

Bob Adolph of Oakwood, Ill., writes: "I would like to compliment you on the quality of the APJ and how much I appreciate the grand job you are doing for us, as I'm sure every other pigeon fancier agrees. I feel it is important to let a person know his efforts are appreciated once in a while."

DeWayne Snyder of Ottawa, Kans., informs us of the death of Carson A. Wheeler of Salina, Kans. Mr. Wheeler passed away as the result of a heart attack on May 30th, with burial on June 3. Mr. Wheeler was well-known in the Midwest, and often served as a judge. In fact he was one of the judges at the Central States All-Variety Show at Ottawa, Kans. last fall.

Judges for the pigeon show of the New York State Fair to be held at Syracuse, N.Y., Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, will be Joe Curran of Worcester, N.Y. and C. E. Raffensberger of York, Pa. A total of \$1824 has been allocated for prizes, with entries closing July 28. Charles N. Burmaster of Watertown, N.Y. will serve as head of the pigeon department.

Arthur Randall of Patchogue, N.Y., writes: "I wish to congratulate you and all who make it possible to print such a fine and helpful Journal. I read each issue over and over until I receive the next one. As a member and Vice-President of the American Tippler Union and a member of Flying Tippler Ass'n, I wish to thank you for the fine articles on the Flying Tipplers."

William T. Thornton of Fort Worth, Texas, tells us that he was pleased to learn that a White Fantail Cock, Band No. 744-67, he had sold to T. Wayne Taylor of Carlsbad, New Mexico, won 2nd in a class of 19 Yearling White Cocks at the Central Fantail Club meet held at Des Moines, Iowa, the latter part of January. The same bird won 5th at the Fort Worth National in a class of 12, and at the show Mr. Thornton sold the bird to Mr. Taylor.

Richard Riechenberger of Oshkosh, Wis., writes: "Your fine job each month and your special coverage of clubs around the country make real reading enjoyment. This pigeon magazine with all its news and tips and the great sale section keeps a breeder well posted and well supplied with all his needs. Most of all the reading contents are expressed for the Junior reader also to help him along to a great live hobby."

H. Collette of Galston, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I have enjoyed another year of interesting and enlightening reading about my hobby. The articles cover a great variety of breeds so they must contain something of interest to every reader. The personal experiences of some great pigeon fanciers was also stimulating reading and to read about some Australian fanciers in the Fantail Issue, some of whom I know personally, was every encouraging. I am looking to another year of great reading and wish you all the best in your venture."

Raymond G. Smith of Burlington, Iowa, writes: "The high water and the work on the levee on the Mississippi River forced us to move from our home on the river, so now I'm a city dweller. I sure enjoy the Pigeon Journal, look forward to it every month, and it seems to get better all the time. Will be looking forward to the Modena Special you will be putting out the end of the year. Have a pretty good pigeon club in our area, the Southeast Iowa Pigeon Club. Have around 100 members and we have some good times together."

G. P. Bierman of Elmtree, Transvaal, South Africa, writes: "I would like to thank and congratulate you on the most wonderful pigeon magazine I ever was honoured to read. The Special Helmet issue of the APJ was just out of this world. As I had only obtained one pair of Crested Helmets from England a week before I received the Helmet issue, you can understand my enthusiasm. Any type of Helmet is very scarce in South Africa and it is so difficult to obtain good stock. To my knowledge we can not import direct from the USA, but I notice in your Editor's Desk column that some White Kings from E. McFarlane are doing well in South Africa."

Ralph Sisson of Panorama City, Calif., writes: "There isn't enough said about the contribution the Journal is making to the pigeon fancy, and without it we would be in a boat without a paddle. The Journal has always been a fine publication but since you have been spending full time on it, it has surpassed all expectations. Keep the Journal as it is. Every article and report doesn't always interest everyone but I'm sure each has a special interest to some."

D. O'Keefe of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "The Oriental Frill Special is outstanding. Once again my sincere thanks and appreciation for your wonderful editorial work. I don't know what the Fancy would do without fanciers such as yourself. And my thanks to Al Porco for his efforts in making the Oriental issue a success, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Fancy is growing in New South Wales. Two new clubs formed this year, Modena and Fantail Club, and a new club has been formed in one of our country towns named Young, and holding their first show on July 6, 1969. It is my pleasure to be going up to Young to judge all Fancy pigeons. They have a judge for Homers."

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