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Michael J. Zippler of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes: "While many big names have passed on, the pigeon fraternity is as good and big as ever. The year 1974 will mark 50 years of breeding Konigsberg Moorheads for me and I enjoy every minute of it."

P. J. Langland of Palos Heights, Ill., writes: "I look forward to your magazine each month and both my wife and I enjoy reading its very interesting articles. It's been very helpful to me and also keeps me in touch with so many other pigeon fanciers that I have met."

William R. Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "We recently held our Rare Breeds Club meet in Des Moines in conjunction with the Iowa State Pigeon Association annual show, December 1-2. What a pleasure it was for me to meet Dr. John T. Ervin for the first time."

Tom Barnhart of Lima, Ohio, writes: "I feel I should comment that your January issue was the best I've read in the 14 years I've received your magazine. Those 14 years included some good Special issues, but this one was outstanding in that it was not a Special and included so many good informative articles on so many different breeds and different subjects."

J. D. Van Doorn of Middelburg, Netherlands, writes: "As a reader of the fantastic American Pigeon Journal during many years I have already given you names of new subscribers. Now I can give you the name of another new subscriber, it's T. dem Uyl of Hilversum. Keep on doing this good work for the Pigeon Fancy. It's marvellous to receive such a fine magazine as pigeon fanciers."

Chris A. Kuskulis of San Bernardino, Calif., writes: "I am fairly new to the Pigeon Fancy and when I started I was looking for the breed that suited me the best. With the help of a fantastic man named George Gulla and his recommendation to the APJ I have a young kit of Rollers. They're nothing to compare with George's but they are young and improving daily. Keep up the good work for a superlative magazine. Thanks to the APJ and George Gulla."

Alexander J. Scorgie of Slacks Creek, Queensland, Australia, writes: "I am now in the process of building new lofts at my new premises. It makes a lot of work moving when you keep pigeons. Firstly I had to demolish the old lofts as the buyers of my Taringa property did not require them all. Now I have to start all over again and erect new ones. I am still keeping the same three breeds, namely Birmingham Rollers, Flying Tumbler, and Performing Tumblers. I think the birds will like it here as I have now a country outlook instead of a city and the birds will have quite a bit of air space to work in."

Nelson Flettre of Turtle Lake, Wis., writes: "I got out of the service November 14, 1973, and am living in Wisconsin. Many times I had wished that I had a copy of the APJ while in Germany. I saw a few German pigeon lofts and some fine birds, but I couldn't get to them because I was always rushed for time. I always looked through the Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper, hoping for an article about pigeons. Then two months before I was released, they ran a whole page on a man in the Air Force who raised Racing Homers. I read and re-read that page. It was really nice. I am hoping to get back with my birds soon."

Robert A. Kight of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I was glad to see the article in the December issue complaining about other breeders not answering letters. I am having the same experience and what is happening is that the new breeders and young people are getting awfully discouraged by their letters not being answered. Our future lies in our young people who are interested in pigeons. I have had some breeders tell me that they are too busy. I can hardly believe this because I work 12 hours a day and am never too busy to answer letters or to help anyone, whether they are adults or children, in teaching them what little I know. Someone said at our Fall Show (Tidewater Fancy Pigeon Club, Dec. 1-2) that there are two kinds of breeders: 1. The nicest kind of person who will go out of his way to help, teach, and so forth. 2. A real stinker."

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Subscription Price Increase April 1

Due to the increased cost of paper, postage, ink, fuel oil, and other items that are required in the publication of good quality magazines such as the American Pigeon Journal, we are forced to increase our subscription price from \$4 to \$5 per year; three year subscription from \$10 to \$12. Foreign subscription 50c additional per year for postage. This new rate becomes effective April 1st, 1974.

In order to get the benefit of our present low rate of \$4 per year, three years for \$10, we urge our readers to renew their subscriptions before April 1st. This also applies to group subscriptions of 8 or more being allowed a discount of 50 per cent. After April 1st, group subscriptions will be on the basis of the new rate, namely \$5 per year, three years \$12, less the same discount of 50 per cent.

We are very reluctant to increase our subscription price, but we have no alternative if we are to continue publishing a first-class pigeon magazine. All of us are victims of the constant rise in prices as part of the inflation spiral. Up to the present time, we have been very fortunate in getting a supply of paper in spite of the existing shortage.

We trust that our readers can fully appreciate our efforts in publishing a first-class magazine for pigeon fanciers at the lowest possible cost. Therefore, kindly inform your friends to subscribe now, new or renewal, before the new price of \$5 per year becomes effective on April 1st.

New Type For APJ

We are glad to announce that we have purchased a complete font of new 8 point type for the APJ. By carefully checking over the various pages, it will be noted that some of the articles are set in the new type which is very clear and distinct, and more easily read. Articles set in the old type are easily detected by the "hairlines" between the letters thus making it blurred and hard to read. We feel confident our readers will be pleased with the improvement in the type used in the APJ.

Pageant of Pigeons Pictures

We are pleased to present in this issue a total of 27 pictures of Champion pigeons at the 60th Annual Pageant of Pigeons held November 15-18 at Pomona, Calif. Of this number six pictures appear on the cover of this issue. All of the pictures were made available through the courtesy of Ralph Sisson, President of the Los Angeles Pigeon Club. The show had a total of 4150 entries by 370 exhibitors. English Trumpeters set a new world's record of 804 birds, also 200 Bokhara Trumpeters, more than one-fourth of the show.

From the Editor's Desk

Geoff Paton of Stuttgart, West Germany, writes: "I have enjoyed receiving the APJ during our year in England. Here in Germany it will be the light in the darkness because there are so few things in English for me to read. At the end of the year we will be moving about and staying for about three months in several different places before returning back to Australia."

William J. Shields, Secretary of the Maspeth Pigeon Fanciers, Corona, N.Y., sent in 37 subscriptions to the APJ with this comment: "The Journal is the best investment any club or individual can make that is interested in improving the pigeons of this world. We don't know it all as individuals, but joining together to keep the APJ going we sure can learn. Just think, when subscribing with a group of eight or more you can get twelve issues of the best pigeon Journal in the world for \$2. In one of the Journals you could find something that can help you in breeding, buying, or even building a loft. You can also find news of things that are happening in the pigeon world in this good old USA and news from foreign correspondents. In addition, through the advertising, it is possible to order medications that are not available in your area. Keep up the good work."

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Marvin DeMuth of Green Bay, Wis., writes: "I like reading the magazine about the different breeds, but hope you can print more news about the Giant Runt."

Bill Henderson of Tucker, Ga., writes: "The APJ gets better with every issue. Your staff and management does an outstanding job. Please continue to do so."

Fritz Freitas of Livermore, Calif., writes: "Enclosed find remittance for group subscription to APJ. Surely do miss 'King Comments' by Peggy Horn. The rest of the King fanciers in this area miss her column too."

Charles H. Phelps of Hobe Sound, Fla., writes: "I sure enjoyed having two very fine fanciers from Cartersville, Ga. visit me, namely Lawrence Craig and Billy Joe Chastain."

W. C. Kile of Sweetwater, Tenn., writes: "Last summer my squab handfeeder ad brought me over 20 inquiries from many states. Also I've been getting many inquiries and orders this winter from last year's ad."

Harry Hoard of Park Forest, Ill., writes: "Enjoy the APJ so much. Have all my copies back to 1953 and a few 1935, '36 and '37. Go back over them once a year. Miss the articles by Bill Pensom. Guess there is no one to take his place. Thanks for a job well done."

Don R. Clark, Teesside, England, writes: "I received my November and December issues of the APJ. It really is a first class publication. I only wish British fanciers had the same enthusiasm as American fanciers seem to have."

Roland L. Evans of Tucson, Ariz., writes: "I have kept birds many years and have a wide range of experience. I started with pigeons and have always had some around. I have pretty good luck with my doves and intend to increase my collection. Our hope is to promote the hobby and help the beginner whenever possible."

Several months ago Dr. Robert F. Caldwell of Altmar, N.Y., received a "Certificate of Award" from the Pulaski, New York, Council of Churches for exhibiting his White Carneau pigeon prizes and awards at their Second Annual Hobby Show held in June 1973. Dr. Caldwell stated that this was his first religious award and therefore held it in high esteem.

David L. Darbyshire of Wigan, England, writes: "Since the August 1972 issue which was a cracker, there has been a shortage of Saxon Color pigeon articles and photos. Any chance of this being rectified? I am real sold on the Saxon breeds. Along with Rollers, I have Muffed Ice and Priests. Monks and Swallows are also on my list for the future."

Daniel Renteria Marias of Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico, renewed his subscription for three years with this comment: "I have been receiving your magazine for six years and I look forward to it each month and I enjoy reading its very interesting articles. It has been helpful to me in knowledge and acquiring good stock Frills and advice from two great Frill fanciers and friends, Troy Porterfield and Vaughn L. Jones, to whom I want to express my sincere thanks."

Dr. Harvey M. Hargrave of Riegelwood, N.C., writes: "We established our Arcadia Pigeon Plant in 1946 and have continued to operate it since that time. Our major emphasis is on squab production. I look forward to writing some articles on squab production in the near future. In addition to my plant duties, my wife and I are employed as educators. Presently, I am employed as a university professor and she is in the public school system. However, we have not lost our love for the development of top squabbing pigeons. After a hard week of work we can unwind at the plant and are recharged for another hard week at our school duties. Congratulations on the excellent job you are doing with the APJ. The entire pigeon world is grateful for the long hours and years you have devoted to the publication."

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Carl A. Naether of Encino, Calif., writes: "Judging from the numerous inquiries I receive there is a keen and growing interest in the keeping and breeding of various species of doves."

Terry J. Polette of Hamersley, Western Australia, writes: "Your Journal is very highly regarded amongst local fanciers and I am certainly looking forward to receiving future copies."

William R. Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I have spent the greater part of my life isolated from the Fancy as a loner, not by choice but by simple ignorance of its existence. Our APJ has afforded me an opportunity to take an active part in the Fancy and share my thoughts and opinions with the many fanciers everywhere. These are great people who have been most tolerant of my efforts, right or wrong."

Lennert N. Eklund, Jr., of Yakima, Wash., writes: "I want to take this opportunity to give you much praise and express my appreciation for your efforts with the Journal. This next few years may be a period of crises after crises with our beloved birds. With feed scarcity and fuel shortage we may see more localization in pigeon breeding. But I am sure that with the fine work your Journal performs we can and will continue on. Men must have hobbies and other interests from their work and our birds will become all the more important to us all."

Debbie Wright of Weatherford, Texas, writes: "My husband has always been a pigeon fancier and until recently I didn't completely share his love and interest in pigeons. Then I began to read the APJ and my interest began to develop. There are so many fascinating and educational articles on the many breeds of pigeons. My congratulations on a fine magazine and keep up the good work. I would like especially to thank two very dear people who came into my life and helped my husband Tommy and I get started breeding White Kings. Dr. Jack and Peggy Horn of Fort Worth, Texas, are known and loved by many. The world needs more people like them who are interested in helping others. Words cannot express our feelings for Doc and Peggy and I am so grateful that Peggy has shown me I too can love and share my husband's hobby. I thank God every day for friends like them."

Don Murray of Minneapolis, Minn., writes: "May I take a moment to thank the staff and contributors for all the delightful past issues you have prepared. Over the years the APJ has afforded me and my good friend Bernard Molitor a great amount of pleasure. Bernard Molitor has a great love for the sport. He undoubtedly is one of the finest fanciers I know. Only recently we both attended the Grand National together. We were impressed. I am trying to cajole my friend Terence Mace who is presently working on his Doctorate in ornithology to submit a paper to the Journal on the reproductive cycle of pigeons. Terry has done some interesting research in this area. My dream is that some day I would be able to have Bernard Molitor and Terence Mace collaborate on a paper. Wow! Can you imagine what a brilliant paper could be written if we ever combined Terry's scientific background with Bernard's good feeling for pigeons! All in good time."

Matt Merkitich of Lake Ariel, Pa., writes: "I have started a publicity column in our local newspaper by the name of 'The Villager.' This paper covers four counties in the North Pocono area of Pennsylvania. I will not receive any monies from this column, my only interest is to have others understand our hobby and not have politicians introduce any ordinances against pigeons. It will also improve pigeon fanciers as to what a top bird looks like and create more interest. The article will run in a series and I'll be writing my best. I originally lived in New York City and recently moved in this area. My father had pigeons most of his life and I also. We flew pigeons till I decided to breed for show. I had been a member of the Maspeth Pigeon Fanciers in New York City, also was Secretary. Any aid that can be given me in obtaining pictures of different breeds of pigeons to use in the column will be appreciated."

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A New Publication for Australia

Australia has a new publication devoted to Fancy Pigeons. It is being published monthly by L. G. Ungvary of South Perth, Western Australia. The magazine is printed in mimeograph form, size 8 x 10. It contains many excellent articles, and Mr. Ungvary is to be congratulated on the excellent quality of the material in his publication. Subscription price to American fanciers is \$4 per year including Air Mail postage. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Ungvary at 22 Hurlingham Rd., South Perth, 6151, Western Australia.

Advertise Your Pigeon Show

Each month we publish a list of the dates of forthcoming pigeon shows as service to the Pigeon Fancy. This is limited publicity for many shows, but in order to get the greatest publicity we urge that a substantial size ad should appear in the APJ at least one or more issues before the show.

While we are glad to give this free publicity to the shows, we feel that paid advertising is necessary to insure the success of the show. Without the APJ shows would be limited in attendance and entries. Give your shows the proper prestige by advertising in the APJ.

From the Editor's Desk

Ralph H. Morris of Nedlands, Western Australia, writes: "Keep up the good work of the APJ. It is very highly regarded in Australia I can assure you."

David Parvin of Selby, Yorkshire, England, writes: "My congratulations on publishing such a first class Journal which must give pleasure to pigeon men all over the world."

Gerald A. Neal of Pachuca, Hgo., Mexico, writes: "I like your Journal very much but would like to see more articles on raising pigeons for profit. Would like to extend a welcome to all pigeon lovers in Mexico who came my way. We always have coffee here".

Tom Rood, Shelbyville, Ill., writes: "We did have a nice show Sunday, May 19. There were a total of 66 birds entered by 13 junior exhibitors. Modenas led the entries, the Champion Modena taking Champion of Show. Our next show is August 4, the Annual Lawn Show."

M. A. Zurzolo of Upper Swan, Western Australia, writes: "I must say how much I enjoy reading the APJ. There is so much to learn and so many comments on the subjects and different birds, all of which I enjoy very much. I started with pigeons about 18 months ago with Kings and am trying to get all the information I can get on the breed."

L. Petrus of Den Helder, Holland, writes: "As the Dutch 'Meeuwen club' organizes an International short beaked Frills day at Baarn, Holland on the 9th of September 1974, it should be attended by many German, Swiss, Danish, Belgian and English fanciers. Many will show their Oriental Frills, Turbits or African Owls. Perhaps some American fanciers will visit Europe at that time."

Kenneth J. Falk of Fort Atkinson, Wis., writes: "After reading the enjoyable article by E. E. Finefrock in the January issue, I can see why he has been so successful with the formation of 4-H Pigeon Clubs. I am not sure if 1965 was the first year he started his first 4-H club or just the one listed in the article. Because if 1965 was the first year of 4-H pigeon clubs somebody hasn't checked very well. The reason I say this is evidenced by a 4-H Achievement Certificate that I and several other people received in the early 1960's. My Certificate was awarded for the year 1961. Our club was started and led by a very fine gentleman by the name of George Weber of Watertown, Wis., husband of Doris M. Weber, Sec.-Treas. of the NPA. Our club lasted only a couple of years, but the interest it developed has kept a number of the former members in the pigeon raising hobby."

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William Aylmer, age 91, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on April 25. He was well-known in the Florida area. He is survived by his wife.

Les Fisher of Costa Mesa, Calif., writes: "Having waited in anticipation for the Roller Special, I can only say that I'm overwhelmed. Thank you very much for your work and dedication."

Rene Lee Rommel of Melrose, Wisc., writes: "I am 13 years old and raise barn pigeons and find much enjoyment in it. But I am writing to congratulate the person, Arthur R. Modler, who wrote the article 'The Passenger Pigeon and Its Extinction' in June issue. It was the best article that I have ever read."

Joseph Mace of Wexford, Pa., writes: "I have recently purchased a new home and am presently drawing up plans for a new loft. Am also considering adding another breed. I receive many monthly and weekly pigeon magazines and consider yours the backbone of the Pigeon Fancy in the United States."

Willis O. Mahaffey of Houston, Texas, writes: "I have sold all the birds down to my foundation breeders, and am taking orders for future shipments now. You did a beautiful job on my ad. The past year or so the APJ seems to get bigger and better each month. It is very informative and you carry such interesting timely articles. Keep it up."

Bill Gentz of Hersey, Mich., writes: "The APJ is truly wonderful. It has helped me through many trials and problems. This part of the state is quite ignorant when it comes to pigeons, and I realize it is up to me to educate them, and you can count on me to do my best. Thank you again for a magazine which cares enough about the little fancier to help him when he has a problem."

Dr. Sam Peavey of Louisville, Ky., writes: "I am sure you have had many laudatory responses in regard to the fabulous August Roller Special. All I can add would be one word — Wow! What a beautiful high point in the 62-year history of our APJ. And what a wonderful example of what can be accomplished through the co-operative efforts of dedicated fanciers working with an equally dedicated APJ Staff. Such an issue will have educational and reference value for years to come."

In our April issue we published a brief item on the editorial page stating that a notice from the postoffice at Summerville, S.C. gave the information that J. D. Scarborough had died. We have since learned that Mrs. Scarborough phoned a friend that he was very much alive. However he had one leg removed above the knee and was in the hospital taking therapy treatment. All apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough for the false report, and our hope is that his health will be restored.

Emil F. Beck of Posen, Ill., writes: "I received the Roller issue and am greatly impressed with its contents. The largest Special ever says a lot for the Roller fraternity in spite of all their differences ranging from dual purpose Rollers to show Rollers, to flying and performing Rollers. I'm thrilled to have been a part in coming up with this Roller Special. I still have a copy of the 1958 Roller Special and two copies of the in between issues with my long time friend A. G. Gierach's picture on the cover."

Bill Toy of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "Thanks for printing my article on Norwich Croppers in the March issue. You are to be commended on your policy of letting everyone have an opportunity to promote his favorite breed in your great magazine. However, I would like to call to your attention a minor error. It is my privilege to serve the Norwich Cropper Club of America as its Vice-President, not the President. Our most capable President is Steve Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn. He is doing a great job and deserves all the recognition he can get for his efforts. I do not know what APJ policy is about an error as minor as this is, however I thought I might bring it to your attention."

Richard Sargent of Tampa, Fla., writes: "Congratulations are in order for R. F. Callahan, the American Pigeon Journal, and Roller breeders for the finest effort of a special issue that far exceeded expectations."

Jim Rice of Piqua, Ohio, writes: "Let me say at this time that we are grateful to you for your continual co-operation and the great way you continue to make the American Pigeon Journal the greatest pigeon magazine anyone has ever seen."

Gregg Sale of Marseilles, Ill., writes: "To say that the Roller Special exceeded even my wildest expectations would be an understatement. I wish to thank you very much for the co-operation you have extended in helping to make the Special possible."

John J. Clark, age 47, of Rockford, Ill., died June 1. He was a past President of the Northern Illinois Pigeon Association, and a member of the National Chinese Owl Club, United Roller Club and the Rockford Roller Club. He was an outstanding pigeon fancier. He is survived by his wife and son, six sisters and a brother.

James P. Dayton of Suffolk, Va., renews his subscription for three years with this comment: "I really do think the space you allow me each month for the 'Looking Around' article, is helping to stimulate Pouter and Lahore interest. Many people have written to me after years out of the hobby. Thanks from all the English and Lahore fanciers."

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Wilbur W. Sparks of Flint, Mich., writes: "Have been taking the APJ for many years. Missed a few years but it must have been in the early 1940's that I first started to subscribe. Anyway it is the best there is on pigeons and doves in magazine form. Sure wish there were a few more articles on American French Mondains."

Larry Fout of Sciotoville, Ohio, writes: "I'm very happy to report that I received my special Roller issue a few days ago. To say I am pleased with it would be a grave understatement. I'm sure I speak for many other Roller men when I tell you 'We' enjoyed every page. Personally, I feel it is a superior selection of material and photographs. I've never enjoyed another issue more. I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the fine work that both you, Mr. Hollmann and Mr. Callahan display in this issue. Along with gratitude, a request for the opportunity to enjoy another fine Roller issue in the not to distant future. So please accept this letter of appreciation for Roller men all over the USA and me. We thank you."

Hank Wallace of Paterson, N.J., writes: "Need I say I enjoy your Journal. Have raised Homers on and off for ten years since I was 12. I have just gotten started with Modenas and Fantails and would like to thank Fred Berbohm for helping me get some good Modenas. Keep up the work which helps pigeon fanciers to swap ideas and bring the Fancy closer even though miles apart."

R. Koeniger of Bougainville Island, Panguna, Papua, New Guinea, sent his subscription with this comment: "In Tasmania I believe I was the only one to keep Birmingham Rollers. Mine originated from Victoria, Australia and South Australia. As I was living in an isolated area I never had a chance to meet any other pigeon people except Racing Pigeon fanciers. On Bougainville Island (where I am located now) no one has pigeons. I imported four pairs of my best performers. I disregard color and markings. All that was a lot of trouble and very costly. I have no loft yet and keep the birds on a chicken farm on a temporary basis. As far as feed is concerned they seem to be fine on chicken pellets."

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Bob Fraser of Coulterville, Calif., writes: "I would like to thank you for printing such great articles. I have only been taking this magazine for one year and it has helped me a lot. I hope to raise Jacobins and Fantails. I am 15 years old in November. You have contributed a lot to the Fancy. Our club has just gotten started."

W. E. Jackson of Berryville, Va., writes: "My ad in the Journal sold everything I had to offer. Am still getting inquiries and I just had to turn down orders. I sold around 150 Carneaux and could have sold lots more. Due to my health I have only 18 pairs in all colors. It seems funny when I think that I used to show 100 at the National. In fact I showed more birds than I have now at the last Atlantic City National."

Wayne Diviney of Niceville, Fla., writes: "Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription. I'm only 25 so I expect to be around to send you a lot more of them. I am especially interested in African Owls and I see very few articles written on them. I hope you might encourage some of the Owl fanciers to share their knowledge with some of us beginners. There are very few people who even raise any type of pigeons in this area so I depend on your wonderful magazine for all my information."

Maurice E. Clark, Toledo, Oregon, writes: "Have just received the August issue of the APJ and for a Roller fancier it is a great issue, like you say, a 'collectors item' one of these days. However, I am not a Roller fan and in this issue, the other breeds certainly took a back seat, as in all special issues. But I'm not complaining, because my favorite breed, the Lahore, had its issue too. Let's have many more fine issues, even Specials. Something to look forward to each month."

Robert W. Roberts of Ft. Myers, Fla., writes: "Our club is indebted to you for the article you ran about our July 21st Annual Lawn Show. Many new people came to the show after reading the article and most of them joined our club. Most members of our club read and enjoy the APJ, as evidenced by the two group subscriptions we recently sent to you. Your magazine is consistently excellent every month. In my opinion it has become the backbone of the pigeon hobby."

Clarence E. Bettis of Murrayville, Ill., writes: "I am a subscriber to the APJ and think it is fine. I was a member of the Springfield Illinois Pigeon Club for quite some time but since moving to my present location I have not belonged to any club. I have raised Rollers for about eight years. Just when I thought I had what I wanted two years ago high winds carried my birds off and nearly wiped me out. Since then I've not been able to get some good stock to start over."

John Garren of Danbury, Conn., writes: "I would like to thank you and the many fanciers who have written so many interesting articles, for you helped to save my hobby. As I just moved and found out that I couldn't keep pigeons I then went to the Zoning Board, explained my hobby and received permission to keep my birds with the following restrictions — that they do not fly at large, no more than 25 birds except during breeding season, and that the coop is kept clean and is landscaped to the surrounding area."

Phillip W. Kennedy of Mount Joy, Pa., writes: "1974 marks twenty years I have subscribed to the APJ. Although I do not have any birds at present, I rely on your excellent Journal to maintain my interest and keep me up to date on the pigeon world. I especially enjoy Mr. Macklin's articles on foreign Tumblers and Highfliers once again, and the writings of Mr. Rawson bring memories of oldtime fanciers I met when visiting the fascinating Brooklyn bird stores back in the thirties. In those days, in spite of the depression, or perhaps because of it, there seemed to be an almost solid belt of pigeon fanciers from northeastern New Jersey clear across Manhattan and Brooklyn into Long Island. I was fortunate to know a transplanted Brooklynite fancier, through whom I got to own varieties of pigeons I hardly knew existed. Foremost of these perhaps, was the old time flying Domestic Flight."

Ron Castle of Melbourne, Australia, writes: "The USA is regarded as the best country in the world for show pigeons. The APJ is a valuable book to us here."

J. Paul Mattson of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "Keep up the fine work on your APJ. It is indeed the 'Root of the Pigeon Fancy'."

Dale Grabenbauer of Vero Beach, Fla., writes: "Congratulations on another Pouter Special. Could anyone breeding Steller, Liller, or Silesian Pouters please write me at 1412 26 Ave., Vero Beach, Fla., 32960?"

Lynn L. Van Skike of Santa Rosa, Calif., writes: "Keep up the good work that is being done on the Journal. It's just like a good wine, it keeps getting better with age. The Journal is the best publication in representing our Fancy in the world. It is devoted to all breeds, helping all of them."

Herman C. Mesimore of Greensboro, N.C., writes: "May I say you all do a terrific job on putting the APJ together, and I think all pigeon fanciers should let you all know it. Thanks for such a wonderful book and information about our most wonderful hobby, a job worth cooing about."

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