

## Watch For Pitfalls In 'Work At Home' Offers

RALEIGH--Have you seen an advertisement that reads "Work at home for huge profits; enormous part-time earnings."

At this time of year, with income tax time approaching, such work-at-home advertisements may be tempting, says Mrs. Justine Rozier, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University.

But, she warns, all too often the only person who makes money is the promoter.

It may be hard to spot fraudulent advertising from honest requests. But most work-at-home schemes bear some of the same characteristics. They are advertised in the "Help Wanted" column, even if no employment is offered. They assure huge profits with no experience or training necessary.

The catch? It's the

requirement that the respondent buy something before he can start making his "huge profits." Unfortunately, there is little the respondent can do to get his money back if the work-at-home opportunity does not meet his expectations. But a fraud can be stopped if victims file complaints with the Post Office Department, the Federal Trade Commission, or the state Attorney General.

Some home work frauds guarantee a market for their clients' efforts; if his product is "up to our high standards." It usually is not.

While no mention of buying appears in the initial work-at-home ad, the promoter often tries to sell kits, materials, instructions or equipment at very high prices. In other cases the respondent gets instructions on how to search for an at-home job; not an offer for employment.

Other home work schemes ask the respondent to buy very expensive equipment, such as sewing or knitting machines, with the promise that the promoter will provide work enough to more than cover the cost. None is forthcoming.

The best way to avoid a fraud is to check with the Better Business Bureau, the local Merchants Association, or write the state Attorney General, before you invest any money, Mrs. Rozier believes. Legitimate firms and local companies that do need at-home workers, and there may be many, will be reported as such.

## Real Estate Transfers

Virginia Carol Salvoitz and husband, Burton Theodore Salvoitz, to Jack G. Dawson and wife, Marie Spence Dawson. Property in Craven County.

Elizabeth Rose Garey to Earl F. Ernul and wife, Viola J. Ernul. Property in Sunnyside. Callie J. Newman to Hugh A. Wilson. Property on New South Front Street.

Henry E. Longley, Jr., and wife, Ann Longley, to River Bend Plantation, Inc. Property in River Bend.

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Carolina Pines Construction Co., Inc., to Irving B. Litchfield, Jr., and wife, Flora G. Litchfield. Property in No. 6 Township.

Vernon D. B. Bryan and wife, Amelia P. Bryan, to June Anne Teich Bryan and husband, Ernest H. Bryan, Jr. Property in Craven County.

Roy H. O'Brien and wife, Dorothy B. O'Brien, to June Ann Teich Bryan and husband, Ernest H. Bryan, Jr. Property in No. 5 Township.

C. Kathryn Rice to Alvin H. Smith and wife, Bonnie M. Smith. Property in No. 5 Township.

Alvin H. Smith and wife, Bonnie M. Smith, to C. Kathryn Rice. Property in No. 6 Township.

Robert Lee Taylor and wife, Wyna Louise Taylor, to Wanda Lee Taylor. Property on U. S. Highway 70.

River Bend Plantation, Inc., to Bobby G. Brinkley and wife, Polly R. Brinkley. Property in River Bend.

Bobby Brinkley and wife, Polly R. Brinkley, to Aaron L. Heath and wife, Violet M. Heath. Property in Creekwood.

Raymond B. Heath and wife, Lela Mae Heath, to J. Frank Efrid and wife, Margaret M. Efrid. Property on First Avenue.

Tryon Realty Co., of New Bern, Inc., to Edward M. Egan and wife, Barbara Christine Egan. Property on Wilson Creek Heights.

S. W. McCoy, Jr., and wife, Edith H. McCoy, to Augustus Allen McCoy and wife, Karen Moore McCoy. Property in No. 3 Township.

Alice Lee Hart to Martha Hart Sweeney and husband,

Dennis Sweeney. Property in Craven County.

Charles S. Vandiford and wife, Lottie Vandiford, et als, to T. Russell Lawrence and wife, Ruby P. Lawrence. Property in Woodrow.

John C. Lincoln to Nancy Lincoln Frank. Property at Craven and New Streets.

R. L. Williams and wife, Margaret S. Williams; and Dallas H. Cox and wife, Patricia M. Cox, to Lester P. Everhart and wife, Adolia D. Everhart. Property in Trent Park Homes.

Rosemary B. Lane to Edward Lee Mendes. Property on Murray Street and Lee's Avenue.

R. L. Williams and wife, Margaret S. Williams, to Harvey Ray Parrish and wife, Janet L. Parrish. Property in National Court.

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William Bland and wife, Eva Bland, to John Eugene Bland. Property in No. 1 Township.

Ray McCotter Realty Co., Inc., to P. W. Davenport and wife, Sue Davenport. Property in River Bend.

Francis L. Birou and wife, Vivian M. Birou, to John Robert Clark and wife, Shirley Stimson Clark. Property in Ketner Heights.

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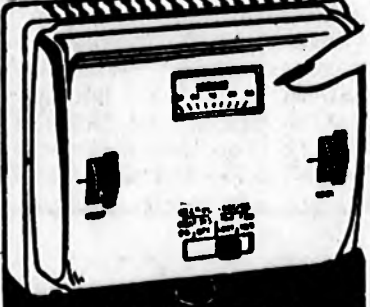
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