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## DANGER SIGNALS

There is no sorrier person than one who has been victimized by a phony deal. Unfortunately, once the buyer has signed an order or contract, little can be done to get him off the hook.

"But I didn't realize..." are words often heard by lawyers who are usually unable to help at that point.

Despite the complete disavowal of "caveat emptor" (let the buyer beware) by ethical merchants, there are still some businesses that thrive on high promotion deals. Buyers are contracted by direct mail, over the telephone, or by "come on" advertisements. Such sellers resort to fancy claims and a high pressure approach.

How can you avoid such sales tactics? There is no sure way, outside of dealing with reputable, established merchants, and using common sense in reading the ads. But there are certain danger signals that should ring the alarm bell. Here are a few:

"Buy now or lose the chance..."  
"You have been especially selected..."

"It's only a legal form..."  
"You can save up to..."  
"Yours absolutely free..."

These signals do not necessarily indicate a bad deal, but they are frequently used by shady promoters. So read carefully, think it over, compare prices, and ask for information from a merchant you know, or from a friend.

Remember, in this world of tough business competition, one seldom gets anything for nothing. Once you have signed an order, even the law may not be able to help you, no matter how bad the deal may be for you.

In fact, unless the seller is doing something illegal, the law may wind up helping him to enforce the bad deal that you made. So watch the signals and look before you leap — or sign!

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is completely advised of the facts. Even a

slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

## DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Most likely you can't picture yourself being brought into court on anything worse than a speeding violation. Nearly everyone feels that way. Even so, it is good to know that in this country you can't be made to stand trial twice for the same offense.

We have a provision in the Oregon constitution against "double jeopardy." That's one of the important safeguards in our system of law which makes it certain that once a court has reached a verdict of "innocent," the acquitted person may not be put on trial for the same offense.

This right holds good, however, only if a full trial is held and a verdict is reached. It is possible to face another trial on the same charge if the first trial ends with a "hung jury" or a "mistrial," or if a new trial is requested or if the judgement of acquittal is reversed by the state Supreme Court on appeal by the State.

A classic example comes from the "Wild West" in the late 1880's. A man named Ball was charged with murder, along with two others. Ball was acquitted, but the others were found guilty. The guilty pair appealed to a higher court, and their original indictment was found to be faulty.

Once again the government accused the other three men, Ball claimed his right against double jeopardy had been invaded, and the U. S. Supreme Court agreed. He didn't have to stand trial again. The other two did, and paid the penalty for their guilt.

The reason for the "double jeopardy" provision is to protect the individual from being hounded all his life. In old England, where the fear of tyrannical first promoted safeguards for personal freedom, one court said: "Were it not for this rule, anyone obnoxious to the government might be run down by repeated attempts to carry on a prosecution against him".

If elephants could be bought for a \$1 down and a \$1 a month, it would be interesting to see how many would be sold.

## Group Visits Home for Aged

RIVERVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Spofford accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray to Beaverton Sunday afternoon where Mr. Murray showed pictures of Kodiak, Alaska to the guests at the Christian church home for the aged.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gwin of Cannon Beach spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker.

Friday night and Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook were his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Snook of Napa, California; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Portland and Rev. E. J. Ruff of Corvallis, Montana.

Jewell Lloyd of North Plains called at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eckland, Sunday evening, on his way to Sumner, Washington, where he is employed.

Janet, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlyn Eide, underwent eye surgery Tuesday at the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland. She was able to come home Wednesday and was taken back Thursday and Saturday for check-ups.

Brian, the two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eckland, spent the week end in the Forest Grove hospital with acute bronchitis. He was brought home Sunday and is slowly improving.

Henry Bodenhamer was called to Lemoore, California Sunday by the death of his only brother, Loyd Bodenhamer.

Mrs. Ruby Normand and Mrs. Glenda Alford visited Mrs. Grace Normand at the Newberg Care Home Friday. Mrs. Normand suffered another slight stroke recently, but is able to be up and around again.

## Children Spend Week End Visiting Mother

TIMBER RT.—Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Harders and family from Aberdeen, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder and family from Sweet Home were week end guests of their mother, Mrs. Carl Snyder and Bert. They also visited their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Reynolds and family. Mrs. Snyder and Bert joined them for dinner Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds in Riverview.

Mrs. Carl Snyder spent Tuesday with Mrs. Rena Waldron in Vernonia. Mrs. Carl Snyder had the misfortune to be stung by a yellowjacket Monday night and had to have medical attention Tuesday.

## Dass Children Here For Thanksgiving

NATAL - PITTSBURG — At home with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Dass for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young and family of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Armstrong and family of Beaverton, Mrs. Bernice King and family of St. Helens and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grant and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard were in Portland Friday and visited the Bill Howard and Jack Howard families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson of Scappoose were here Monday and called on Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carmichael of Hillsboro visited at the Noble Dunlap home and also with the Max Oblacks Sunday.

## Ballots Name Committeemen

Results of the election of ASC community committeemen for the five established communities of Columbia county were released early this week by county office manager William Armstrong. The election was held by mail and ballots were tabulated publicly by the incumbent county committee at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 3.

Farmers elected to the committees include:

Nehalem Valley — Max Oblack, chairman; Archie Dass, vice chairman; Bruce Berndt, regular member; Walter Mathews, first alternate; Robert DuPuis, second alternate.

The ASC community committee chairman, vice chairman and regular member automatically become the delegate, alternate delegate and second alternate delegate, respectively, to the county convention where the ASC county committee will be elected. The county convention will be held at the ASCS office, St. Helens, at 1:30 p.m. December 10, today.

ASC county and community farmer committees are in charge of local administration of such national farm action programs as the agricultural conservation program, the feed grain program, the voluntary wheat program, the national wool program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, commodity loans, storage facility loans and the sugar program.

The incumbent ASC county committee includes William Kessi, Scappoose, chairman; Everett Skeans, Rainier, vice chairman; and Elmer Loyd, Deer Island, regular member. Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent, is ex-officio member of the county committee.

## THE PUBLIC WELFARE ?

(Questions about public welfare which are of general interest are answered in this column as a public service. Help with individual problems is available at your county welfare office.)

**I was offered a dishwashing job for 40c an hour. If I refuse will my welfare check be stopped?**

Public welfare does not compel people to accept employment which is substantially below the prevailing wage. If you accept employment which is not sufficient to meet your needs, public welfare may be able to make up the difference and permit you to keep a small allowance for working expenses. In the case you mention, however, you might wish to consider referring the prospective employer to the State Labor Commission for action to prevent his exploiting his employees.

**Can the welfare investigator arrest people?**

No his function is simply to obtain evidence where there is indication of fraud or other illegal practice. This evidence is then turned over to the District Attorney for prosecution.

**Is it true that welfare pays adults to go to school?**

Where a welfare recipient is unable to obtain employment because of lack of education or skill, public welfare may be able to provide vocational training and continue the welfare grant to enable the recipient and his family to maintain themselves.

## Club Members Exchange Gifts

Birkenfeld-Winema HEC met at the home of Miss Anna Hanberg Tuesday of last week with nine members present. Pot luck at noon was greatly enjoyed. New Years books were discussed. Pals were revealed and gifts exchanged. Elna Baker won the hostess gift. First meeting of the new year will be at the home of Mrs. Edna Johnson.

There will be a card party at Winema Grange hall Saturday evening, December 12. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Baker spent last Saturday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey spent a couple of days the past week in Portland to be with her mother who is not at all well.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanning and family of Cannon Beach were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spain and family of Longview visited them.

Miss Shirley Berg and Mrs. Joe Lonquist attended the dinner and bazaar at the Methodist church in Clatskanie Wednesday.

es during the training period.

**Can public welfare arrange for my children to be taken care of in a foster home while I am working?**

The purpose of foster care is generally to provide a temporary substitute family for a child who is unable to remain in his home due to some special problem. The welfare department can, however, offer you help in planning for your children's care and may be able to refer you to a Day Care facility.

## Vernonia Eagle

THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1964

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