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 write a statement to that effect in the contract, 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, invite 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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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

One of the more unusual tasks of the State Legislature is the annual selection of citizens to serve on the State Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is a very important policy-making body in our state which almost few people realize. Not only do the Regents [illegible] all boards of the entire state educational system, both elementary and secondary schools as well as the State University of New York. [illegible] for [illegible] and practically [illegible] hospitals, doctors, etc. with the tremendous concern today for the delivery and educational institutions, not to mention the state, the election of the Regents is a most important process.

It is [illegible] this year's largest school district, the Buffalo City School District, which [illegible] of the Assembly and the Senate [illegible] should be [illegible] found in [illegible] including [illegible] years on the Buffalo School Board, four of those years as its President.

For the past seven years he has been a Trustee of the Erie County Community College and is former Chairman of the Board's Bill College Advisory Board. Mr. Rabino is founder of the "Big Six" School Board group — and is a lecturer at D'Youville College, Buffalo.

His name was [illegible] in nomination for the "at-large" Regent post along with two other candidates, the hand-picked choice of the Democrat and Republican parties. Both of these men, however, were from the New York City area which is already well represented on the Board of Regents. Although Mr. Rabino is a Democrat, my support of him was based on his excellent background and the opportunity which we in Western New York had to place another from our area on the Regents Board.

Therefore, I was extremely disappointed and frankly shocked when, after several unsuccessful ballots to elect the "at-large" Regent, the Democrat legislative members from the Buffalo area withdrew their support of their own man, Mr. Rabino, in favor of the New York City area Democrat candidate who then won. It was obvious to all that, had those votes all gone to Mr. Rabino, he could have been elected. I think it was indeed unfortunate that those Buffalo area legislators placed politics before the welfare of the areas they represent by bending to the demand of Brooklyn Democrat Speaker Stanley Steingut in voting for the New York City area man.

Still on the matter of education in the state, a recent article in the New York Times caught my eye and, frankly, disturbed me greatly. I'll quote the first sentence and you can easily see why:

"Although New York City would lose $10 Million in state school aid under Governor Carey's proposed budget cuts, the city would stil fare far better than the rest of the state in terms of dollars per pupil lost."

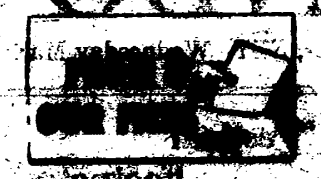
That rather amazing statement from the prestigious and always New York City—supportive New York Times says in a nutshell what upstate Republican legislators have been shouting about ever since Mr. Carey's education cut proposals were first revealed. There are those who will say that this concern now is academic since there seems to be every indication that state aid for education for 1976-77 will be restored to this year's levels by the Legislative. However, that's not really the point.

If the $110 million in state aid cuts proposed by the Governor were allocated to upstate school districts would once again suffer at the expense of New York City. And on a pupil-to-pupil basis, the contrast is even more disturbing. The Times reports: — "the loss in state funds works out to $30.20 a pupil. For the rest of the state, the proposed reduction, according to the Times, works out to a loss of $30.48 a pupil."

What that says is Governor Carey and his budget advisors were perfectly content to cut the education aid $30.48 more for every pupil in school districts outside of New York City than they were for the city students.

The issue is rather complicated, but, in its simplest form, after he first proposed his school aid cuts, Mr. Carey decided to give New York City $12 million more in increased school building aid. Originally, New York City had been cut $97.5 million or 32.3 percent as opposed to cuts of $75.5 million upstate. However, when the building aid was added into the city's total, the cut was reduced to $25.5 million or only a 24.5 percent reduction.

Thus we see graphically once again how [illegible] budget [illegible] in favor of "The Big Apple" and at the expense of the rest of the state — a habit we have seen so often before in 1975 and 1976.



50 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1926

[illegible] the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Smead of Andover. [illegible] ruary [illegible] June 14, [illegible] daughter, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Andover. [illegible] Chauncey Greene, who died [illegible] 29, [illegible] Alice [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Ohio, [illegible] St. [illegible] Rochester and Cuba [illegible] brothers, Charles, Joseph [illegible] of E. Paso, Texas. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held at the School on Tuesday evening, March 9. The program will be as follows: Community singing, with Miss Ella Bundy at the piano; vocal solo, Virginia Millspaugh; violin solo, Alice Rogers; exercise under the direction of Miss Eleanor Fish; song by four sophomore girls. Parent-Teachers Association address by Mrs. Herbert N. Babcock, Chairman of the South Central District of the N. Y. State Congress of Parent and Teachers; business meeting including election of officers for the next half year and other important matters.

Bruce Mason, 9-month old son Mr. and Mrs. R. Harland Robinson of Midwest, Wyoming, born M[illegible] 23, 192[illegible] died February 28. He was brought to Andover where funeral services were held at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hurd and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Andover has over seventy occupations — Professions: Attorney, Dentist, Editor, Physicians, Professors, Protestant Clergyman, Roman Catholic Priest, [illegible]: Automobile, Livery, [illegible] Manager, Auto Salesman, [illegible] Barber Shop, Barbers, [illegible] Bowling Alley, Building Contractors, Bakery, Billiard Parlor, Confectionerer, Cheese[illegible], Concrete Contractor, Drying [illegible] Dry Goods Store, [illegible] League, Plant, Druggist, [illegible] Shop, Erie Railroad Co., Furniture Store, Feed Mill, & Store, Farmers, Grading, Gasoline Manufacturing, Gas Products, Hardware, Harness Maker, Hotel American House, Decorator, Binding Mill, Insurance Agent, Jeweler, Junk Dealer, Lumbermen, Laundry, Milk Dealer, Milk — Condensary, Music Store, Men's Clothing Store, Meat Market, National Bank, News Stand, Novelty Store, Oil Producers, Oil Well Contractor, Plumber, Poultrymen, Printer, Photograph Gallery, Produce Dealers, Postmaster, Real Estate Agent, Restaurant, Radio Dealer, Service Station, State Bank, Shoe Store, Saw Mill, Storage Garage, Sporting Goods and Motorcycle Shop, Manufacturer, [illegible] Shop, Tinsmith, Gardener, Tailor, Undertaker, Wholesale Cheese Merchant and Wholesale Butter.

The regular meeting of the Lit[illegible] [illegible] of officers [illegible] Thursday, February [illegible] Hel[illegible] brother, [illegible] Salamanca [illegible] Miss C. Baines of Elm [illegible] Warner [illegible] funeral of their [illegible]

Charles and Curtis Burdick of Elm Valley left by train February [illegible] to attend the funeral of a cousin, Mrs. Inez Burdick Reese, in West Virginia. Mrs. Reese died in the Ohio Valley General Hospital at the age of 69. She was a daughter of Timothy and Myra Davis Burdick and [illegible] A. Reese and survived by the following children: Mildred Mahaffee, Myra Catherine, Inez Ruth, Mae Allen and William Davis. Another son, Brooke Allen died in 1920, and one sister, Mrs. J. T. Flanagan of California; two brothers, Clayton of Salem, West Virginia and Archie of Charleston; also her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Burdick. Burial was in Cameron, West Virginia.

Mrs. Frank Warsener died at her home in Greenwood, Saturday, February 27 of pneumonia. She leaves her husband, two children Mrs. Clifton Rounds and Marshall Warsener of Jasper; one sister, Mrs. Edward Scribner; one brother, Marshall Raymond; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barnard. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

[illegible] was called to Wellsville Monday as a young man [illegible] at the Jones Methodist [illegible] returned Sunday to his studies at Alfred University after a week's illness with influenza.

Lynn Trowbridge left Monday for Warwick, N. Y., where he has accepted a position as loom fixer in a silk mill at that place. Otis Baker is working in the Condensary in Lynn's place.

A new offering of Spring Footwear — Women's Patent Pumps with buckle, kid strap patent with gore and satin with gore — $4 to $6. The broadway dressing of tan or black with invisible eyelets with rubber heels for men — $5 at James P. Cannon & Co.

Pure Linseed Oil Paint $3.00 per gallon at Baker Brothers Hardware.

Treat your family to a quart of Brick Ice Cream for Sunday Dinner — 40c per quart at The Sugar Bowl.

See the New Fords F.O.B. Detroit Coupe $500; Two-Door Sedan $520; and Four-Door Sedan $565 at The Conner Garage.

40 YEARS AGO

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Farm [illegible] Week at Co[illegible] [illegible] 7,4[illegible] [illegible] in 1935 when [illegible] were registered. The unusual severe weather and slippery driving conditions is be-

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