

T. Wayne Taylor of Carlsbad, New Mexico, writes: "The Fantail Special is the greatest thing you've ever put out and I as a Fantail breeder truly appreciate the hard work you put into it. The pictures and articles were all good and I enjoyed them all and it will be one of my treasures always."

Ray Greene of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, writes: "I had a great thrill at the Fort Worth National Show. I had Grand Champion Giant Homer, and if I sell just half of the birds that some of the other Giant breeders want I will have sold more than I had planned to sell. So cancel my ad."

John Domm of Fort Worth, Texas writes: "Many thanks to you, Gerald Champ, and others who helped in getting out the Fantail issue of December. What a grand piece of work. A delightful issue that I will look over from time to time for many years to come."

Alfred B. Hattaway, age 63, of Greenville, S.C. died Friday, January 30, at a hospital in Greenville. He was well known as a breeder of Modenas and exhibited many birds throughout the country and was the winner of many championship trophies. He also served quite often as a judge of Modenas. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and three sons.

Fred Graeber, age 66, of Manhattan Beach, Calif. died suddenly Saturday, January 25, as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Graeber was well known as a pigeon fancier and at the time of his death, he had some 900 pigeons. He was a regular advertiser in the APJ and shipped pigeons all over the country. He had many friends and will be greatly missed in the Pigeon Fancy.

Joe Thomas Powers of Shakopee, Minn., writes: "It was nice to see you at the National. It surely was a beautiful layout and show room with a nice display of birds. It was the best Helmet show I have ever seen. There are big shows in Iowa and Minnesota at various times of the year. A show at Austin, Minn., this fall for only young birds had over 1000 birds. If we can get this kind of turnout for the National we should have a good show."

John M. Quinn of Kenosha, Wis., Treasurer of the Tri-County Pigeon Club, sent us 16 subscriptions of club members, with this comment: "The entire membership would like to thank you for your wonderful magazine and hope you will continue the good work in the future as in the past. Your magazine covers a world of information which is of interest to both old and young fanciers alike. Thank you."

Fred Maepa of Lawndale, Calif., Secretary-Treasurer of the Norwich Cropper Club of America writes: "I would like to join with the entire Norwich Cropper Club of America membership and congratulate you on the outstanding job you are doing for the pigeon fancy. Your APJ is a publication no pigeon fancier should be without. The Norwich Cropper Club of America is also working with many other Pouter and Cropper clubs trying to make the APJ Pouter and Cropper Special a reality."

Dr. Frederick H. Kahn of Los Angeles, Calif., writes: "My boy is a subscriber to the APJ, so I've had the opportunity of watching the consistent improvement of your Journal. The articles from Cornell University concerning the homing instinct were impressive. Many of the young fanciers are potential scientists and doctors. The Question and Answer Department, the reprints from the New Scientist, and the Cornell University articles may well steer a youngster in that direction."

Bert Banks of Hayward, Calif., writes: "It was really good to see you at the Pageant Show. You are sort of a 'barometer' in the Pigeon Fancy, and we get some idea of the 'State of the Fancy in the USA' after talking to you, and while we realize that we do face many problems, your optimistic attitudes, outlook and positive approach to the Pigeon Fancy helps us give new resolve to try and do better by our Fancy. The APJ continues to progress in the tradition you have established for it, and why not. It has the best 'bloodlines' behind it, one proven by experience."

Wolf Dettmer of Bremen, Germany, writes: "Thanks for another wonderful Fantail Special. It was a great Christmas present. Please let me have ten more copies of this splendid issue to give to my friends here in Germany."

Robert Krueger of St. Louis, writes: "I would like to see some outstanding Oriental Frills in the April issue coming up. I am interested in Bluettes and Sliverettes right now. I would also like to see a special issue for Kings, Tumblers and Nuns. The Fantail issue was great. Congratulations to all the Fantail breeders for making it a success."

Ed Sieckert, serving aboard the USS Hancock, writes: "At present I am still aboard the USS Hancock in Viet Nam, and was very fortunate to visit the port of Hong Kong. I visited several days with Ho Yan Ning and visited his large and well organized squab farm. On my last day we had lunch at a Chinese Tea House along with one of his daughters, and it was one of my highlights of my visit. My eyes were really opened about pigeons and I learned so much in just a few hours about pigeon eye types, battery type nesting for squabs, and quite a bit about oriental fancy varieties. Another interesting subject that we discussed was pigeon whistles and to my surprise he gave me a very old one to take back to the United States. He said that Mr. Fritzsims, an attorney, in Oakland, Calif., is quite the authority on them."

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