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Ed Garrett, Pisgah Forest, N. Car.: "On behalf of the International Roller Assn. I congratulate you and your staff for the very excellent December 1979 issue of the American Pigeon Journal devoted especially to the Roller pigeon. It is most outstanding and will probably become a collector's item in a very short time."

Joseph P. Phillips, Hobart, Ind.: "We of the Hammond Pigeon Fanciers Assn. look forward to receiving your very informative and rewarding publication of the APJ each month. We especially like the articles on matings to produce certain colors and the housing and care of pigeons. Also articles on certain medications to administer to birds for the different diseases they might get and also for the prevention of them."

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J. Paul Mattson, Salt Lake City, Utah: "The Journal gets better with each issue. I must say though I'm not sure I liked the new printing process you used in the last issue. Hopefully it will improve. Anyway keep up the fine work in your production of a A-1 publication."

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Thanks To All King Breeders.

This issue of the American Pigeon Journal is being devoted to the King Pigeon and dedicated to Mr. W.B. "Rip" Schroeder from Shakopee, Minnesota, our well known and renowned Master Breeder of Kings and Judge of Kings at more shows than any other breeder, for over 40 years of dedication. He is the one most responsible for our King Standard of today. Doc Horn wrote an article telling of Rip's many achievements through the years.

I would also like to dedicate this issue to all the older King Breeders who have helped all through the years and gone to so many shows and judged them too. I want you all to know how much you are all appreciated for all your fine endeavors. If it were not for all your fine breeders through the years, we would not have the beautiful bird, the King, as it is today.

Many thanks go to Rip Schroeder for copying the King history and getting it up to date for this Special and to Doc and Peggy Horn for all their articles too.

I wish to thank all of you who sent in articles for this issue and ads to make this King Special possible, in the short time we had to get it ready. Let's hope we can have another one before the next ten years go by. There are so many of you who have so much helpful information to give us and we certainly thank you for that. By sharing and caring is what made the Kings so great today. Thanks so much to all.

JUNE TRONE, Coordinator, King Special

William R. Hubbar, Princeton, W. Va.: "I would like to have one thing answered. Why do the clubs in your magazine use their monthly column for show records? The people who don't attend the show do not want to know these things. I would like to see more on each breed column, on breeding, nesting, disease treatment, breed matings and banding of different breeds, just to mention a few."

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Walt Widlak, Chicago, Ill.: "I am a senior citizen and a long time pigeon fancier. My intentions are to return to breeding them and switch to breeds of pigeons or doves that possess the finest quality of sound (cooing) rather than flying ability. I would greatly appreciate what kind of variety or breed is best to raise. It is difficult for me to give my opinion because I do not live in the most quiet noiseless part of the country where these birds perform at their best. Would you please write a short article about the sound of pigeons in the APJ."

Sonny Podilla, Belen, N. Mex.: "I would really enjoy reading stories in the APJ about raising, training, mating pigeons, loft ideas, different color matches or just plain breeders knowledge on birds plus experience. I can't see using the APJ for one person to disagree with another. What he said, meant or didn't mean or to just plain rebutt an article. These things, a person tending to disagree with someone, write to the said person. Why use space in the APJ that could be used for something more constructive or of better interest to other readers."

Greg Kouba, Victoria, Texas: "I am writing this letter in regard to a recent letter in the IRA report of the APJ in the June issue on page 38 about the Texas Gulf Coast Pigeon Club and its recent Roller fly. There is no truth to the fact that our club's number one activity is Roller Flying. This pigeon club serves the fanciers of the Gulf

Coastal area and also Texas as a whole. We are an "all-breeds" club and do not want to promote any one breed in specific but all breeds. So if this article has scared you away from the TGCP, please reconsider because I and the new officers of the club guarantee an all-breeds club."

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John E. Nelson, St. Joseph, Mich.: "Mike, I must say how nice it is to have the current issue of the APJ in my mailbox by the first of the month. I always look forward to the 1st of every month now. You are maintaining a high standard for this excellent magazine. Keep up this high standard and you will have no problem keeping the support of the fanciers in America and around the world. I know how pigeon men overseas enjoy the APJ as I lived in Victoria, Australia for 3½ years. All the best to you."

Samuel F. Crabtree, Box 126, Williamsport, Pa.: "Back in the 30's, I subscribed to the American Pigeon Keeper, but have not seen a pigeon magazine since then until I received the July 1980 issue of the American Pigeon Journal. It was like old times and I really enjoyed it. The day before Pearl Harbor, Dec. 6, 1941, I joined the 280th Signal Pigeon Co. at Camp Clayborne, La. I was with this outfit for about a year and a half. I know there must be quite a few of the old outfit still around and possibly they get the APJ. If any do and still remember me, I would be delighted to hear from them. I no longer have any birds, but I am enjoying the magazine!"

Neil Robinson, Cleveland, England: "The articles on Fantails are of special interest to me and I would like to find out how the American Fantail fanciers lace the tails of their birds. Keep up the good work, it's a benefit to the hobby on both sides of the Atlantic."

Arvil Stone, Sandy, Utah: "I surely enjoy your magazine. The print is terrific. The APJ keeps us all tied together. Thanks for continuing and improving the Journal."

June Trone, Meredosia, Ill.: "I want to thank you for doing such a marvelous job with the July King Special. No wonder the APJ is the most widely read pigeon magazine in the world today."

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Loyl Stromberg, Pine River, Minn.: "So very pleased to meet and visit with you. It was most impressive. It was great to visit with you about the old printing method. It took me back to the days when years ago we had a printing department in our large chick hatchery at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Few without some knowledge of complexities, problems with various papers, would appreciate this. Again, so pleased to meet you as well as the nice girls on your office staff."

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George Masucci, Sunland, Calif.: "Keep up the outstanding work you are doing on the Journal because without it, we would not have the Pigeon Fancy we have today."

Dr. Jack E. Gray, Richland, Mich.: "I thought you would like to know how pleased Mr. v.d. Leeden of Monster, Netherlands, was about his article on his Norwich Croppers in the June issue. I have the impression that the Dutch breeders look upon the APJ as the leading pigeon magazine. Mr. Rudy Gendrikovs of Kalamazoo and I imported some of Mr. v.d. Leeden's Croppers and have had good luck in raising some youngsters this year."

Carolyn T. Andrade, Simi Valley, Calif.: "Please enter my subscription for one year. I am just starting out with some really good birds and some very nice people gave me some back issues of your Journal and suggested I subscribe, so here I am anxiously awaiting my first issue."

George Creamer, Winnipeg, Canada: "I am renewing my subscription for another three years. I have enjoyed your very fine Journal for over seven years. Keep up the good work as all the news is most interesting to read. I keep Homers and a few Rollers for their flying stunts. The only complaint that I have is that with every renewal I keep asking that you spell my first name correctly."

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