

L. Petrus of Den Helder, Holland, writes: "I want to express my appreciation for your efforts to create such a fine magazine with the special issue, especially that of the Oriental Frills."

Kent Wright of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "My wife and I would like to thank you for the wonderful work you do for the Pigeon Fancy. A great magazine for the pigeon fanciers."

Robert J. Mangile of Pittsburg, Kans., writes: "I am impressed by the interesting, versatility of the articles in your magazine as of late. Keep up the excellent work especially the scientific material."

Castle C. Child of Midvale, Utah, writes: "We the members of the American Show Racer Association want to thank you and your very capable crew at the APJ for the very fine job you people have done for our breed. You are doing a tremendous service for the great sport of showing and learning of our birds."

Albert and Scott Sharp of Downfield, Dundee, Scotland, write: "We would just like to congratulate you on your very fine Journal. To our minds it is undoubtedly the best pigeon magazine published today. The photographs are very good, the articles informative and interesting, and the Special issues are just out of this world."

Gilbert Dixon of Turlock, Calif., writes: "I find being without the APJ a year is too long. I have been breeding and flying Racing Homers for 30 years. I have read many magazines on pigeons from around the world but yours is the most informative of all. I have become interested in the Fancies since reading your Journal and I read them over and over again."

When we published the November King Special, we failed to state that most of the individual King pictures were made by Fred C. Gunzel of Harrisburg, Ill., although in the issue we stated that the photos came from Peggy Horn of Fort Worth, Texas. While this information was correct we should also have given credit to Mr. Gunzel for the pictures.

Peter R. Valentine of Islip Terrace, N.Y., writes: "On behalf of the American Turbit Club, I would like to bestow upon you our profound gratitude for the use of your American Pigeon Journal. The APJ offers the greatest single vehicle to reach and most important to offer a common ground for the Pigeon Fancy everywhere. It gives the Fancy a platform which to exchange ideas, inform, and help tie the entire Fancy together. For this great publication, we thank you."

Robin L. Pflugshaupt of Hamlet, Ind., writes: "I wish to congratulate you on your Journal. It is tops as far as pigeon breeders are concerned. In my humble opinion, the APJ has improved immensely in the past year and is getting better with each and every issue. These last Specials have really been great. I would like to see a Special on Racing Homers as that is what I raise. Keep up the fine work and continue the Special issues as they are one of the finest accomplishments in your ever-increasing efforts to improve an already fine pigeon magazine."

Chris Gammage of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I just received the October APJ and was glad to see the article by J. Sunderman, a 17-year-old. There are many young fanciers who view our hobby in a different way to adults and therefore have something to say. By the young fancier I mean those under 18. (I'm 18) as they constitute 85% of club members. They are important to the club. You will gather from my article (published on page 761 of December issue) that we would like a few correspondents from the U.S. to create further interest in different breeds, methods, and success, with the aim in the future to have each and every member work to a Standard of being able to pick a good bird from a bad bird in most varieties. It is more interesting if an on-looker can say why a certain bird was not placed in a show instead of just accepting the word of the judge and forgetting all about it. It is also an advantage if he can see a winning bird and pick its faults instead of believing that his 1st place getter is perfect."

Harold Groll of Holgate, Ohio, writes: "I have been breeding pigeons since 1918, and have been taking the APJ since 1924. I think you have done a wonderful job keeping the Journal going like you have. I wouldn't be without it and always look forward to getting the APJ. I am perhaps one of your oldest subscribers."

Bill Stridham of Chillicothe, Ohio, writes: "I would like to congratulate you on such a wonderful magazine. It gets bigger and better with each issue. It's really a change from the older copies of my uncle's which I used to read. I have enjoyed the 'Pigeon Portraits.' The Specials are just great. The APJ is a necessity for the beginner."

R. F. Albro of Sheffield, Ill., writes: "Have a suggestion to offer which might be helpful to young fanciers 12 to 16 years old and may save needless correspondence to both fancier and recipient of many letters of inquiry. Many youngsters write for information and prices and wish to buy perhaps one pair of birds. Apparently they are completely unaware of manner in which birds are shipped and should be informed they go via air express collect, and the cost of express for one pair would be the same as 6 or 8 birds would be and therefore hardly worth while for either party especially since shipper must crate and transport birds to airport quite often some distance (in our case 30 miles.) These young fanciers do not specify what they want or how much they are prepared to pay, in short saying nothing about themselves and giving nothing to go on."

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J. Paul Mattson of Hunter, Utah writes: "Your contribution to the Pigeon Fancy through the APJ has become a great thing to the breeders throughout the world."

G. B. Dinnin of Carmen, Man., Canada, sent 22 subscriptions with this comment: "We just had our 25th Annual Winter Show. A total of 543 birds were entered. Don Roscoe from Minnesota was the judge."

Raymond F. Kirchen of Manitowoc, Wis., writes: "I want to personally thank you for the fine publicity you have given the Muff Tumbler, through our very capable publicity man Al. Grace of Lackawanna, N.Y."

Jack Hemphill of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "Like many people write to you expressing their appreciation, I want to tell you how much the APJ means to another pigeon fancier. At the end of each month I say to my wife, 'Has the APJ arrived?' She says, 'Not yet, but you're always ready for the next edition'. My breed is Texan Pioneers purchased through an ad in the APJ from Del-James Loft. I hope to build up my loft from these foundation birds and soon have an ad in the APJ myself."

Rick Entrikin of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "My return to the breeding and flying of Birmingham Rollers has been in the form of research on the rolling phenomenon at the University of Cincinnati. Without the aid of the APJ the task of establishing ties with prominent Roller breeders would have been next to impossible. I know that it's been said many times before, but keep up the excellent work with the APJ. It is an invaluable publication for anyone interested in pigeons."

Stephen T. Mongeluzzi of Elmont, N.Y., writes: "This is the time of my life I have been waiting for. Have retired in September of 1970. My pleasure now is to sit and watch my birds. During the rainy and cold days I take out my back issues of the APJ and sit for hours reading. This gives me a great deal of pleasure reading your articles of years ago. Keep up the excellent work which I know is quite a chore. Your untiring efforts are truly appreciated by many of the Fancy. I am a breeder of Short Face Ancients and hope this breed will catch on some day."

Roger Hoeker of Muskegon, Mich., writes: "I have recently began the fabulous hobby of pigeons and subscribed to the APJ. I would just like to tell you that I feel your magazine is a very worth while one. It's just what every beginner should have. I've read about the court cases with pigeons and I feel we should get on the ball and do something about these unfair and pigeon-hating ordinances. I'm glad someone is doing something about them. I'm only 15 and I hope many more young people will become interested in pigeons. You sure do get to know a lot of people in this hobby."

Bob McLean of Oronoco, Minn., writes: "I originally subscribed to your magazine because of being appointed Supt. of Poultry and Pigeons at the Olmsted County Fair in Rochester, Minn. I hadn't raised pigeons since I was a kid, (and that was a long time ago), so I figured I had better get re-educated about them. Thanks to you I have a start at least. I have been pushing for a 4-H Pigeon Program in Minnesota for several years, and it looks like we have one started now. As President of the Fair Board now, as well as Supt. of Poultry and Pigeons, I am looking forward to bigger and better shows in the future. I believe your magazine is one of the best specialty magazines on the market today".

C. H. Harper of North Hollywood, Calif., writes: "It was certainly a pleasure to see and talk to you again at the Pageant and although I cannot enter fully into the festivities connected with the Pageant, it is one of the highlights of the year for me. Meeting David Littman from Australia just prior to the show was also a great pleasure and he sure had an eye for a good Fantail and ended up judging the entire Fantail entry. The members of the Pacific Fantail Association who were fortunate enough to be present while he was judging, enjoyed his comments as he gave valid reasons for his placings of the birds albeit was done in the American manner which is considerably different to that of Australian judging procedure."

Wayen Pasco of Evansville, Ind., writes: "I would like to say that the APJ is better than ever. I enjoy the articles covering the shows in Europe very much and would like to see more Standards published with the ideal picture. This is a great help to young fanciers who are so eager to learn. I always save my copies with Standards and pass them to someone who raises the particular breed in question."

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Charles Heitzman from Jeffersonton, Ky., well known Racing pigeon fancier, was recently honored by the Governor of Kentucky when he conferred upon him the title of "Kentucky Colonel." Congratulations to you, "Colonel Heitzman."

H. Van Doorn of Middelburg, Holland, writes: "As a subscriber of your wonderful APJ I always read it from cover to cover and give them also to my friends. Keep up the good work you are doing for all the pigeon fanciers all over the world."

John R. Bamford of Waterloo, Iowa, writes: "In my opinion there never was, there isn't now, and never will be a better magazine for the pigeon fanciers. And I am sure that each subscriber awaits the arrival of each issue with keen anticipation. Thank you for such a wonderful Journal."

D. O'Keefe of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I want three more copies of the November 1970 King Special. Congratulations to you Mr. Hollmann and all those wonderful King fanciers for writing those outstanding articles about their favourite variety, Kings. The King Special issue was above all expectations. It's a gem."

Marvin Emery of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I must be one of your oldest subscribers off and on since my teens, and I have now reached the age of 65 and retired. Pigeons of the world have been my special study for the last 35 years in about 15 languages. So I have plenty of material for articles and perhaps a book."

Dennis D. Roberts of Greenfield, Wis., writes: "The Journal is getting better and better with the wealth of information printed therein. Outstanding additions to your publication are the many scientific articles and the 'Pigeons in Court' column. To we Tumbler breeders the 'Tumbler Talk' by Al Westling is a must and we are pleased to hear Al will continue this with some support from others."

Peter Wolf of Caronport, Sask., Canada, writes: "The members of the English Trumpeter Club of America, the Western American Trumpeter Club and the English Trumpeter Club of Canada wish to thank you for your help through the Journal in making the English Trumpeter so popular all across North America. It was through your Journal that my first contacts were made with English Trumpeter fanciers in the U.S. and now I find I have friends all across your fair country. Thanks again."

Kevin G. Marshall of Clayton, Victoria, Australia, writes: "I have just seen a copy of your Journal, November 1970 issue devoted to Kings and must congratulate you on a magnificent production. As I am a King breeder I would very much like to copy or two. I thought I was going quite well until I saw this special and now realize how far behind we are in Australia. V. Kendall and myself in Victoria and L. Freebairn and A. Laffer in South Australia are trying to get them on the right track over here, so I hope you can help us with your magazine."

Ray Kirchen of Manitowoc, Wis., writes: "It is remarkable the amount of inquiries I receive from our small ad in your most valuable paper. If our Club continues to grow I am sure we can do better as far as advertising is concerned next year. I will make this an order of business at our next annual meeting. I also wish to thank you for inserting the cut above the column you so graciously give to Al Grace each month for our news. You would be amazed at the comments we receive from our membership. You deserve much credit for steady growth of the Muff Tumbler Club."

Mrs. Nina G. Gratson of Leisenring, Pa., writes: "I thought I would write you and tell you that I think the APJ is a wonderful magazine. Although I myself do not raise pigeons, I still enjoy reading the APJ. My husband raises English Pouters, Pigmy Pouters, and Show Racers. When my time permits me, I help my husband with the feeding, giving medications, etc. During the warm months, our three-year-old son John is always in the coop with us. As I have said, I do not raise the pigeons, but I do help out. Keep up the good work with the APJ as both my husband and I enjoy reading it very much."

George H. McCauley of Jim Thorpe, Pa., writes: "I have quite a few books to read as I belong to a Book Club. But when the APJ comes I drop all the other books until I have read everything in the APJ."

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Jerald Kitchens of Decatur, Ill. recently sent 28 subscriptions, and included in the group were the subscriptions for six junior high schools all donated by the Decatur Pigeon Club. This should serve as an example for other pigeon clubs as an effective way of promoting the Fancy. We congratulate the Decatur Club.

Carolyn Downey of Bethany, Okla., Secretary of the Oklahoma County 4-H Pigeon Club, writes: "I enjoyed your judging at our Oklahoma County National 4-H Pigeon Club Show. I like the way you judge because you explain the points of the breed you judge. I enjoyed your speech at the banquet and the way you reach the younger generation."

R. Lamar Brantley of Wrightsville, Ga., Secretary of the Georgia Pigeon Club, sent a group of 12 subscriptions with this comment: "I have been a breeder of pigeons since 1927 and a reader of the APJ for a number of years and find the APJ to be just the trick for I believe all pigeon fanciers the world over. I get a big kick out of reading Mr. Levi's Question and Answer Dept. and of course all varieties. Keep up the good work."

Edward L. Brooks of Newport News, Va., writes: "Our winter show in Norfolk this past December was a big success with all cages filled. There were over 140 Modena entries alone and a large entry of Fantails and Runts. We are planning on purchasing more cages this year to take care of the expected larger number over last year. Your visit with us at the State Fair of Virginia sure made an impression upon all who came in contact with you. Since your visit our meeting attendance has doubled and our meeting yesterday quadrupled. Since December we have gotten 35 paid members and yesterday we got three new ones. Thanks again for your help."

William J. Shields of Corona, N.Y., Secretary of the Maspeth Pigeon Fanciers, sent us a list of 36 members to receive the APJ, with this comment: "I have always enjoyed the American Pigeon Journal and I have yet to hear anyone in our club who doesn't. In fact, whenever the boys get together they are bound to say 'Did you get this month's Journal?' Please keep up the good work. I know it is appreciated in our club and people who don't get the Journal try to borrow it. We are trying to get the clubs together and have an issue for Flights. Our meeting of combined clubs will be held on February 19 and will be devoted almost exclusively to an issue of the APJ."

Dave Renard of Victoria, B.C., Canada, writes: "I would first like to say that it was indeed a great pleasure talking with you at the Seattle National Show. Visiting such a show one cannot help but learn a great deal and gain new friendships while renewing old acquaintances. I only get around to writing you once a year and that, of course, is to renew my subscription. As always I must congratulate you on the extremely fine job that you do in putting out the finest pigeon magazine in North America that I know of. Each month you publish a better and more informative magazine, and the Specials are in a class of their own. Without the APJ many fanciers would be at a great loss and I do indeed hope that you will keep up with the good work."

Jim Phillips of Kamloops, B.C., Canada, writes: "Here are my impressions of the National Show in Seattle. We had discussed the possibility of going to the show for several weeks and didn't decide until the last moment, this being Friday, January 8th, 1971. We arrived in Seattle around noon Saturday with the Seattle weather being very enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fagg, Jerry Fagg and myself had travelled to the show together. We are all Kamloops, B.C., Modena fanciers and knew we would be in for a real treat seeing the large displays of Modenas at the pigeon meet. We spent many enjoyable hours going up and down the rows looking at many nice birds, some of which we found unfamiliar to our home area. I must admit I spent most of my time in the section of Modenas. Here I was able to talk to several breeders that I had corresponded with by mail. To meet these people in person was a highlight of the show. We found the fanciers most hospitable and helpful. I hope to attend another National Pigeon Show in the future."

Julius Williams of Teaneck, N.J., Secretary of the Garden State Variety Pigeon Fanciers Ass'n, sent us a list of 25 subscribers, all active members of his organization. The club members have actively supported the APJ for many years.

Brent Stoneking of Norwalk, Calif., writes: "My brother, Brad, and I have just started raising Rollers recently and have had great responses in searching for birds. The articles in the APJ on today's youth state that having birds of any kind is a responsibility. I agree. It also helps the younger people get acquainted with the 'older generation' and vice versa, as they have a mutual interest — their birds. We were lucky to meet such people as Gary Severe, Mike Rodriguez and Ralph Hilton because they are easy to talk to and I guess you might say they have lots of understanding. We have secured some of their birds and are hoping for the best. We really appreciate the APJ and the information within. Sure hope you'll have more Roller articles."

S. Sgt. John F. Koch of Anderson AFB, Island of Guam, writes: "Being on the Island of Guam and not able to raise birds at present, the APJ is my only means of keeping abreast of current news within the Fancy. So you can see how much I look forward to receiving the APJ every month. My wife Cathy and I are trying to decide what type of birds we want to raise when we return to the States. So far we've narrowed the choice to Rollers, Tiplers, C.L. Tumblers, Muffed Tumblers, Black or Bronze Gazzi Modenas, M.F. Helmets, Racing Homers, Fantails or Ghent Croppers. Just a few types? We are leaning toward Helmets. I'm hoping to buy some good foundation stock from Myron Berger. I imagine Myron is taking a well deserved rest after the '71 Grand National. Being new to the game I don't know many fanciers personally, but if I contribute half as much as he has that'll be saying something. I don't know how he finds the time. Raising pigeons is just like anything else. You only get out what you put in."

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Donald R. Little of Marietta, Ga., writes: "Here's my renewal for another year for one of the finest and most informative books on the market today. And it's the only one worth more than is asked for in price."

Tom Pritchett of Enid, Okla., writes: "Just a note to comment on the great Pageant pictures and articles in the February Journal. They're really fabulous and I hope they continue to be an annual feature. The Journal just keeps getting better and better. It's without a doubt the best publication in the Fancy today. Thank you so much for your efforts."

Bob Strohmeier of New Orleans, La., writes: "Your Journal provides some of the finest reading material that a pigeon fancier could ask for, regardless of the breed of pigeons he might raise. I have been raising pigeons for about 24 years and haven't found any reading material that can compare for the price anywhere. I raise Modenas which are a challenge and a fine pastime."

Les Goad of Plymouth, England, writes: "We may be 3000 miles away but are closely following news of our mutual hobby over there. The number of British breeders seems to be on a steady decline yet our hobby seems to face a happy future in America, and this is as it should be with increasing leisure time the world over. So you realize that your APJ is the invaluable link to us all."

Willie Eastern of Compton, Calif., writes: "I have recently returned to the hobby of breeding and flying Pensom Rollers. I've had the pleasure of reading your American Pigeon Journal and it is an invaluable publication for anyone interested in the Fancy. I believe your magazine is one of the best specialty magazines on the market today. So please rush me my first copy so I can get re-established with prominent Roller breeders."

Franklin Estabrook of Wilmington, Mass., writes: "I want to say how much I enjoy your Journal, but in reality what your Journal has done for the overall Fancy has been said many times over by noted fanciers throughout the world. I sometimes compare your Journal to the heartbeat of the human heart. It is the lifeblood of the Fancy, and I sometimes wonder what will happen the day that heartbeat ceases. May you live a long and happy life."

Jeffrey R. Shannon of Coupeville, Wash., writes: "I am writing concerning the interest of a group of fanciers for a Special Issue on Dragoons, Barbs and Carriers. It is my belief that it is time to sponsor a Special on these old breeds, and make it an international Special as the interest in these breeds is world wide." Breeders of the above named breeds should contact Mr. Shannon, Box 282, Coupeville, Wash., 98239, and advise him what advertising support they will be willing to give in order to make possible such a Special Issue.

J. Elby Springs of Seguin, Texas, writes: "I had the misfortune of losing my wife, Louise, on Jan. 6, 1971. We had been married for 41 years. It leaves me with my little ranch of 139 acres with my cattle, bantams and pigeons. I have one son, Edward A. Springs, who is a teacher in college at Lake Jackson, Texas, about 180 miles from Seguin. He has a lovely family of five children, two are in college where he teaches. I spend a lot of my time reading the APJ. Keep up the good work you are doing. I am also in the real estate business which helps me pass the time."

H. Collette of Galston, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I am wondering if any pigeon fancier in Sydney had invited any member of the U.S. Forces, especially those in Vietnam or on R. and R. leave in Sydney, to visit their homes. If so, I would like to add my name to the list of fanciers in Sydney who would welcome any U.S. fancier visiting Sydney to visit my home. I have not reached the heights of fame in the show game but know quite a number of Sydney's top class showmen and would enjoy conducting a tour of these lofts. Being an ex-serviceman I thought of the need for such a service. Once again I wish to thank you for providing such vital and stimulating reading for members of the pigeon fraternity throughout the world. I look forward eagerly to even greater efforts which, no doubt, you are quite capable of during 1971."

Eddie Niemczewski of Clawson, Mich., writes: "Keep up the good work as I always look forward to reading your interesting and informative magazine."

William Pursel of Danville, Pa., writes: "The other night while listening to the radio, I heard a joke you might like to print: First cellmate: 'Why were you arrested?' Second cellmate: 'For feeding pigeons in the park.' First cellmate: 'That's not so bad.' Second cellmate: 'No, but I was feeding them to the lions.'"

Jay Hart of La Puente, Calif., writes: "I find myself thinking of the words a dear friend, Bert Banks, said, 'You meet the nicest people in the Pigeon Fancy', and through the Journal the fellowship and inspiration of the Pigeon Fancy has grown. Thank you, Mr. Hollmann, for making this possible."

F. C. Ferris of Taradale, New Zealand, writes: "I enjoy your Journal very much and look forward to one day visiting some of your big shows. I would like to see space given to pictures of pigeon lofts around the world. Most fanciers seem to spend a fair bit of their time making alterations to their lofts and I am sure any ideas they would gather from them would be very welcome."

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Subscription Price Increase

Due to proposed increase in postal rates it will become necessary to increase the subscription price of the APJ to \$4 per year, three years for \$10, effective Monday, August 2nd, 1971. To this must be added 50c per year for postage to foreign countries.

There has been no increase in subscription price since January 1, 1958, and during the past 13 years nearly everything has more than doubled in price. We have consistently held down the costs as much as possible in order that the largest number of pigeon fanciers might find it possible to subscribe to the APJ.

Pigeon fanciers who wish to subscribe or renew at the present low rate of \$3 per year, or \$8 for three years should do so before Monday, August 2nd. Remind your fellow fancier that if he is not taking the APJ, that this will be his last chance to get a subscription at the low rate of \$3 per year, or three years for \$8.

American Pigeon Fanciers Convention

Plans are shaping up for the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention to be held July 24 and 25 in St. Louis, Mo.

Among the prominent persons who will participate in the discussions will be Dr. W. F. Hollander, geneticist of the University of Iowa; Dr. Earl Hanebrink, ornithologist of the Arkansas State University; Dr. Sam Peavey of the University of Louisville, Ky.; J. W. Quinn, well-known editor of the Pigeon Genetics Newsletter of Atwater, Ohio; Dr. L. E. Hummel of Bonne Terre, Mo.; James A. Ruzek, well-known Racing Homer fancier of Berwyn, Ill., Thelma H. Snyder, Editor of the American Racing Pigeon News, Norristown, Pa.; Dr. J. W. Selby, from Ottawa, Kans., with a discussion on pigeon diseases; Neno J. Spagna, ARP Registrar of Bradenton, Fla.; Tanner Chrisler of St. Louis, Mo.; Edward D. Maryon of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert S. Nisbett of Camache, Iowa, with color slides on genetics and breeding programs; Prof. J. L. Skinner of the University of Wisconsin with slides for 4-H pigeon clubs, also a speaker from Purina Mills of St. Louis, and a number of others.

The program will consist of panel discussions, illustrated talks, and displays of pigeon supplies and equipment. It will be your chance to become better informed on the Pigeon Fancy. More complete program in our July issue.

In the meantime, make your plans to attend this worthwhile educational conference. Send \$5 for advance registration to Thelma H. Snyder, Sec., 2421 Arch Rd., Norristown, Pa., 19401. Sessions will be held at the Ramada Inn near the Airport with free limousine service from the Airport. Make your room reservations with Ramada Inn, Brown Rd., St. Louis.

Three Special Issues Coming

We plan to publish three Special Issues during the coming months, as follows: The August issue will be the Show Racer Special, with Amos E. Hodson of Los Alamitos, Calif. serving as Co-Ordinator. Forms for it will close June 15.

September issue will be the Tippler Special, with Nasser Shirakbari of Little Rock, Ark., as Co-Ordinator. Forms for that issue will close July 15.

October issue will be the Domestic Flight Special, with Alex Rawson of Brooklyn, N.Y. as Co-Ordinator. Forms for that issue will close August 15.

Editor on Overseas Trip

By the time this issue reaches our readers, we hope to be enjoying our trip to the countries mentioned in our travel schedule on page 230 of the May issue. Our overseas trip started May 6 from St. Louis, Mo. with a non-stop flight to Honolulu, then Tokyo, Japan, Hong Kong, Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne, Australia, Christchurch and Auckland, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, then back home on June 2nd. A complete report in later issues.

Congratulations to Gerald F. Champ of San Diego, Calif., for being named as the "Advertising Man of the Year" at a dinner given in his honor by friends and associates on Sunday evening, March 28, at the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, Calif. Leading civic and business leaders participated in the dinner with the theme "This is Your Life, Gerry Champ." Gerry had been told it would be a birthday dinner in his honor, his birthday being March 29.

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John J. Bailey of Orlando, Fla., writes: "Always enjoy the Journal and the many fine articles written and some by my old friend, H. P. Macklin with whom I had the chance for a short visit and inspection of his new loft and many fine birds at Pacific, Mo., last year about this time. I also enjoyed dropping into your office and saying 'Hello' and renewing my subscription, which I want to do again at this time and wish it could be in person, but enclose a check for another year's subscription and best wishes."

Jeff Jones of Riverside, Calif., writes: "I would like to comment on the article in the May APJ 'California Pigeons Set For Starring Role in Florida' by Charles Ridgway. If they want the pigeons to symbolize Doves, then why don't they use Doves? I raise Doves and Racing Homers and the Doves home equally as well as my pigeons. I would also like to congratulate you folks on your putting out the Journal. I have subscribed to several other pigeon magazines and the only one that I take now is the APJ. Keep up the good work."

Reuben C. Knowles of Nassau, Bahamas, writes: "Just wanted to say a great big thank you to Edward C. Graves of North Carolina for having started me off with a few pairs of the finest American Giant Runts. I never knew what top quality birds I was breeding until recently I had a glimpse of the Standard set by our Master Giant Runt breeder Eric Buri of New Jersey. Straight away I went to my loft, only to find I have about a dozen birds with those qualities. Regret not being a part of the Mainland qualifying me for competition."

Charles E. Stamps of Claremont, Calif., writes: "In the March issue, page 146, I read a letter from Joseph S. Phillips entitled 'The Problem of Shipping Birds'. Mr. Phillips probably had an unfortunate experience, but I have shipped hundreds of birds to states from coast to coast and Hawaii and have never lost a bird. One bird shipped to me died and REA paid me my purchase price without any questions. I think that it is important for those among the Fancy that advertise in the APJ that the impression not be allowed to pass that one can't buy and receive via REA express with reasonable safety."

Richard J. Okeson of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "Enjoy each issue of the Journal and especially the June issue featuring a couple of the popular breeds in Europe and comments by European breeders. I always enjoyed the articles years ago by Macklin. Your June issue went one step ahead with the Europeans writing the articles. It is really a shame more Europeans do not write and read English. I would imagine there are a good many breeders overseas who could contribute articles if it were not for this barrier. This one particular feature, if accomplished, would raise the APJ to a new plateau of interest to its readers and also an increase in new subscriptions abroad."

Helmut Baer of Hammond, Ind., writes: "Being Sec-Treas. of the Nun Pigeon Fanciers Society, I would like to speak for the entire members on congratulating you on the outstanding job you are doing for the Pigeon Fancy. Your APJ is a publication no pigeon fancier should be without. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our Publicity Director, Mrs. Wanda Deavers, Doug Kinpinski, Publicity Director of the Canadian Nun and Archangel Club and Robert Pommer, Publicity Director of the United Nun Club, the Nuns are an up-and-coming breed and we hope someday in the future that a Nun Special will become a reality."

R. K. Robins of Devenport, Tasmania, Australia, writes: "I was very pleased to read in your letter that you are planning to visit Australia during May, and I trust that your visits to Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne will be both interesting and enjoyable, also your visit to New Zealand. Unfortunately I will not be able to visit Sydney or Christchurch during May to make your acquaintance. I feel sure that your visit to Melbourne will be most interesting. Dr. Hannaford Schafer came over to Tasmania last November and judged our all poultry and pigeons at our Devenport Agricultural Show. Dr. Hannaford Schafer is a most interesting person and we were extremely pleased to have him officiate at our shows."

A letter from Mrs. Regina Lenardon of Tucson, Ariz., tells us that her husband Ernest Lenardon passed away several days ago. He was best known for having developed a new breed of pigeons which he named Lenardos, which he advertised regularly in the APJ.

Lyle Miller of Waterloo, Ont., Canada, writes: "We wish to congratulate you for publishing the greatest magazine available to pigeon enthusiasts throughout North America. Many of my fellow Canadians are discovering the necessity of subscribing to the American Pigeon Journal. However, we think that the Canadian show dates should be publicized so that Canadian and American subscribers can get together to compete and talk pigeons. As it stands we must subscribe to a Canadian paper to find these dates. The circulation of this magazine should increase in Canada, if this one suggestion is used." Note by Editor. — We welcome dates of pigeon shows held in Canada as we are anxious to include them in our Pigeon Show Calendar.

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Von Parsons of Golden, Colo., writes: "I enjoyed very much your article about your trip overseas and visit with so many outstanding pigeon fanciers."

Charles R. Harms of Eureka, Calif., sends his renewal for three years with this comment: "Have been receiving your wonderful Pigeon Journal for over 50 years and hope to read it for 50 more years."

George Kelm of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I was more than happy for the work which is being done to put out an excellent magazine as I have seen in the sample copies sent to me. I look forward to my first issue. Keep up the good work."

Rufus N. Burns of Dallas, Tex., writes: "I have my King loft where it can be seen from the street, so therefore I get a few youngsters from the area stopping in and asking questions. I drag out my APJ and AKC Journal and tell them what I can. Then suggest that they join a club of their choice and take a subscription to the APJ. I feel this is good advice for youngster or old hand."

W. R. Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "Enclosed find check for one year's subscription to the APJ. I have read back issues of your Journal and like them enough to subscribe. I found some fellows right in my own town who raise birds that I didn't know about until I saw their names in the Journal. I enjoy the pictures of birds and also of the different lofts. All tips on breeding and keeping of pigeons are very helpful."

O. J. Willis of Croydon Park, South Australia, writes: "I am the President of the South Australia Canary and Pigeon Society and this year we will be holding our 75th annual show on July 31st and August 1st when we hope to pen in excess of 2000 birds. I have been a regular subscriber to the American Pigeon Journal for 15 years and to me it is like an oasis in the desert to receive it monthly. Wish the Journal every success for the future and in particular the Show Racer issue."

James R. Frees of Traverse City, Mich., writes: "I wish to tell you how wonderful it is, what a good job your Tumbler writers are doing for the Tumbler fancy by the excellent articles they are writing. I have written back and forth a lot and even called Al Westling, Al Grace and Jim Fonseca. These men are truly outstanding men and a great boost to us all. I also think your Journal is getting better and better all the time and wish to thank you for the fine job you are doing. I hope we can have a Tumbler Special soon, as I am sure there are enough breeders to support it."

Roland F. Voeltz of Mayville, Wis., writes: "About 20 years ago I had to dispose of all my pigeons to have major surgery. Ten years later because of a misfortune I again had to give them up. Another period of hospitalization which left me a partial paraplegic. Last year because of a highway improvement project they had to be disposed of again. This time the breeding coop went. Now I am settled again and have just finished erecting a combination workshop and pigeon loft. Because I wanted some birds so badly I stocked it with a few pair of commies, just to tide me over until I can locate some good squabbling White Giant Homers."

D. B. Sanders of Old Toongabbie, N.S.W., Australia, Secretary of the Pigeon Fanciers Society of N.S.W., writes: "At our recent club meeting all members agreed that the evening we all spent together was an outstanding success, as it brought together for the first time members of the pigeon world from far and wide, and now we feel that as we know each other better we can move forward together on a united front. That small meeting we had out at the Showground will I think be a milestone as far as we in Australia are concerned. For this we are greatly indebted to you for sowing the seed of progress, and I trust that we may see that seed grow in the near future. The members of this club are in full support of a Grand National Pigeon Association and Darcy Cook and myself have been nominated as delegates to represent them. Naturally it will take time but I am confident that if we put into practice your ideas then we will progress satisfactorily."

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Bill Droessler of Anaheim, Calif., writes: "Sure glad that you and the Mrs. enjoyed your trip. Enjoyed your article very much. I am taking advantage for three more years, so here is my check."

Richard E. Burger of Newark, Delaware, writes: "I was pleased to see you printed the Ringneck Dove Genetic article in the July issue. I am hopeful it has created some interest in this area. For some reason, you overlooked also giving credit for the article to Dr. Wilmer J. Miller, an Associate Professor at Iowa State University and a close friend and associate of Dr. Hollander." Our apology to Dr. Miller and all concerned.

Don Barclay of Manutahi, South Taranaki, New Zealand, writes: "Lately we have been having judging courses on pigeons of different breeds. Mr. Ryan is the officiator and adjudicator. On the first night we went through the Modena and Pouter Standard. On another night we did Fans, Nuns and the Frills. On coming nights we shall do L.F. C.L. Tumblers, Performing Tumblers, Rollers and Tipplers. These courses are most interesting in that they widen our scope of knowledge, etc."

We recently received a subscription from Gerald H. Phillips of Weston-Supermare, Somerset, England, with this comment: "I recently called on John Tucker of Bridgewater, Somerset, England, when he kindly gave me a spare copy of the APJ of August 1970, and upon arriving home you can imagine my surprise to see A. L. Grace's article entitled 'Muff Tumbler Memoirs of Long Ago,' where he quotes extracts from my writings in our Pigeons and Pigeon World in 1928 on Muffed Tumblers."

A. B. Crigler of Front Royal, Va., writes: "While not a special issue, I have made particular note of the articles by Mr. Estabrook and Mr. Turecek, largely perhaps, because of their fluency, their evident care in preparation, accuracy in grammar and presentation, also general construction. One may grudgingly condone sloppiness in speech; in the printed word, never! I am reminded of the setup in Mr. Naether's 'Pigeon Loft', also of the old (English) Pigeons and Bantams. We could benefit greatly from more 'old country' fanciers' writings, where the language barrier is not such a factor, such an obstacle."

We were delighted to have Brent Marshall, a young man from Christchurch, New Zealand as a guest in our home for three days, July 22 to 24. While here we took Mr. Marshall to visit the wonderful Swallow loft of Dr. L. E. Hummel at Bonne Terre, Mo., and on Saturday and Sunday we attended the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention in St. Louis. He served as the guest speaker at the luncheon on Saturday, at which time he discussed "The Pigeon Fancy in New Zealand." From St. Louis he accompanied Bob Pettit to Geneseo, Ill., to see his Modenas and also visit with other Modena breeders. Mr. Marshall also visited fanciers on the East Coast before departing for London. He also planned to visit fanciers in Europe. Mr. Marshall judged Modenas at the Sydney, Australia, Show in May.

Ned Hay of Ipswich, Queensland, Australia, called our attention to the fact that Australia does not have an Australian Standard for Show Racers as stated in his article on page 425 of the August issue. The Standard on page 426 should not have carried the word "Australian." We quote from his letter, as follows: "I am writing to ask you to clarify in your next issue, the photo of the Show Racer above the article written by Mr. Hughes of Bundaberg, here in Queensland. It has the heading 'The Australian Standard For the Show Racer.' If, and I am stressing 'if' Mr. Hughes sent the photo and heading above, it is entirely wrong because we haven't an Australian Standard, as I have quoted in the article I submitted. This photo is of a bird which accompanies the Standard adopted by The New England Racing Show Pigeon Association and is definitely not an Australian Standard. I am somewhat concerned that readers here in Australia may think that I sent the photo, which would be a direct contradiction to the article I sent to you. I will be waiting, patiently, to read the next issue of the APJ wherein, I hope, you will oblige by clarifying this important point. You can, if you so desire, print this letter in its entirety."

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Robert Carlock of Hillsboro, Ill., writes: "Enjoyed meeting you at American Pigeon Fanciers Convention in St. Louis. Thought they had a nice program there."

Earl H. Radsick of South Gate, Calif., writes: "Just want to say that I'm thrilled at your terrific recent trip around the globe. That sounds like something super. Glad you're back safe and sound and happy too."

Al Grace of Lackawanna, N.Y., writes: "Your American Pigeon Journal is getting more interesting each month. Recently I have had time to read your magazine for the past 25 years. So sorrowful to see some of the all time greats go over yonder. They shall never be forgotten. I believe you and Shakespeare had the same vision".

Andrew H. Kopp of Baltimore, Md., writes: "I especially enjoyed your Show Racer Special. These beautiful type birds are a delight to the eye in the loft. Your APJ is better than ever. I have an unbroken collection back to September issue in 1947. Enjoy browsing through the old issues."

Tony Caponigro of Mansfield, Mass., writes: "Enclosed is a check for a 3-year subscription to the APJ. Also would like to thank you for the courtesies extended to the Marked Muff breeders, through the Al Grace column. He has really revitalized the Muff Fancy, also wish Al a speedy recovery from his illness. We are all rooting for him".

William Hawkinson of El Monte, Calif., recently sent this comment: "The August issue of the APJ featuring the Show Racer arrived recently and I was delighted with it. Both you and the fabulous Amos Hodson deserve praise for a task well done. Alex Rawson's article on Black Whiteside Tumblers was interesting. Unfortunately the present ban on the importation of pigeons from Europe has tied up many fine birds belonging to our fanciers."

Walt A. Cordina, Sr., of North Charleston, S. C., writes: "Congratulations are in order for Amos E. Hodson, Co-Ordinator of the Show Racer Special. To get so much valuable information on Show Racers in just one issue is outstanding alone, but to have it with such testimonials from great Show and Racing men is wonderful. Every pigeon man should now know where he stands in this great sport of ours, namely Show Racers."

Jack D. Houseman of Altoona, Pa., writes: "Your recent resume of your overseas trip was most enjoyable. We in the Eastern Tumbler Club feel your magazine is a most important part of our hobby. Look forward each month to receiving it and especially in reading Al Westling's 'Tumbler Talk'. Several of our members have written encouraging him to continue on as he had indicated giving it up. We know it is time consuming for him, but hope he realizes how many would miss it, if it weren't printed".

Nasser Shirakbari of Fort Smith, Ark., sends this letter: "It was quite exciting for my wife and me to receive the first copy of the Tippler Special off the press. This is a case of 'Dream Come True' after a year of hard work and suspense. We are very pleased with the Tippler Special issue of the APJ. You and your staff have done a wonderful job in preparing such a fine issue. Now the Tippler Special is history and it will remain for the benefit of the sport for years to come. Again many appreciations are extended to you and your staff for a job well done".

W. E. Jackson of Berryville, Va., writes: "We are having a show here in Berryville, the dates are October 22-24. The District Carneau meet will be here. A new club located in the Washington, D.C. area, the Potomac Pigeon Club, will help us put this over and we expect a real good show. They held a show Sunday, July 17 and I had the pleasure of judging everything except Carneaux. I was lucky to have Champion. There were a lot of real good birds there too. I was very much impressed with the Champion Modena, a real classy White Schietti old cock, also the Champion 1971 Modena, a Black Schietti young cock. These birds really stood out. These fellow are a wide awake bunch and are going places."

Wayne Pasco of Evansville, Ind., writes: "I'll say the APJ is better than ever. I like to read the Special issues, as it lets you see the best that the breed has and is of real value in judging. It's almost as good as attending all the shows from coast to coast".

Robert D. Davis of Kewanee, Ill., writes: "Would appreciate renewing our subscription. I would like to say thanks for the time and wonderful program we attended in St. Louis at the Pigeon Fanciers Convention. We are planning on attending next year".

Bob Trane of Fresno, Calif., writes: "Show Racer Special arrived and it's a honey. I think the fellows who breed this fine bird did themselves proud with their contributions. I was most pleased and flattered that you saw fit to use the articles and as many pictures that I sent you. This issue will also become a collector's item as have your other Specials. May you keep up the excellent work for many years to come."

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The Rutgers Pigeon Conference

The Fourth Annual Rutgers Pigeon Fanciers Conference will be held Sat., Dec. 4 at Blake Hall, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, New Brunswick, N.J. Problems affecting pigeon breeding will be discussed. Subjects to be discussed are "Stimulants and Depressants" by Col. Frank Penas, "Drugs and Their Applications" by Dr. David C. Tudor, "Genetics" by Joseph W. Quinn, "Ordinances" by Attorney Robert P. Swartz, and "Loft Construction" by Col. Graft Grantum. It might be well to state that Mr. Swartz is the lawyer who handled the Paterson, N.J. ordinance problem.

Reservations for the Conference should be sent to Dr. David C. Tudor, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, New Brunswick, N.J., by November 20th.

Marked Catalog Pageant of Pigeons

Without doubt the largest and best Marked Catalog of any pigeon show in America is the Illustrated Marked Catalog of the 1970 Pageant of Pigeons. This Marked Catalog, recently issued, contains 174 pages, 8½ x 11, with more than 250 pictures of pigeons and people. It is printed offset by the Los Angeles Pigeon Club, under the supervision of Tom McCaig, who served very ably as President of last year's Pageant. The price of the book is only \$2, and should be in every pigeon man's library. Order should be sent to Los Angeles Pigeon Club, 1610 West 7th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Pigeon fanciers will regret to learn that the wife of J. J. Keifer of Louisville, Ky. died June 23. Since her death Mr. Keifer has been residing with his daughter at 47 Beechwood Rd., Oak Park, Jeffersonville, Ind. We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Keifer.

The Pageant Of Pigeons Special

By TOM MCCAIG and DICK PFARR, Co-Ordinators

The Los Angeles Pigeon Club is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to present another Pageant of Pigeons Special to the readers of the American Pigeon Journal. It will be the February 1972 issue. This special issue will include a report of the 1971 Pageant of Pigeons Show complete with many photographs and articles prepared by 37 supporting specialty clubs, prominent breeders, judges, and visiting fanciers.

The familiar pigeon breed specials are announced well in advance of the publishing date with adequate time for the co-ordinator to contact contributors, to collect articles and photographs along with paid advertising required to cover the extra cost of a special issue.

We want to emphasize that this Pageant of Pigeons Special will essentially be a show report, intended to reach the reader soon after the completion of this year's Pageant Show. To accomplish all of this in the space of three weeks will require prompt action by everyone involved. Payment for advertising must be received by the publisher by December 23. The deadline for acceptance of written articles with accompanying photographs will be December 20.

Please forward all completed copy to Dick Pfarr, 8614 Spohn Drive, Fontana, California, 92335.

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Don Barclay of Manutahi, New Zealand, writes: "I enjoyed your article on your recent South Pacific tour, in particular your description of the Australian and New Zealand shows."

Robert B. Stephens of Toronto, Ont., Canada, writes: "I have received several letters from American fanciers regarding the article in the October issue. So far the response has been very good. I hope that the next article will be as well received by your readers."

Charles A. Bahr, Sr. of Houston, Texas, well-known Modena fancier, died August 23, 1971. He attended many National Shows and was well-known among pigeon fanciers, particularly Modena breeders. We express our sympathy to the members of his family.

John T. Curley of Baltimore, Md., writes: "I was vastly pleased with the job that the Tippler Fancy turned in. The Tippler Special lived up to its advance billing. You Mr. Shirakbari and all who contributed, are deserving of our thanks. I have waited many years for this Special."

Not long ago one of our readers sent us a newspaper clipping which stated that plastic snakes placed on the ledge of buildings was a very effective way of scaring off pigeons. The article stated that snakes are the natural enemies of birds, and for that reason the pigeons carefully avoided the ledge where the plastic snakes were placed. As a result the pigeons did not return.

Miss Eunice Raymond of Romoland, Calif., writes: "I really got a kick out of the cartoon in the July issue about the man who dreamed he was a pigeon. I don't think my mother would be very surprised if I turned out the same way some morning. If I didn't turn into a pigeon, maybe it might be a Nubian goat, or a rabbit, or a donkey — all of which animals I have, plus a few miscellaneous other 'critters'. I recently sold some Mookees to a boy and girl in my neighborhood. Here's hoping they become avid Mookee fanciers. I am always amazed how much reading you folks can put into a single issue. Keep up the good work."

Prof. John L. Skinner of Madison, Wis., writes: "The Second American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held July 24-25 at the Ramada Inn in St. Louis was a most enjoyable and informative two days. The planners did a good job of tying people and information together around the common interest, pigeons. I hope this effort continues because the pigeon hobby will benefit from it. If anyone is interested in showing the set of slides I presented, they are available on a loan basis from me, c/o Poultry Science Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., 53706."

S. B. Claeskens of Tamines, Belgium, writes: "I received the July issue of the Journal and I surely enjoyed the reading of the report of your memorable trip to the South Pacific. You really met with adorably kind people and, I am sure, unforgettable places, scenery, events and topics in so many far off countries. I was glad to hear that the Red Carneaux, with a 'good deep rich color' are still appreciated birds among Australian breeders and that you judged quite a lot of them. I suppose they are of the American type, which as I already told and pictured in my article in the APJ (page 544, Sept. 1970 issue) is quite different from the European type."

Don Barclay of Manutahi, New Zealand, writes: "We in New Zealand are in the thick of the breeding season now and we are all hoping that we have produced or can produce that Champion this season. My friend and I, Barry Southcombe, have now gone into partnership as fanciers now and together we hope we can produce something worth while. Our Fantails are really in full swing now and some pairs have produced six youngsters each. This is with the help of one lot of eggs being put under feeders. This is in marked contrast with last year's very poor season. Besides the Fans we have Modenas, Norwich Croppers and a pair of Red LFCL Tumblers. Of 35 youngsters produced so far, we have only lost two through squashing by the parents. We consider this good as we have experienced severe frosts and biting cold winds."

Clever Smith of Shippensburg, Pa., writes: "I would like to say this about the passing of George Hershey. The King and French Mondain breeders lost an ardent breeder of both as he maintained an outstanding stud of both. And he and his wife were always at all the shows. It was a great pleasure to enter the showroom and see them there, as they always enjoyed themselves very much and I know they will be missed very much by all. I know I will miss them at the shows as we were very good friends."

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