



EXOTIC PHEASANTS ARE PHILBECK'S HOBBY—Charles Philbeck, above, shows off his 17-year-old fixer, Reeves male pheasant, one of several birds nearing extinction and native of Ireland. Philbeck has a flock of more than 100 of these beauties at his home.

'He's Gone To The Birds?'

Charles Philbeck, card fixer at Burlington's Phenix plant in Kings Mountain, had a lot of fun growing bantam chickens when he was a boy. A stint in the armed services during World War II broadened his horizons, and his interest in growing exotic game birds—pheasants.

When Philbeck says "pheasants" he's not talking about the run of the mill, ring-neck pheasant familiar to the American scene.

He's talking of something quite different birds from far away places, with brilliant hues and considerable prestige in the game bird kingdom.

At his home in Cherryville, Philbeck has a flock of over 100 pheasants, several varieties of which are nearly extinct: the Blue Ear from Korea; the Swinho, a North American breed; the Dark Throat Gold from Africa; the Lady Amhurst, also a North American variety.

Kings of the roost, so to speak, is a Reeves male which is one of the first birds Philbeck acquired 17 years ago. A native of Ireland, he's still vigorous and productive.

Philbeck has a wealth of pheasant know-how—all learned

by experience rather than from books:

Birds like cool weather and this time of year they're in their prime of color. Up until they begin to lay, pheasant hens' tails are short; once they start laying, their tails get longer. Pheasant living conditions make a big difference. Pine shavings in their pens keep down mites and other insects; creek sand beneath the shavings is changed at least twice a year. A diet of milo, oats, wheat and commercial wild game food is universally accepted by the birds. An occasional drop or two of clorox in their drinking water keeps them toned up.

"I never show them in public events," Philbeck points out, noting that the risk of disease is too high. "But I'll show them to anybody who wants to see them. School kids are coming over all the time. And when I'm off work, 9 times out of 10 you'll find me down there talking to them. And my grandson will get in a cage and stay for an hour or more, just sort of visiting with the birds."

The male birds have brilliant plumage. "When you have a

group of males together by themselves, everything is all right. But you introduce the hen, and they'll fight to the death for possession," Philbeck said. For this reason a male and two hens are usually penned together.

"You can tell by their action if they're ailing," he adds. "Foot trouble is the most common ailment they call 'mud crack.' They'll die if it's not corrected, so I learned by trial and error that washing their feet with clorox, then rubbing in kerosene and a salve does the trick."

Philbeck started pheasant collecting by buying chicks from one of several centers around the country to which birds are imported and kept under quarantine for a period of time as a safety measure. "Since then I've been raising my own." He occasionally sells chicks or eggs to others interested in getting into the hobby.

Does he ever eat them? "Sure, occasionally I'll have a cross breed that I wouldn't want to sell, so we eat it. Only one thing wrong—once you eat pheasant you don't want to ever eat any more chicken. They're that good."

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This the 17th day of October, 1979,
Elise Davis,
Administratrix
109 Waco Road
Kings Mtn., NC 28086
10:23, 30, 11:6, 13

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Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the estate of Nina Thompson, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 1979, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 6th day of November, 1979,
Bobby Adams and
George Adams
Co-Administrators of the Estate
Of Nina Thompson
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November 6, 13, 21 & 27
In The General Court of Justice Superior Court Division

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Cleveland County

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Fred H. Camp, Sr. of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Fred H. Camp Sr. to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.
This the 9th day of November, 1979,
Loretta Camp
Hunter,
Administratrix
P.O. Box 43,
612 Mauney Ave.
Kings Mtn., N.C. 28086
Nov. 13, 21, 27 & Dec. 4

Cancer Workshop Held Last Week

The Cleveland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society held a workshop last Wednesday at the Cleveland County Health Center for county school officials as part of the Great American Smoke-Out promotion on Nov. 15. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Cleveland County School Health Coordinator, Jimmy Hines and the American Cancer Society; and Ms. Margot Moseley from the American Lung Association.

The purpose of the meeting was to make officials aware of the literature that the American Cancer Society offers to teach school children the dangers of smoking. Each school present was distributed posters and a smoking simulator which demonstrates the effects of smoking on the lungs. Thirty-six Cleveland County teachers attended.

Another part of the Smoke-Out promotion involves 5th graders from all over the county who will be signing up pledges to quit smoking for a day. The top three 5th graders in the county will be awarded T-shirts courtesy of

The American Cancer Society urges all smokers to participate in and support this effort to help America "kick the habit."

UF Awards Banquet Set For Tonight

Annual United Fund Awards Banquet is slated for Tuesday (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Kings Mountain Junior High School.

United Fund President Bob Boggan and Campaign Chairman Terry Sellers will present awards to leaders in the drive which has already exceeded its goal of \$55,000. Dr. Sellers said that he is confident that when all divisions have reported that a total of \$60,000 will be realized in the drive for 22 causes.

Divisional leaders will be recognized and awards will be presented after the supper

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