

Don Buhr of Decorah, Iowa, writes: "I would like to make the following comments concerning an article that appeared in your October issue of the APJ. 'Sock it to 'em D. W.' That's what I said after getting just half way through the article 'How to Successfully Promote Your Pigeon Show' by D. W. Smith in the October 1968 issue of the APJ. Truer words were never written when Mr. Smith stated, 'Just get the birds in there, get them judged as soon as possible so that they can go home and get their ads out telling the world how much they won, and selling their birds. And so all the new fanciers come away from the show with no more knowledge than they had when they went in. It's sad but true.' It's articles like this that just might get the pigeon fancy 'off their cans'."

Harriman A. Reardon of Hudson, Mass., writes: "You can't imagine how relieved I was when the postman delivered my copy of the December APJ Special Fantail issue in the same mail as a letter from one of your Oregon subscribers saying he was going to build a loft like one of mine shown on page 478. I'd be greatly surprised if any issue of any pigeon publication ever equaled this one. Heartiest congratulations to you and Gerald Champ. You had both more than earned the Honorary Life Membership in the Northeastern Fantail Club which was conferred upon you following the previous Fantail Special issue of March 1961. So all I can do is to thank you both again, and again, and again on behalf of Northeastern Fantail Club members and on behalf of Fantail lovers all around the globe."

Pvt. Sherman L. Wolf, serving with the U.S. Army in Korea, writes: "The Fantail Special was excellent. I thought the March 1961 Fantail Special was good, but the December issue is much better. I was filled with joy when I saw my ad in the December issue. I even called over some of my Army buddies to see the ad. I am stationed at Panmunjom as a Military Police. Our compound is 400 yards from the DMZ fence. We work in the Joint Security Area, and provide guards and security for all personnel to go to Panmunjom. Panmunjom is the neutral area in the DMZ where the U.N. holds talks with the North Koreans about incidents that occur along the DMZ. The U.S. talks about the Pueblo were held at the Joint Security Area. I work in both North and South Korea. North Koreans are all around us, but I am in a pretty safe area. I will get out of the service in January 1970, if I can get an early five month drop. Keep up the excellent APJ's and create more specials like the excellent Fantail issue. I will keep my interest in the hobby by reading the APJ. My father is taking care of my birds while I am in the service. I hope to write some more articles for you when I return to the Pigeon Fancy." Note by Editor. — The October issue, page 379, contained an excellent article by Pvt. Wolf, entitled "A Discussion of the Principles of Animal Breeding."

Grier D. Zimmerman of Oklahoma City, Okla., writes: "My son David, who is a subscriber, and I are learning to breed pigeons. We are also involved in the recently formed and going Oklahoma City Boy and Girl 4-H Pigeon Club. David is an officer of the Club and I act as one of the adult leaders, along with E. E. Finebrock, who is a long time fancier. To further our efforts in seeking more support from the Oklahoma State Fair Association, it occurred to me that more information about the support given by other State Fairs might be an aid. Any information that I might get from persons in this regard would be appreciated. I noted from an article in a recent APJ that Nebraska must strongly support a pigeon exhibit. This is such an ideal avenue to reach large numbers of the public. You will note from Mr. Finebrock's recent article in the January issue that we are endeavoring to reach more boys and girls by this route. We have limited the pigeon exhibits to those bred and raised by the youth of the State, not only 4-H members, although the show has 4-H sponsorship. Some of our newest members came as a result of seeing the 1968 Fair exhibit. We not only perpetuate the Fancy, but involve the youth in an educational and rewarding hobby at home." Note by Editor. — Pigeon fanciers are invited to write Mr. Zimmerman telling him what your State Fair has done to promote a pigeon exhibit, also give us the information for publication in the APJ. The address of Mr. Zimmerman is Kerr-McGee Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla., 73102.

Attention All Oriental Frill Breeders

By AL PORCO, Co-ordinator Oriental Frill Special

By this time, all of you should have received a copy of the colorful folder announcing the April Special Oriental Frill Issue.

If you raise Frills, and did not receive this folder, send a note to Frank Hollmann, Editor of the APJ, and he will see that you receive a copy immediately. Remember the deadline for all ads and articles is February 15. The time is getting closer, so sit down today and write an article. Here are some subjects that may be of help to you: Inbreeding and Linebreeding, Why I Belong to a Frill Club, The Art of Creating a Stud of Good Feeders, A Good System of Hand Feeding, Color Matings, Good Health Tips, Why Attend a National Show, How to Help Promote Your Breed, Induce Youngsters, Guide them with Information, and How to Mate With Best Results.

Perhaps you may have had some unusual experiences to pass on, or you may be working on an interesting experiment — let's hear about it! Please try and type all of the articles, and double space them so that they may be easily corrected. We must have ads since they are the backbone of any magazine.

The success or failure of this Special Frill Issue depends on You — Won't you do your part? Send in an article and a picture of yourself, loft, or birds. We need them.

Many of you remember the August, 1961, sixty-eight page Special Issue. That was a great issue, and is now a collector's item. We are now asking You to do your share to make this the largest and best Special Frill Issue ever printed.

We can do it with you help!

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