss Anna Snyder spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. Folsing and family.

Mrs. Maude Pree of Bath was a guest of Mrs. Ethel Rogers Thursday and Friday.

C. B. Jones of Whitesville was the guest of A. L. Rogers Tuesday and Wednesday. He will move to Bradford soon to live with his son-in-law, Ernest Clark.

Dr. C. W. O'Donnell arrived home Saturday evening from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been for several weeks.

40 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1929

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James Joyce, 65, died at his home four miles Southeast of Andover, Saturday, March 9th. His wife, two daughters, and six brothers survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Miss Annie Hart of Fort Worth, Texas, and L. P. Crandall of Andover, were united in marriage Wednesday, March 8th by Rev. Walter Dynes. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall will reside in Andover.

Pearl Jordan of Bolivar and Ernest Clair of Hartsville Hill were united in marriage Tuesday, March 12th by Rev. W. L. Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyland are the parents of a son born Thursday, March 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell are the parents of a son, born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marvin are the parents of a daughter, born March 7th.

Mrs. Howard Dean and babe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Danher of Wellsville Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Emma Folsing left today for Webster, to pass the week-end with Miss Doris Stimson.

Mrs. Mary Pardon of Albany is in Andover, called here by the illness of her mother Mrs. Mary Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris of Buffalo were called to Andover this week by the illness and death of Mrs. Harris' father, James Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family motored from their home at Bradford, Pa., Saturday to pass the week-end with Andover relatives.

Mrs. Edward Cane was called to Wellsville this week by the illness of her grandmother, Mrs.



By Alan Robbin

Governor Rockefeller and the Civil Service Employees Association have backed away from the threat of a strike that would have taken place on March 17, but it is not clear the Legislature from rushing through the amendments to the state Taylor Law which rules over the relations between all public employees and state and local government employees in the state.

The Senate of the Legislature met in a session today to vote on a bill to amend the Taylor Law. The bill would allow public employees to go on strike for a limited period of time, but it would also require them to give notice of their intentions to their employers and to the public. The bill would also require employers to pay for every day a public employee is on strike, plus a year's probation and loss of tenure for that period.

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Mrs. Leona Davis has returned from a visit at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Hornell, and is caring for Mrs. Emma Robbins.

Mrs. A. C. McPetridge is in Syracuse this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Walter Wells.

Mrs. C. L. Earley was in Rochester over the week-end at the home of her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden.

Mrs. W. J. Perkins and daughter, Miss Oms of Bolivar, were Tuesday guests of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Bloss. Mrs. Bloss returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Franklin Murphy of Hornell was in attendance at the funeral of James Joyce Monday and guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

30 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1939

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Last Sunday's sleet storm caused no great damage. The electricity did go off about 6:30 p. m. and candles were the source of light that evening due to broken electric lines on Voorhees Hill.

John Garin of Joyce Hill was a week-end guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fisher of East Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family motored from their home at Bradford, Pa., Saturday to pass the week-end with Andover relatives.

Mrs. Edward Cane was called to Wellsville this week by the illness of her grandmother, Mrs.

ter, Dorothea, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived in Andover Sunday to spend some time at the home of her father, Michael Folsing and family.

Miss Marv Doran of Alfred passed the week-end at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean.

Miss Louise Rogers of West Greenwood is passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. William Pease. Reginald J. Sootheran and C. W. Connor were Buffalo and Niagara Falls visitors over the week-end.

Miss Janice and Master Ronald Pease of Stannards passed the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pease.

Charles Poyers returned to New York City Monday after six weeks passed at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Murphy and daughter, Ellen Marie of Hornell passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker returned Saturday from a week's visit in Rochester where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tucker and Miss Ella Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Spicer moved from Independence to Whitesville Sunday and are occupying the rooms over the Mark Wilson store.

Fourteen friends and neighbors invaded the home of Mrs. E. A. Mullen Tuesday evening to help

Mrs. Adia Erwin, 85, died Sunday, March 12th at the home of Mrs. Dora Mullen. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

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