

Edmisten Leads Fight

Atty. Gen. Rufus L. Edmisten says that court orders issued against two California-based firms are "just the beginning" of a crackdown on frauds against North Carolina businesses.

"We are going to make it unprofitable for these scammers to continue," Edmisten said about lawsuits filed against General Office Systems, accused of misrepresenting itself and its office supplies in telephone solicitations and against Checkwriters Insurance, accused of mailing service contract applications that resemble invoices for payment due.

Allegations made in the state's suit against General Office Systems resulted in a court order prohibiting the firm from:

- Misrepresenting prices and brands of office supplies it is selling.
- Overshipping orders.
- Billing for merchandise not ordered in writing by the buyer.
- Misrepresenting itself as any corporation other than General Office Systems, Inc. or claiming to be the usual supplier of the business it contacts in telephone sales of office supplies.

Checkwriter Insurance, under a separate court order, is prohibited from mailing any materials into North Carolina which simulate or resemble invoices unless they are legitimate bills for goods or services requested in writing by buyers.

"We're going all out to stop these misleading telephone sales of supposedly bargain office supplies and we're going all out to top these phony invoices for goods or services

that were neither ordered nor received," Edmisten said.

According to consumer protection officials in Edmisten's office, fake invoicing scams and high pressure selling of office supplies over the telephone are nationwide problems which have been overly difficult to control for many years.

"Every state in the country is plagued with these insidious, well-organized peddlers who randomly and indiscriminately go after both small and large businesses or professional firms," Edmisten said. "Once we find out who they are and what they're doing, we can put a stop to their activities."

Edmisten, calling for information from the general public, said that he wants "anyone who has been duped by these con-artists to tell my consumer protection office about it. I'm serious about this crackdown on frauds against businesses and if I have to get my message across through the courts, that's what I'll do."

Recently, Edmisten met with business and trade association representatives to pool information and to set up strategies for, Edmisten said, "getting them out of North Carolina and keeping them out."



Before painting windows, remove hard-to-get dirt from corners with an old paint brush and soapy water.



GREENVILLE ATTRACTION — The Attic in Greenville celebrated its 10th anniversary September 7. The Attic has been a popular rock 'n roll nightclub for nearby East Carolina University as well as all of Eastern North Carolina. Janet Gaino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gaino of Edenton, coordinated the television production of the Pointer Sisters in concert. The concert aired on the Blue Jean Network on September 12.

Review Of Credit Laws

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Buying goods and services on time is practically a way of life these days. But when you do buy items on credit or the installment plan, keep this in mind - when you sign on the dotted line, you've committed yourself to a legal agreement.

What happens if you default? Well, the creditor has a right to the secured property. And if you refuse to turn it over to him, he must obtain a court order to repossess it.

The law provides that repossessed property may be sold to satisfy your debt. Under the law you must be notified when and where the property will be sold, so you may bid on it or be ensured that it's being sold for a fair price.

If the property is sold for less than the balance of your debt, you may still be liable for the difference. If the sale results in an excess amount, you are entitled to that



That popular and delicious melon, the cantaloupe, gets its name from the village of Cantalupo, Italy, where it was first grown in Europe.

excess. While you should never sell, hide or give away secured property, you don't have to give it up voluntarily. If you have a good reason not to pay, you may refuse to return the item and consult an attorney. This will force the creditor to go to court, where you'll have a chance to tell your side of the story.

Now let's talk briefly about two other items: Can you go to jail if you can't pay? Can your wages be

garnished (Gar-Nee-Shed)? First, you can't be put in jail because you can't pay a debt. And it's unlawful for a creditor to threaten to put you in jail, curse you, phone you repeatedly at odd hours, threaten you with injury, or continue to contact you after you've hired an attorney and told the creditor to deal with your attorney.

An finally wages. Under North Carolina law, your wages cannot be "garnished" for a credit transaction.

Computer Group Holds Meeting

On September 8 the Albemarle Area Computer Users Group held their regular monthly meeting at the Soundview Restaurant. Fourteen members and their guest were present.

President Mary Lou Everett of First Colony Farms conducted the meeting. Mira Hunter of Atlantic Forest Products was commended for the good publicity which the group as received and the excellent results of the membership drive.

A committee consisting of Robert Williams of Beasley Oil, Lenorma Waters of Colburn Lumber, and Darleen Brabble of the Washington County Tax Office, was appointed to study and make recommendations to update the groups by laws. The recommendations are to be voted on in the October meeting.

Also, Cheryl Phillips of Perquimans County and Darleen Brabble were appointed to a committee to nominate officers for 1982. Cathy Richard of Burroughs County offered a plan to set the group up as a co-op to allow the members to purchase their computer supplies at a lower price. This is to be further discussed in October.

Ralph Holder of Dare County presented a film titled "Managerial Maturity".



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The voters of the Town will be voting for a Mayor, one Councilman-at-large and Councilmen for the third and fourth wards.

Persons may register at the Election Office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., or at the Tax Office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. 11:00 P.M. They may also register at the home of the Registrars or as or with any member of the Board of Elections by appointment ON

Any person who has been a resident of Chowan County for 30 days is eligible to register and vote. He must be 18 years of age. Any person who has moved from one precinct to another must transfer to the precinct in which he now lives. Deadline for transfer is Monday, October 5th at 5:00 P.M.

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