

Richard Reichenberger of Oshkosh, Wis., writes: "Since our ad appeared in your Organization section, the response to Central Komorner Tumbler Club is great. We appreciate the fine work of the APJ."

Jack R. Stephens of Belmont, Calif., writes: "Your Roller Special was great. Send \$5 worth of them to me as I will enjoy passing them on to newcomers to the Fancy in the years to come. As you say, they will be a collector item in the future, and I know that youngsters will enjoy having a copy. I intend to give a few away now to some of my followers."

D. D. McMillan of Aylmer East, Quebec, Canada, writes: "Allow me to congratulate you on your splendid Journal, especially the special issues. They are out of this world. I do not keep any birds now but read the APJ every month. I am retired but do a lot of poultry judging. Just finished one on October 18 at the Atlantic Winter Fair, over 1200 birds and something over 300 pigeons."

Leo J. Radley of Dearborn Heights, Mich., writes: "Keep up the good work with the Pigeon Journal. There are many good articles, but the ones I enjoy and from which I receive the most general information are the articles by Rod Hatcher. Although I don't raise Fantails, I wouldn't miss his articles which can be applied to any breed. Members of any club could benefit by reading his article in September '74 issue of the APJ."

Maurice E. Clark, of Toledo, Oregon, writes: "I don't want to miss a single issue. Each one is something to look forward to each month and so promptly is appreciated. The December issue was especially appreciated as I was in the hospital after having hernia surgery. Guess you know I read every ad and every article during the five days I was there. Many thanks. I have not moved, but have sold my business for health reasons (heart attack). I am raising Lahores and still have my first love with pigeons — the racers — even though no club is in the area. Lahores I find are quite scarce here in Oregon and have had difficulty finding good quality even out of state. I enjoyed the Lahore articles. May we look forward to many more issues of the great APJ."

Mike Vito of Georgetown, Ont., Canada, writes: "I really must compliment you on putting out such a fine magazine. Without it, I for one, would have probably dropped out of the hobby because I don't know too many people where we live now that are raising pigeons. It's held me in the hobby more times than I care to remember. My main breed is Show Racers and really can't understand why there aren't more articles on them. Judging from the '71 Special, there are plenty of people raising them but nobody is writing anything. I read an article in the June issue entitled 'Survey Shows 20 Most Popular Breeds,' by William Brown. Show Racers weren't even given honorable mention. I am really a novice at breeding Show Racers and don't feel qualified to write about them but I know a lot of people could write more."

George Campbell of Oxnard, Calif., writes: "As an old subscriber of your magazine, permit me to comment on your note 'Condense your Articles' in the October issue. I find a good many articles in each issue which are rather wordy and trashy, not worth the reading. Take, for example, the 'outburst' of Adair on Page 708, titled 'Speaking of Disappointments, We Had It.' This article occupies an entire column and a half, and it could easily (and should) have been condensed to a paragraph or two at most, since Floyd Adair wrote a lot of which was of no importance to most of the readers of your magazine. The same friendly criticism may be levelled against the article on the following page 'San Diego County Association' which may be of interest to the club members, but hardly to general readers of your magazine. A very wordy affair at best! Such articles belong in Club Bulletins, the editors of which are usually hard up for contributions, so their writings are very wordy. I suggest that you use your 'blue pencil' editorially speaking much, much more, thus making ample room for important articles. The variety of reading material in your magazine is excellent, there is always plenty of quantity, but the quality, in each issue is very uneven, to put it mildly."

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Jerry Lynn of Garden Grove, Calif., writes: "I'm a young man 25 years old and a beginner in Rollers and I suppose just in time for your Roller Special. Have read it from cover to cover and what a great issue. I've already made some great friends in my area and in the Mid-West Roller Club. I would like to give special thanks to your magazine for all of the great knowledge it has given me. It also helped me to meet three of the greatest guys I have ever met. Special thanks again to the APJ and Benny Morales, La Mirada, Calif., Michael Carroll of Indiana, and Frank Lavin of Garden Grove, Calif. These men have give me the best start anyone could have gotten in Rollers."

In contributing the article published in January issue on page 15, Henry Gantic of Willimatic, Conn., comments as follows: "To be sure the APJ is much more than just an everyday type of magazine, it's much more than any of us could wish to receive. Through the past I have collected many helpful hints and interesting facts to help me along with my hobby. Through this magazine I have also made some new friends and have to say that each and everyone in his field is a true fancier and gentleman. It's a pleasure to sit down and spend several enjoyable hours reading these articles each time I receive a new issue. At times it almost seems like you are having a conversation with each one of these gentlemen who take great pains to provide such great reading and information. And a personal thanks of you, Mr. Hollmann, for keeping this APJ going and the splendid job you have done with this magazine."

## The Pageant of Pigeons Special

Through arrangements with Editor, Frank H. Hollmann, the Los Angeles Pigeon Club is pleased to present another special show report — this the 61st Annual Pageant of Pigeons Show.

The LAPC is unique in several respects. While the club title implies that it is a locally based pigeon club, it is supported in its activities by specialty clubs serving members in many outlying states.

A point of attraction is the very large number of pigeon varieties on display at every show, usually numbering close to 100. Each year our list of exhibitors carries the names of prominent breeders and fanciers living in many parts of the country and in Canada. Through the years we have received visitors from many countries of the world.

To hold the size of Pageant Shows to a manageable level we urge all exhibitors to show only their best birds. We have succeeded to the extent that the Pageant of Pigeons Show is generally regarded as one of the finest all-breed pigeon shows in America.

It is our intention to continue this method of early show reporting in future issues of the American Pigeon Journal. Please accept our invitation to participate in the 1975 Annual Pageant of Pigeons Show.

Co-ordinators

Tom McCaig — Ralph Sisson — Dick Pfarr

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## Tumbler Special Next Month

Our next issue will be the big April Tumbler Special. Quite a number of excellent articles and pictures, as well as advertising have been received from Tumbler breeders. Johnnie L. Blaine of Hutchinson, Kansas and Denny Roberts of Greenfield, Wis. are serving as Co-ordinators. Both men are doing excellent work in getting material for the Tumbler Special, and we are confident it will develop into another outstanding special issue.

## Modena and Oriental Frill Specials

Our May issue will be a special issue on Modenas. Mark Munger of Independence, Mo. is serving as Co-ordinator, and has already secured quite a number of special articles and advertising. Forms for the May issue close April 1st.

We are glad to announce that the Oriental Frill breeders have guaranteed at least 10 pages of advertising for a special issue on Oriental Frills. The date for this Special issue has been set for the November 1975 issue. Hubert Rieth of North Bergen, N.J. will serve as Co-ordinator, with the assistance of several well-known Frill breeders. Forms for the Special Oriental Frill issue close October 1st.

## The Passing of M. K. Matthias

The pigeon fraternity was saddened to learn of the sudden death of M. K. Matthias of Des Moines, Iowa. He had been honored by the NPA with the Hall of Fame Award which your Editor had the privilege of presenting to him at the NPA Banquet in Atlantic City, N.J. on January 25. He was not feeling well at the Show and died a week later on January 31 as the result of a heart attack. He had been a faithful member of the NPA for the past 23 years. He was well known as a breeder of Kings and Carneaux.

## From the Editor's Desk

Dick Halvorson of Portland, Ore., writes: "Thanks to Mr. Crane, it has come to our attention that a credit was lost in typing or printing the article 'Breeding and Improving Your Rollers'. An apology is extended to Mr. Goldstein for this oversight."

Mark Roberts of Coon Rapids, Minn., writes: "Received my copy of the December issue. The articles I found most interesting were the ones on the Doves by Don Adams and Art R. Modler. I must agree with the readers when they say that the APJ is the 'Root of the Pigeon Fancy'. Keep up the good work."

Robert W. ("Bob") Roberts of Fort Myers, Fla., writes: "The Florida Gulf Coast Pigeon Club is pleased to submit our first advertisements to your excellent periodical. This is possible because of our growth as a club, a growth largely made possible by the generous publicity of the APJ. We hope that this is the beginning of larger future ads."

Heinz H. Kaupschafer of Dorsten, West Germany, writes: "The last special issues of your APJ were outstanding. Congratulations from the German readers. Especially the Roller Special was a wonderful demonstration for this performing bird which wins more and more fanciers in our country. The German Flying Roller Club has a membership of 400 flying men who breed and fly Birmingham Rollers, Oriental Rollers, Galatz Rollers, etc."

Kevin Blight of Whyalla Norrie, South Australia, writes: "Please find enclosed a check in payment of subscription and books. I'm sorry that I never used the order form in the APJ but I keep them all in file and do not want to disfigure them by cutting pieces out. I enjoy reading the much knowledgeable information in some of the stories which have been published. I am a King breeder and was wondering when you would be putting out another King Special. I wasn't in the game when the 1970 issue came out and borrowed one. The information I gained from it was quite rewarding."

Gary Zenter of Kelowna, B.C., Canada, writes: "I wish to say that I really enjoy the APJ and I can't wait to get the issue every month."

J. W. Tober of Overijse, Belgium, writes: "Enclosed find remittance for \$13.50 in payment of renewal of my subscription for three years. I wish you good luck and I hope you will keep up the good work in these economically difficult times."

Arthur R. Richard of Charlestown, Mass., writes: "Each month I read the compliments given you by various people and really do not know how to better express it than has already been done by others. My words do not seem adequate. I would personally like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude on behalf of the Northeastern Fantail Club for publishing my previous articles. It is difficult being Publicity Director for a Club. You always want to please the members and get the most exposure for the Club itself through your 'Voice of the Pigeon People', the American Pigeon Journal. Thank you for making this possible"

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Bob Roberts of Fort Myers, Fla., writes: "Our club has grown significantly in 1974 and much of this growth is because of generous publicity given our group by the American Pigeon Journal. I am constantly amazed by the way you present the Pigeon Fancy and individual fanciers on such a personal level while maintaining the highest possible standards of professional journalism.

Joyce Shaw of La Jolla, Calif., writes: "I am researching the use of messenger pigeons from 1932 to the present time, primarily in the United States, but the use of the messenger pigeons by the military here and in Europe would be most useful. I am interested in knowing any sources of information, texts and people involved in the training and use of messenger pigeons. Also if there are records of messages sent in these last 42 years. I shall look forward to replies from subscribers of the APJ. Replies may be sent to me at 7245 Rue de Roark, La Jolla, Calif., 92037."

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## Thanks From the Co-Coordinator

To the Tumbler Fancy: To address a few words to the Tumbler Fancy is like writing a letter to the whole world and that is a big order. At this time I have no idea of the success of the Tumbler Special but I have faith that you the members of the Tumbler fraternity have made it a great one. All of you who helped with ads, articles, pictures and other support, I Thank You! Special thanks should go to Denny Roberts who did a great job as Co-Coordinator.

We wish to dedicate this Special to Al Westling and by doing so want to say: "Just Plain Thanks" from the Tumbler Fancy of the world. There have been many great Tumbler fanciers come and go but we wanted to thank Al now while his good works are still fresh in our minds. Many thanks should go to Frank H. Hollmann and the APJ for making the breed specials possible. They are a great asset to the Fancy. Best wishes: — Johnnie L. Blaine, Co-Coordinator.

Fellow Tumbler Fanciers: It has been a very heart-warming experience to work for this, "Our Special" in the Tumbler Fancy. The support received by me from so many on behalf of this issue to insure its printing has been great! This shows what a Top of the Fancy following our Tumbler has. My humble and devout "Thanks, my friends" goes out to each of you!

Having worked along with a tireless friend and breeder like Johnnie Blaine makes this a double pleasure for me. Johnnie and I wish to dedicate this Special to a fine gentleman in the Fancy, who, almost single handed promoted the first Tumbler Special back in Nov. of '62". With this and the "Tumbler Talk" column Al put our favorite up front and worked long hours to keep it there. Thanks, ever so much Al Westling! To another special friend of all fanciers, Frank H. Hollmann and his APJ Staff, we salute you.

And now fellow fanciers, turn the pages. As this is your issue. Kindest personal regards, Dennis D. Roberts, Co-Coordinator.

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Peter R. Valentine of Islip Terrace, N.Y., writes: "Please continue the fine job you are doing for the Fancy with your ever improving Journal. Yours is truly the 'tie that binds' the Fancy together. Fanciers are usually busy people and sometimes don't get to say thanks."

John F. Ward of Stow, Ohio, writes: "I subscribe to three other Racing Pigeon magazines. Your Journal doesn't have much on the Racing Homer but because of some articles I thought I'd try it one more year. Especially enjoyed the article by Dr. John Ervin, DVM, on pigeon health, page 716. Others were The Moulting, Making a Club, How to make Items, Questions and Answers by Wendell Levi, and some by Rod Hatcher. I wish you would have some good articles on how to make carrying baskets, shipping crates, training baskets, feeders, etc."

Mike Crawford of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, writes: "In Winnipeg the local fanciers have their hands full with a new by-law proposed by City Council. The by-law if new amendments that are being proposed are accepted would restrict the total number of birds to 40 per loft. The total number of birds allowed out to fly would be 20. There is even a move afoot to ban the keeping of pigeons altogether however I believe it won't get anywhere at this stage. To my way of thinking it all boils down to the fact where it is up to fanciers to educate non-fanciers about the pigeon facts. We've made efforts on several TV shows and in the long run I think it will pay dividends."

Art Modler, Dayton, Ohio, writes: "The April issue of the APJ was the best, and I mean the best issue I have ever seen from your establishment or any other for that matter! Not that I am particularly interested in Tumblers; I do like all pigeons; (except the stool pigeon!) but the composition and craftsmanship I think was superb in this issue! Frank, the Pigeon Fancy certainly owes you a big Thanks! I have often said, where would the Fancy be today if it wasn't for the APJ? I have had white mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, dogs, bantams, standard chickens, cats, tropical fish, gold fish, you name it, and always subscribed to a magazine that was promoting the hobby of the moment. But I do not recall any of these publications that is the equal of the APJ. Good job, Frank! I am sure the Fancy at large feels the same as I do."

Dr. Victor Camarena of Guadalajara, Mexico, writes: "I have liked pigeons since boyhood and have had many breeds. Now I just breed Swallows which I got from Dr. Hummel, Pomeranian Pouters, Vogtlander Trumpeters, Opal Rollers, from Richard Wagner, and Bokharas from Egon Thiel. All I think are first class birds. Keep only a few pairs of each breed, in order to keep quality. Think that Richard Wagner, Guenter Wenzel and Dr. Hummel have helped me a lot to be a better pigeon breeder. I'm real grateful to them. Mr. Wagner sends me few pairs every year. Dr. Hummel visited me last year and it was real interesting to talk to him. It is really relaxing to me to get the pigeon magazine every month. As a surgeon I need some relaxation and 'get away thoughts' now and then, and the Journal gives the opportunity to get away from hospital, operating room and patients."

Morris Cohen, of Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "We received the April copy and you are to be complimented on the fine magazine you are printing, for so little cost to the readers. It is unique, in the whole pigeon world and we note that it is much admired overseas too, where they never had had, nor never will see so fine a magazine. Even as a Homer fancier, I find the activities of the Fancy pigeon people progressive, and the earnest way, that they support the APJ, and contribute articles, is a good sign. We must again express our appreciation for the generous space given to Dollars for Nurse Scholars, and even some Fancy pigeon clubs pitch in to help. The Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club of New York just sent a \$200 check donation, and we hope to have one of their daughters enroll as a student nurse here at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. We welcome support from all quarters of the pigeon sport, Racing and Fancy. It all adds up to a big plus for humanity. Thanks again Mr. Hollmann for your undivided support. It really helps, we assure you, and your readers."

Sam Congdon, of Irma, Alberta, Canada, writes: "May I take this opportunity to thank you for a great publication and to say I think it is getting better each year. I was especially pleased by the many pictures of the different breeds across the top of the pages in the Pageant Special. I think it adds a good deal of interest to the magazine and keeps the various breeds fresh in your mind. Keep up the good work."

Thomas J. Jewett, of Kingsford, Mich., writes: "A young man in our country has recently organized a 4-H Show Pigeon Club. It is the first of its kind in our area. We are seeking any information and ideas from your readers on training, raising, and caring for pigeons. Please send to Annette Bollone, 4-H Extension Secretary, Cooperative Extension Service, Armory Building, Kingsford, Mich., 49801."

Dirk Zimick of Lebanon, Oregon, writes: "I thank you for crediting my subscription six months. My friend in Canada has been wanting the APJ for some time. In mine and my dad's opinion your magazine is the best pigeon journal ever printed. My uncle raises pigeons and he was glad to see my results in my first show. It was printed in December Mid-Valley Pigeon Fanciers Association. I am a junior and I won more firsts than any other person. As long as I have pigeons I'll have the APJ."

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Effective August 1st, all back issues including Special Issues will be 75c per copy. This is in line with the increase in subscription price.

Daniel Pistilli of Staten Island, N.Y., writes: "Your Modena Special was tops. I enjoyed it immensely. I haven't any pigeons right now, but when I do, they definitely have to be Modenas."

Bob McKee of Vanderbilt, Pa., writes: "My thanks for your complete cooperation as it relates to our local clubs the WPPC and LHPC. Also with the publicity for our Eastern Fantail Club. Your publication is the pivot from which the Pigeon Fancy functions."

Sigmund T. Sliwowski of Auburn, Mass., writes: "The quality of your publication is constantly improving and I enjoy its many varied articles. The Fancy would be lost without this fine magazine. Keep up the good work."

John W. McElroy of Zion, Ill. passed away March 22, in Roseland, Fla. after a month's illness. He was an outstanding Maltese breeder and well known among the members of the National Maltese Club. He is survived by his wife and twin daughters.

James Steinbeck, West Helena, Ark., writes: "The APJ is a wonderful magazine. You and your staff are doing a wonderful job in keeping the many different breeders in close contact with the birds that they love. I am looking forward to the next APJ. Keep up the good work".

Donald J. Klatt of El Cajon, Calif., writes: "This past July I re-enlisted in the Navy. Due to moving, and now living in an apartment, I am without pigeons again. I now look forward even more to receiving the Journal each month. I really treasure the Specials, especially the Roller and Pouter Specials of this year. Your hard work and dedication to publishing the Journal provides all of us in the fancy with many hours of enjoyment and up to date information that we could get nowhere else. Here in San Diego County, it is interesting to note the large numbers of common pigeons. They nest in palm trees in people's yards, and seem to get along just fine. I find it interesting because in so many urban and city areas people are so against any kind of pigeon."

Peter J. Kelsey of Withernsea, North Humberside, England, writes: "I must say in all sincerity that since subscribing to the APJ I feel the richer in knowledge through the reading of your truly magnificent magazine. It is by far the greatest in the world. Although my interest in pigeons is confined to the Show Racer and the true Racing Pigeon, I have never failed to find in your APJ an interesting and informative few hours reading. This has resulted in my taking a keener interest in the Fancy birds on view at the various shows I attend throughout the year with my own team of Show Racers. Needless to say new friendships have resulted which is all the more pleasing as you can well imagine. Several times over the last two years I have written to various American fanciers advertising SR's in an attempt to obtain a couple of pairs. Is it possible that you can put me in touch with someone having a pair of good quality Blues also. I would be very grateful for your help in this matter. Much interest has been aroused in the SR of late and there is a growing band amongst us that appreciates the American type of bird. Quite obvious if any were penned at the Classics here it would to say the least cause a stir. However I and a few of my friends in the fancy are prepared to put them up, and to judge them along with the accepted standard of bird established here. Who knows, perhaps it will change the whole concept of the Show Racer as we now know it. I am sure if some could be obtained bred from and shown here, much interesting material could be written on the results, etc., which should make interesting reading for your many readers. I would certainly make available to you, any results achieved. Whatever the outcome it could certainly do no harm on either side of the fence. I trust you will give this matter your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you in due course."

Scott L. Sharp of Dundee, Scotland, writes: "I must congratulate you on such a fine publication. I really look forward each month to receiving my APJ. Please keep up the good work."

Gordon W. Larson of Houston, Texas, writes: "My ad in the classified section was a total success. Happy to say I sold all the birds I had planned on selling and could have sold more. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed the APJ during the years I've been a subscriber. The Pigeon Fancy is fortunate indeed to have such a publication serving it so well."

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Cory Evenstad of Faribault, Minn., writes: "I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate your Journal. It has given me such great moments in the success in raising my pigeons. I don't know of any other magazine that gives such great knowledge or fundamental skills in the hobby of raising pigeons."

F. R. Calvert of Invercargill, New Zealand, writes: "I am renewing the APJ for another three years as it is without a doubt the best pigeon journal printed in the world today. Have you been able to get the import regulations for the Fancy pigeons amended yet for Australia and New Zealand?" Note by Editor. — No, not yet, but we are still working on it.

Dennis Porter of Burbank, Calif., writes: "Even though I breed Flying Tipplers and Flying Wests, I enjoy reading through each Journal. I enjoyed the recent Specials on Modenas and Tumblers as these are two breeds I really appreciate seeing at the Pageant. I am also looking forward to the Special on Oriental Frills as they are another breed I put in the same category."

Bert Trim of Newtonville, Ont., Canada, writes: "I still enjoy the APJ after all these years. The special issues are really great, as a matter of fact, all issues are great. Hope to retire next year and have lots of back issues to re-read. I've been breeding Bokhara Trumpeters for 50 years and its 25 years ago that I met you at Camden, New Jersey, National. How time flies! Thanks for a great magazine each month."

Frank Jannasch of Crown Point, Ind., writes: "I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to your plant in May. I really enjoyed the May issue as I have been a Modena man for the past 10 years. I had to give them up about two years ago but am now working with lavenders again, so the article on lavenders was a great help. I enjoy the APJ very much and read and re-read each copy."

Mickey Monger of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, writes: "I recently purchased the old records and magazines of the late M. K. Matthias and among these were copies of old APJ's. Comparing the old copies with the July, 1975 issue the change is spectacular. Fanciers today are much more fortunate than those fanciers years ago, largely because of the APJ. We now can enjoy clear, easy reading pages of scientific and informative articles based on fact, not myth. Also, many fantastic pictures to make the information offered much more clear. Of personal interest to me is the new column 'Kings 'n Things'. Tanner Chrisler is, in my opinion, the leading color breeder in terms of knowledge and is not afraid to let others share his knowledge. Keep up the good work."

Alex Warren, Project Manager, Poultry Research Institute, Karachi, Pakistan, writes: "I want to express my appreciation for the enjoyment we all get from reading your magazine. We are conducting a research program here on meat pigeons which are quite popular in many countries in this side of the world. Through the advertisements in your magazine, we have purchased pigeons from Palmetto Pigeon Plant and from Willis Mahaffey of Houston, Texas. We wrote a number of other advertisers but none of them have answered. The White Carneaux we got from Palmetto more than two years ago are now five years old and are still producing at an excellent rate. Mr. Mahaffey sent us ten pairs of his Texan Pioneers which have been a sensation in this country and he also went through a great deal of trouble and expense to get us ten pairs of some other breeds and shipped the birds to us. We greatly appreciated his efforts. We have a girl student who is working in the first year of her Ph.D. with a study of meat producing pigeons. We are doing a great deal of crossing with the imported breeds on the local breeds found here. We have found that the use of imported meat breeds of pigeons more than doubles the average weight of squabs being produced here from the first cross and we are now making various back crosses, trying to develop sex-linked meat breeds adapted to local conditions. Next year we would like to send this excellent student, Miss Shahnaz Nasir, to some university in the U.S. to complete her doctorate training in pigeon genetics."

Alister Geddes of Bishopburn, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, Scotland, writes: "I really look forward to receiving the Journal each month and consider that it does a tremendous amount for the Fancy, both with regard to the stimulation of interest and the dissemination of information with regard to the various breeds, etc. Keep up the good work."

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Howard C. Angevine of Attleboro, Mass., writes: "I breed Swallows both clean leg and muffed, all colors and markings, also Saxon Monks in red and black white bars. I like all varieties of German Toys and I really enjoyed the German Toy Special and am looking forward to the Swallow Special. Keep up the good work and many thanks."

Ronald C. Martin of Cartersville, Ga., writes: "It is amazing how you continue to improve, then improve on that. No one can question the fact that this magazine with Mr. Hollmann at the helm, has done and is continuing to serve the Fancy from the Show, Utility and Racer's viewpoint. Nothing in the world of pigeon magazines can equal it."

Jim Clausen of Walnut Creek, Calif., writes: "Your magazine is the only one I know of that is really involved with the people. I'm not a big pigeon breeder but I like to change and try new breeds and you always have something to say about the breed I'm interested in. I am 16 and have many more years ahead of me for pigeons. Thank you for a great magazine."

Jeanne Hoyal of El Monte, Calif., writes: "The enclosed article, in the interest of space-saving, is the briefest outline of the illustrious career of Floyd Dirth and the Dirth loft. This gentleman has built up an outstanding almost endless record in the breeding and showing of Carneau pigeons. He is one of the 'unsung' fanciers in the pigeon world and I feel it is past time for him to receive some public notice in a publication of the Journal's caliber."

Louis R. Buchanan of Phoenix, Arizona, writes: "Your magazine is tops. I'm always eager for the next month's issue. Even the Specials of breeds that I have had no real interest in have proven most helpful and informative. I would have lost interest in the hobby without your monthly rejuvenation. The ideas for the construction of my new loft came from you another giant in pigeonhood, Wendell M. Levi. Thanks a million and keep up the good work."

Roy C. Rodd of Osseo, Mich., writes: "I particularly enjoy the Specials and recent articles on color breeding. The study of genetics provides a fascinating exercise for those of us who do not have time to properly train and fly Racing Homers or for use with any breed for that matter. I think pigeon breeding lends itself very well to a variety of high school science projects and is ideal 4-H project, especially in urban and suburban areas where space is limited."

Luke Stahlmann of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I started subscribing to the APJ in May of '75. I've gotten three copies so far and am really amazed at this magazine. The work put into it that you people come up with must really keep you hopping. Being a Tumbler fancier, I found out that I subscribed a little too late so am wondering if you could send a copy of the Tumbler Special of April '75. This is the first magazine that I've read all the way through every month."

Homer Hannah of Mexico, Mo., writes: "It has been a real pleasure to receive the magazine for the past year and I look forward to having it for the next three years. I was without the Journal for about 20 years and it amazes me to see the progress that has been made in the genetics of pigeon breeding. I also enjoy seeing the names of the people who were active in the hobby in the early fifties as well as the new crop of fanciers who have come along."

Edgar L. Petty of Oklahoma City, Okla., writes: "I want to let you know how much I enjoyed the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held in St. Louis the latter part of July. I enjoyed each and every session. The most vital aspect of these meetings is the fellowship experienced before and after each session. I only wish more of the pigeon fanciers could attend such meetings where common interests in pigeons are shared. A good example was the session on shipping pigeons which is of concern to all of us. I shall look forward to future conferences."

Howard Jones of East Devonport, Tasmania, Australia, writes: "Being a LF Tumbler breeder I was completely thrilled beyond description at receiving the April Tumbler Special. This issue is the most read and pondered over since I subscribed in 1973. Please keep up the excellent work. The APJ is a must in our Fancy."

Robert Bennett of Oshawa, Ont., Canada, recently sent a renewal for three years with this comment: "I would like to congratulate you on such a wonderful job you are doing in promoting the pigeon Fancy. I have had many fine hours of reading your APJ. The Fantail breeders of Canada last year organized the National Fantail Club and now have more than 50 members. We held our first annual show in October 1974 at which time we had over 200 Fantails entered. Will give more information later."

Edwin Dawson, Jr., of Goldsboro, N.C., writes: "I have been receiving the APJ since January 1975, and think it's the best magazine I have ever had the pleasure of reading, regarding all breeds of pigeons. Your staff and contributors are to be congratulated. I have been raising pigeons now for about 5 years and find it very pleasing and interesting. Having raised all types however, I find that the Roller pleases me most. When looking through some old copies of the APJ at a friend's house, I came across your August '74 Roller Special which impressed me so much I would like two copies."

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