

Blue Sells Moore Weeklies

The Sandhills Citizen of Aberdeen and the Robbins Record, both weekly newspapers, were acquired with their assets Thursday by Roy H. Park, a native of North Carolina with extensive newspaper and broadcast holdings, from H. Clifton Blue, veteran Moore County newspaper publisher and former member and speaker of the State House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

The announcement, made last week, says the Robbins and Aberdeen papers have a combined circulation of about 7,500.

Blue has agreed to continue serving as editor for the Citizen and Record editorial pages. He also will continue writing his weekly column of politics and government published in nondaily newspapers across the state (including The News-Journal).

Park, of Ithaca, N.Y., but a native of Surry County, N.C., this year also acquired the Robesonian of Lumberton. He also owns the Sampson Independent of Clinton, and the dailies the Statesville Record and Landmark of Statesville, the Concord Tribune, the Morganton News-Herald, and the Newton Observer/News-Enterprise, and holds a partnership in the Kannapolis Daily Independent. These are among 16, including seven dailies, Park owns or has a partnership in, in North Carolina.

In addition Park has been operating since 1962 the WNCT-TV and WNCT AM/FM stations in Greenville, N.C. He started buying North Carolina newspapers in 1979. He owns seven television stations, six of them in the South.

In all, his group has 21 dailies, in and outside of North Carolina.

Heavily involved in the newspaper business in New York State, Park is the immediate past president of the New York State Publishers Association and, four years ago, organized the New York State Newspapers Foundation which has received so far \$400,000 of its fund-raising goal of \$500,000.

Blue served seven terms in the State House of Representatives and from 1963 to 1964 was speaker. He ran for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor in 1964 in the party primary against Robert Scott and came within less than one per cent of the statewide votes cast of winning. Scott subsequently was elected.

Blue started in the newspaper business December 1, 1930, fresh out of high school, has a "printer's devil" for the Citizen, then published in Southern Pines.

He established The Captain in Vass in August 1932, and two years later the Citizen was combined with the Captain, becoming The Sandhill Citizen. In 1936, the Citizen was moved to Aberdeen where it has been ever since, and has grown.

The Robbins Record was established on August 31, 1958.

Park said that, in addition to Cliff Blue, he plans to retain the

staffs of the two newspapers which include H. Clifton Blue, Jr., managing editor; Malcolm Blue, the elder Cliff's brother; and John L. Blue, the chief photographer.

Park graduated from North Carolina State College (now university) with a degree in journalism and business administration, then joined the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association as director of public relations and editor of the Carolina Cotton

Grower. In 1970, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by State University, the highest honor the institution gives to an alumnus. He served as chairman of the State University Development Council 1972-78 and is a member of State U.'s Board of Trustees. He delivered the college's commencement address and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities in 1978.

Lions To Hold Candy Day Sat.

This coming Saturday, the Raeford Lion's Club will be having its



CANDY DAY -- Lion Club Candy Day Chairman Don Steed (left) is pictured here giving candy to two passerbys, Mary McNeill and Gloria Virgil.

annual Candy Day.

The local club will be giving away free candy to passerbys at any of seven different locations throughout Raeford.

Donations are welcomed and these funds will be used in the local club's White Cane Drive which is used to support local and state programs for the blind.

The locations and times Lion's Club members will be stationed are as follows: Post Office (8:00-11:00 a.m.) Hardees (8:00-11:00 a.m.) and (11:00-2:00 p.m.); A&P (9:00-12:00 noon); Western Auto (9:00-12:00 noon); Macks (9:00-12:00 noon); Howell Drug (9:00-12:00 noon); Raeford Cleaners (10:00-1:00 p.m.).

Don Steed, Candy Day chairman, encourages everyone to stop by one of these locations and receive your free candy and please help support a worthy cause.

Gift To Arbor Foundation Will Return Free Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving ten free trees to all the new Foundation members joining during September, 1982.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote fall tree planting.

A Colorado Blue Spruce, White Flowering Dogwood, Red Maple, Norway Spruce, Walnut, Red Oak, American Redbud, European Mountain Ash, Flowering Crab Apple, and Butternut tree will be given to each new member joining during September. The six-to-twelve inch trees will be shipped this fall postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

"Fall is an excellent time to plant trees because the roots establish themselves over the winter and support faster tree growth in the spring," John Rosenow, foundation executive director, said. "However the advantages of fall planting are often overlooked. This is why the National Arbor Day Foundation is making this special offer."

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting. The

Foundation will give the ten free trees to new members contributing \$10 or more during September.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, Arbor Lodge 100, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 1982.

NC Seeking Insurees For Rebates

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram says his staff is searching for policy holders who are due monies in excess of \$22 million from insurance policies, but cannot be found by the insurance companies involved.

There are some 500 to 600 people on this year's list, and the amounts range from about \$50.00 to more than \$1,000.00 which were sent to the Insurance Commissioner's Office.

These funds are held in the State's Escheats Fund in the State Treasurer's Office.

Persons who think they may be due such funds from insurance policies should contact the Insurance Commissioner's Office in Raleigh at 733-5631.

Interest from such funds are used to establish a scholarship fund for needy students attending State supported institutions in North Carolina.

5,800 Acres Added To Game Land

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Game Lands program was expanded recently with the addition of approximately 5,800 acres of Catawba Timber Company property in Anson, Richmond and Scotland counties.

Hunting will be allowed Monday through Saturday on the new Anson County tract of Game Lands.

The regulations differ on the new Game Lands tract on the Richmond-Scotland County line. Here the additional Catawba Timberland has been placed into the Sandhills Game Lands along

with a tract of Continental Forest Industries land that was previously a portion of the Richmond Game Lands. Sandhills Game Lands regulations will now apply to all portions of these two areas and hunters should make special note of this change.

Other items of interest to areas sportsmen who hunt Game Lands include:

- Dog training on Sandhills Game Lands is restricted to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1.
- Roads on Catawba Timber Company lands in the Game Lands

programs are closed at the landowner's request.

- Additional roads have been closed on the Sandhills Game Lands to protect recently stocked wild turkeys.

- Hunters are urged to obtain and use Game Lands map books and copies of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest available at hunting and fishing license agents.

Low Interest Backed For Volunteer Squads

Congressman Charlie Rose announced last Thursday that he successfully amended the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reinstate 5% interest rate loans for volunteer fire and rescue squads.

Congressman Rose said "Our volunteer fire and rescue squads are doing a tremendous job, but when the 5% interest rate was eliminated in 1981, they were unable to procure the necessary equipment to do their jobs to the best of their abilities."

"We depend on the members of the volunteer fire and rescue squads very heavily," Mr. Rose said, "And I think it is extremely important that we provide buildings and equipment to those who so willingly volunteer their time to make North Carolina a safe and healthy place in which to live."

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act passed the House of Representatives on September 9, 1982, by a vote of 372-39. Rose's amendment will make 5% interest rate loans available for volunteer firefighting, emergency transportation, or rescue services, in those communities where the median family income of persons to

be served by the facility is below 80% of the statewide nonmetropolitan median family income.

A bill will now go to the Senate for further action.

Revival October 4-8

Solid Rock Holiness Church of Raeford will hold its Fall Revival October 4-8.

Elder Clayton Jones of Bluefield, Va., will be the speaker.

The services will start at 7:30 p.m. daily. Members of other churches' choir and congregations will be guests each night.

The pastor is Eldersess Eloise Campbell.



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