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Dr. Gail B. Peterson of Burnsville, Minn., writes: "Thank you for your unmatched dedication to the Pigeon Fancy at large. We all owe you more than we could ever possibly express."

Tom Pritchett of Enid, Okla., writes: "Everyone is so glad that at last another Fantail Special is underway. I think we're going all out for it." Note by Editor: — The next Fantail Special will be the July 1977 issue.

Tom Rood of Shelbyville, Ill., writes: "The Trumpeter Special was spectacular. I had a few ET's long ago, so I appreciate all the photos and articles on them. Keep up the good work."

Don R. Clark, of Cleveland, England, writes: "I have enclosed \$7 for APJ for another year. This year has been terrific with all the Special numbers. I really look forward to the APJ dropping through my letter box. Keep up the good work."

Jim Muesing of Antoch, Tenn., writes: "I find that your Special issues are very helpful in learning about the breeds individuals are devoted to. I'm becoming interested in the Pigmy Pouters and want to do some reading up on the breed to become more familiar with them."

Bill Henderson of Tucker, Ga., writes: "I never dreamed that I would enjoy a Special issue for Owls, Frills, or many of the breeds that you devoted issues to, but in all honesty, they are done in such a professional way, they are truly a credit."

M. R. Crawford of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, writes: "Last year I had a short article published and the pay off for me was that I received correspondence from several fellows in the U.S. which I really enjoyed. I continue to enjoy reading the APJ and frequently use it as a reference source."

James H. Lake of Shreveport, La., writes: "Twenty-five years ago, when I was a boy, I raised pigeons and subscribed to the APJ. After all these years, I am hopeful that I will again be able to re-enter the hobby which I enjoyed so much in my youth. I am especially gratified to learn that your publication is still being issued."

Reiner Fuchs of Sulmingen, Germany, writes: "During the last years I received my copy of the APJ regularly and with it always a lot of pleasure. I also can improve my knowledge about pigeons through every issue. Especially I admire the high standard of the Pigeon Fancy in the United States which is documented in the APJ so well."

Julie Bendel of Dryden, Mich., writes: "The time has come again to renew my subscription for another year of enjoyment with the American Pigeon Journal. I just have to congratulate you for your excellent job on putting this great magazine together. Also, I wish to congratulate all those devoted fanciers who put so much work into our Special issues. Good job pigeoners!"

Charlie Brown of Newton, Kansas, writes: "I enjoy your magazine very much. I read it cover to cover every month and I especially like the articles on Runts which I raise. Your Special on Trumpeters was super and I don't care if it was a little late, because it takes a lot of time to put together something good. Let those who complain try to raise a good and winning pigeon in a month."

Nolan Bukoski of Koloa, Hawaii, writes: "I have subscribed to the APJ for a year now and enjoy it very much and also it has been a great help to me. I have but only one complaint. I raise squabs, White and Indian Mondains which I obtained from Hans Wetter. Your magazine hardly ever discusses or have any articles on farms about squabbing birds. I would like to read and see how some of the farms are built, controlled and operated."

Thomas Maloney, Brooklyn, N.Y., writes: "Really enjoy your magazine. I've had pigeons for over 40 years and still learn plenty from the magazine."

Dave Adler of Ferndale, Mich., writes: "You people of the APJ are doing a great job on the magazine. Please keep it up. The Specials are terrific."

John Izzo of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes: "African Owls are my favorites, but I must say the August African Owl Special was definitely one of the top three Specials ever. It was really terrific."

Gary Browell of Golden Square, Vic., Australia, writes: "It gives me great pleasure to renew my subscription to your outstanding Journal. I sincerely hope that the Journal will continue to improve as it has done over the last three years. I particularly enjoy reading the articles by Alex Rawson as this man seems to be a bottomless pit of information to fanciers of all breeds of pigeons. I would also like to congratulate you on the magnificent Specials that have been forthcoming over the last three years, have enjoyed everyone of them very much."

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Al Grace of Lackawanna, N.Y. called our attention to the fact that there was an error in the caption under the picture on page 803 of the November issue. He says he was in the center, and Clair Hetland on the left. Sorry Al, but mistakes will happen.

James McLean of Coatbridge, Scotland, writes: "Find enclosed cheque for the sum of \$18 for a three year subscription of American Pigeon Journal. I have read some of your copies through other fanciers in this area and am looking forward to becoming a regular reader."

Jennings Frederick of Rivesville, W. Va., writes: "My father and mother came from Norway and they used to receive letters from friends in that country. I would like to hear from any fancier in Norway or Finland, however I read English only. I came to the U.S.A. at age 6 months. My address is: Box 264, Rivesville, West Virginia, 26588, U.S.A."

Les Fischer of Costa Mesa, Calif., writes: "It is again with pleasure that I renew my subscription to the APJ. I find it enjoyable for two reasons. One is the satisfaction of knowing that I have enjoyed my birds and your magazine for the last three years and the other is anticipating three more years of enjoyment. I have subscribed since the early '60's and the APJ is definitely a tool for my hobby and a source of pleasure."

C. O. Crawford of Wasco, Calif., writes: "I really enjoy the APJ. However I for one do not like the Specials. A Mondain breeder could care less about Owls, etc. All the short face birds to me are horrible. Of course I know you have to please the majority. Give us more of the all variety issues and less Specials. I have subscribed to the APJ for well over 40 years. It is the best pigeon paper in the world."

David R. Macrow of Sealcliff, South Australia, renews his subscription with this comment: "I am still breeding a few good Pigmy Pouters and winning my share of Champions and Specials. Even more pleasing are the successes of fanciers that I have sent my Pigmy Pouters to. Recently I have decided to start with Australian Saddlebacks as a second breed and have obtained some top class stock."

Dan Radulescu of Bramalea, Ont., Canada, writes: "I always look forward to reading every issue of the APJ and I also read the advertisements. They are a valuable source of information on pigeon supplies, stock birds or information regarding major events. I enjoyed your Specials in '76 and was pleased to see that families from all over supported the publication with ads. This way APJ will keep growing and we will all benefit as a result."

James Smith of Norwich, Conn., writes: "We have really enjoyed the upswing in the number of articles concerning Tiplers. For a time it seemed as though Tiplers held no interest to APJ readers. However, that trend has happily reversed itself. On the other hand I have been appalled at the amount of Federal intervention in our hobby. And likewise we find it hard to understand the lack of fight and resistance on the part of our fanciers. We are becoming a conditioned race of people, programmed to accept defeat and failure. This I am afraid will not reverse itself. The lack of communications against the Dingell Bill will bear this out. God help us."

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "You have again given an excellent sample of very fine composition in the December APJ. I certainly enjoyed all the articles which gave excellent coverage to all the different varieties. I especially like the article on the Passenger Pigeon by Davidson. I read Eckert's book when it first appeared. However, of all the references I read on the Passenger Pigeon, the one by Schorger, 'The Passenger Pigeon, its History and Extinction', (University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla., 73069) is by far the best documented as well as illustrated account I ever read. Schorger spent 40 years gathering material for it. He also is the author of a similar book on the Wild Turkey."

Dave Horton of Calgary, Alta., Canada, writes: "I give you compliments on the Trumpeter Special. It is the most interesting Special I have ever received."

Joseph Scrimo of Bethpage, New York, writes: "I must remark that I have been more pleased with your magazine despite the fact that they always arrive about a month late. Don't worry, I realize this is not your fault. Keep up the good work."

Richard Stocher of Decatur, Ill., writes: "I enjoy your Journal very much, reading it from cover to cover. I have been raising pigeons for 30 years. Had quit for a few years but now am back in the business and enjoying it more than ever. I raise birds strictly for flying and performance and now have a great flying kit. I also have some doves which I started a few months ago. I would enjoy more articles on doves."

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We were shocked to learn of the death of the wife of Mel Evans of Turlock, Calif. She died December 10. It was our pleasure to visit the Evans Pigeon Acres in January 1976. Mr. Evans maintains a total of 3600 squab producing pigeons.

Jack D. Houseman, of Altoona, Pa., Pub. Chairman of the Eastern Tumbler Club, writes: "Thank you kindly for all your considerations and more so for the wonderful magazine you publish. Without it, our hobby would suffer greatly."

Randy Boschee, Sec. of the NJPC, Great Falls, Montana, writes: "I would like to thank you for letting me have this column each month. I really do appreciate it. I hope that the juniors that read the column appreciate the column also. Thank you very much."

Steven L. May of Lincoln, Nebr., writes: "The Journal is the best place we can stress and advertise our breed. Your super Journal reaches so many fanciers here in the USA and afar that I'm sure like to hear what's happening in the Fantail circle. Thank you for such an outstanding and superior Journal."

W. R. Brown, Publicity Director of the Iowa State Pigeon Association, Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "The Iowa State Pigeon Association show in Des Moines on December 11 and 12 was a great success. This show which produced a new record number of entries, 2,375, could not have succeeded without the help of the APJ. The manner in which our advertising was handled and our promoting this show greatly contributed to its success. We therefore would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank you for your continuing support."

Carl Burkgren of Hampton, Iowa, writes: "I would like to thank you for the names and addresses of the four men in Hawaii. I was only able to visit one of them, which happened to be Luther Yam. If you would like to visit a paradise upon a paradise, you would have to visit his place. When I was there he had lovebirds, parakeets, canaries, chickens, pheasants, fish, ducks, and some of the best Homers I have ever seen. I've probably missed something that he had, but I don't know what. He showed me around the area, and then we went to visit some other pigeon keepers. I'd like to thank you again before I close."

George Bishop of Cottonwood, Calif. was kind enough to send us a copy of the Northern California Bird Fanciers Annual Directory. This organization has a total of 117 members and promotes pigeons, poultry, game birds and waterfowl. The booklet contains special articles on the Reingaen Tumbler, the Moon Pigeon, and Chinese Owls, also 11 pages of ads of its members. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each calendar month in their clubhouse at 540 Walnut Ave., Red Bluff, Calif., at 8 o'clock. Phone: 527-5103. The organization sponsors an annual Poultry and Pigeon Show in January at Red Bluff, Calif., Tehama County Fairgrounds. Copies of the Directory may be secured from Sally Spencer, Sec., Route 2, Box 249-F, Orland, Calif., 95963.

Joseph McGhee of Aurora, Ont., Canada, writes: "For 10 years I have raised Exhibition Bantams and three months ago a friend bought me a pair of Chinese Owls from a chap in California. Not knowing anything about these loveable little birds I decided to go to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto to find someone who could tell me about them. However, when I was there I couldn't find anyone but I wrote down Lyle Coswell's name and address. I wrote Mr. Coswell a letter telling him some problems I was having with my birds and also asked him if he had any birds for sale. Now you know how some breeders answer their mail. But six days after writing the letter I received a letter from Mr. Coswell answering my questions and asking me over to see his birds. I therefore went to see him and purchased five good birds from him. At this time I would like to mention, in all the years I have raised exhibition birds I have never met a more honest and friendly man as Mr. Coswell. I learned some very interesting and helpful tips from him. Thanks again, Mr. Coswell."

Richard J. Okeson of St. Paul, Minn., Sec.-Treas. of the American German Beauty Homer Club, writes: "I always look forward to receiving my copy of the APJ and would like to thank you at this time for allowing us space for 'Beauty Homer Section' edited by Dr. Sam Peavey."

Walter Newcombe of Ilfracombe, Devonshire, England, writes: "I see by November issue that Mike Knaggs and Les Williams are due to visit one of your great LF Tumbler Shows and lofts soon. This must be an unparalleled treat for them, as you American fanciers seem to have unbounded enthusiasm for breeding, exhibition and performing pigeons."

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R. Gregg Sale of Ottawa, Ill., writes: "You and your staff have been doing an outstanding job of improving the APJ over the past couple of years. The small increases in the cost of the subscription are well worth it. Keep up the good work."

Jeff Bunyard of Vandalia, Ill., writes: "I love every issue of your wonderful publication. I specialize in Fantails, Bokhara Trumpeters, and Komorner Tumblers. Can't wait for the Fantail Special, just loved the Trumpeter Special. Also would like to start a Junior Fantail Club. I am 14. Thanks again APJ."

Robert G. Courtney of Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "I have really enjoyed reading the articles in your Pigeon Journal this last year. I am President of the Knoxville Pigeon and Poultry Club which started three years ago and our pigeon entries grow with every show. The articles in your publication have stimulated our pigeon fanciers to show and compete. Knoxville has never had a pigeon club and I am proud to say I started this one which now has 47 members. I give the Pigeon Journal credit for about 95% of this."

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R. Gregg Sale of Ottawa, Ill., writes: "You and your staff have been doing an outstanding job of improving the APJ over the past couple of years. The small increases in the cost of the subscription are well worth it. Keep up the good work."

Jeff Bunyard of Vandalia, Ill., writes: "I love every issue of your wonderful publication. I specialize in Fantails, Bokhara Trumpeters, and Komorner Tumblers. Can't wait for the Fantail Special, just loved the Trumpeter Special. Also would like to start a Junior Fantail Club. I am 14. Thanks again APJ."

Robert G. Courtney of Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "I have really enjoyed reading the articles in your Pigeon Journal this last year. I am President of the Knoxville Pigeon and Poultry Club which started three years ago and our pigeon entries grow with every show. The articles in your publication have stimulated our pigeon fanciers to show and compete. Knoxville has never had a pigeon club and I am proud to say I started this one which now has 47 members. I give the Pigeon Journal credit for about 95% of this."

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Albert B. Crigler, Jr. of Ventura, Calif. tells us that his father A. B. Crigler died May 7th. He formerly resided in Virginia and was an active breeder of Giant Runts.

Louis Buchanan of Phoenix, Ariz., writes: "I just finished 'Dis Way To Dyspepsia' by W. F. Hollander in the March issue, page 190. I don't know how I missed it last month. My day was a mess until I read that article. It was a real spirit booster."

J. Elby Springs of Seguin, Texas, tells us that his twin brother died March 9, at the age of 70. He was also a pigeon fancier. Mr. Springs now has Tumblers and plans to add a few more breeds.

M. L. Frahm of Murray Bridge, South Australia, writes. "Please renew my subscription for another three years to your wonderful magazine which I thoroughly enjoy reading. Being a breeder of African Owls was really pleased with your African Owl Special."

A letter from Vaughn L. Jones of Salt Lake City, Utah, tells us that in publishing the picture in February issue, page 74, of his Dun Blondinette Hen was Band No. 10-'74 instead of '75. The mixup evidently was due to the fact that the picture was taken in 1975. Our apology to Mr. Jones.

Russ Cunningham of Redwood City, Calif., writes: "I have bred pigeons for over 20 years and enjoyed every minute of it. A great deal of this enjoyment resulted from the reading of your fine publication. On behalf of the Pensom Roller Club I wish you and your magazine continuous success in 1977. I look forward to our continued relationship throughout my next years as Secretary of the Pensom Roller Club."

Paul Hagerman of Port Hope, Ont., Canada, writes: "I have enjoyed your Specials, all have been great, especially surprised how great the separate Turbit and Owl Specials turned out. I am looking forward to the forthcoming Fantail and Giant Homer Specials with great anticipation. From time to time I see a few articles on the wattled breeds which I really enjoy."

Tony Brancato of Santa Maria, Calif., writes: "If I may suggest that show reports to the APJ omit all the breeds, colors and those who won. These are only of local concern and for the majority of fanciers it is really immaterial and not worth reading. The columns that use a lot of this material are the ones from Europe and many with extra long lists of winners such as the utility breeds. The Journal is the voice of the Pigeon Fancy throughout the world and it is so enjoyable good and informative."

Alan Mansfield of Devonport, Tasmania, Australia, writes: "I have done very well in Fancy Pigeon classes during the past year, winning many champions and specials and I mark this down to the champion stock I received from such experienced fanciers as Dave Macrow, Pigmy Pouters; Jules de Brenni, Pigmy Pouters; Harry Hellier, Fairy Swallows; and Ray Manuel, Show Pen Homers. I would like to thank the APJ for giving myself and other fanciers many hours of wonderful reading enjoyment which adds further interest to the Fancy."

Jeff Crane of Sandy, Utah, writes: "I received the May issue of the APJ so early this month I thought it was the April issue just being a few days later than usual. May I compliment you on maintaining the quality of your magazine in spite of today's spiraling costs. Having just been associated with a new magazine about Citizen's Band Radio, I know how hard it is to blend quality and economy. Your larger halftones make the magazine more interesting and enjoyable. I personally feel that a halftone as small as 1/12 page is a little small unless it is a close-up of an individual. I would like to see pictures of lofts and groups be a little bigger if economically possible." We agree. Larger halftones are more expensive but we use them if the subject matter justifies the added expense.

Frank Frisch of Pawtucket, R.I. writes: "I have the latest issue of the APJ and right on time. I have but one fault to find. I don't know if the magazine is too small or if the length of time between issues is too long. I seem to enjoy each issue better than the past one. Over the years I have met and made many friends through the APJ. I want to express my appreciation for all your years of work. I find it hard to imagine how our hobby could get along without your help. I look forward to each issue as it is the most interesting literature one could ever subscribe to. Our thanks for your excellent publications and we wish you unbounded success for many years to come."

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Thank You Fantail Fanciers

By HARRY L. LITTLE, St. Louis, Mo.

Co-ordinating the July, 1977 Fantail Special Issue of the American Pigeon Journal has been a great source of satisfaction to me. The cooperation and the enthusiasm that you have shown are the ingredients that spell success for any venture. The exchange of correspondence with Fantail people around the world, many of them people I have never known, has been most rewarding. It makes one realize what a great hobby we share!

We are presently in a period of unprecedented popularity for the Fantail. The 1975-1976 season brought us the 200th anniversary of the United States and with it the Golden Anniversary Show of the Central Fantail Club, the Ray D. La Fleur Fantail Classic. A show of such magnitude and quality had never been seen before in the history of the Fantail. But we were not through! This year has seen the publication of another Fantail Special. It has been an exciting period for the Fantail fancier!

An effort has been made to add variety to this Fantail Special. We think it has been successful. The final judgment will be yours. It contains articles with views of the Fantail and the Fantail Fancy that may differ from your own but this reflects a healthy and progressive hobby.

As you know, this is the third Fantail Special Issue of the American Pigeon Journal. The first was in March of 1961, the second in December of 1968 and now the third in July of 1977. The first two were co-ordinated by the late Gerald F. Champ of San Diego, Calif. It has been an honor for me to follow in the footsteps of such a man, one who was truly dedicated to the Fantail Fancy and a good friend. Because of all he has done for the Fantail and the Fantail Fancy, I think it right and proper to dedicate this, the July, 1977 Fantail Special Issue of the American Pigeon Journal, to the memory of Gerald F. Champ, one of great stature in the Fantail world.

Peter Ehli of Billings, Montana, writes: "I really have enjoyed the Journal over the years since 1959 and then before that time it goes back a lot of years. I do enjoy reading about the other breeds, but why, just why, don't we get more on our Giant Runts? We do have many outstanding breeders in the Giant Runts that should and could give the old and the new breeders a lot of good pointers on the subject of breeding bigger and better Runts."

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Steve Consolino of Watervliet, Mich., writes: "The APJ seems to be steadily getting better. The monthly columns are always interesting and informative. Your efforts toward an even better APJ are quite apparent with the appearance of new monthly columns such as H. P. Macklin's 'The Rare Ones'. Keep up the good work."

Bob DeAdder of Shrewsbury, N.J., writes: "Please accept my congratulations for the terrific Fantail Special. It will be a must for all serious Fantail breeders for years to come." Mr. DeAdder also called our attention to the fact that the Fantails pictured on pages 471 and 472 belonged to Frank Fischer and not to Bob DeAdder.

Raymond H. Ostrander of Sandwich, Mass., writes: "You and Harry Little are to be congratulated upon producing a truly superior Fantail Special issue of the American Pigeon Journal. Clearly this will go down in history as the greatest, best balanced, best illustrated publication devoted to a single breed of pigeons that has been printed to date."

Frank Shields of Lindsborg, Kansas, writes: "Received the Fantail Special yesterday. Absolutely great! To ensure that I have a readable copy when I retire (I'm 33 now), I would like to obtain two more copies. I know that an issue such as this will again greatly enhance the Fantails popularity. I am looking forward to many hours of enjoyable reading which I get from each and every issue of the APJ."

Berton M. Bailey of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, writes: "Regret to request another address change, but do appreciate that the APJ still follows me around the world. I first subscribed to the Journal when still in high school some 25 years ago and I still hate to miss an issue. At this one year stay in Bolivia was unable to obtain pigeons again except for a pet 'common' pigeon that I raised by hand. I look forward to the time I can settle down again and raise Rollers, Frills, etc. Meanwhile I enjoy reading about pigeons through the APJ."

John R. Stevens of Malibu, Calif., writes: "Please extend to your staff my pleasure with the current Special Fantail issue of the APJ. The master printer who set up my advertisement did a marvelous job with his selection of type size. Using the largest type for the first line is very pleasing to the eye. Knowing that you could not publish all the articles that were submitted for this Special issue, I was most gratified to see my article in this fine issue. I am sure that dedicated Fantail fanciers will be indebted to the APJ for many years to come for the manner and style in which this Special issue was organized and published."

John Coughlan of Ulverstone, Tasmania, Australia, writes: "I am breeding French Mondains, Carneaux, Kings, Runts and I have bred a Tasmanian giant pigeon which I call 'Big John', as that's what the people used to call me when I played football. I now am a politician. I am a member of the House of Assembly in the Tasmanian Government. I am the member for Braddon and have spoken on the Squab Breeding of Pigeons for eating purposes in the House. Most people in Tasmania think that it is awful because they only race and show pigeons here. I am an ardent Pigeon Journal reader from way back and this is why I am writing this letter to you. I have 25 pairs of pigeons to start building up my stock and as you realize, I am only in a small way at the moment but I intend to go into it in a big way very soon. I am trying to purchase about 50 acres of good land where I intend to build a house and also grow my own seed, but I am at a loss as to what kind of cages to build. I have read a book called Making Pigeons Pay. They have some photos of some great cages for squab breeding. I was wondering if you could send me any plans so I can build the latest cages as you have in America, also any information on squab breeding as the Making Pigeons Pay book was written in 1945 and you probably have newer ideas on squab breeding now. Hope you can help me in all these matters as I am probably the only squab breeder in Australia."

Alex J. Scorgie of Slacks Creek, Queensland, Australia, writes: "I have been receiving the APJ for a number of years now, and always look forward to receiving the monthly copies. The breeds I keep are Rollers, Tipplers, African Owls, and English Short Faced Tumblers, so am very interested in articles on these breeds. Thanks for an excellent Journal."

Rod Lysne of Ferryville, Wis., writes: "Yesterday I received my APJ Fantail Special and I just want you to know how pleased I am to see this new Special. It is a real credit to you, the Fantail Fancy, and especially to Harry Little who put in so much work to see this Special issue brought to fruition. I am especially happy to see your choice of picture for the front cover of the Special. This bird is a tribute to Harry's work with the beautiful Tailmark. Those of us who especially enjoy working with marked Fans find it very satisfying that you used this photo."

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Dee Akright of Sodus, Mich., writes: "Fantail Special was really exciting and the best yet."

Sharon Holmberg of Hacienda Heights, Calif., writes: "Boy, that Fantail issue was great. Of course, all APJ issues are individually great, each giving us something new in the Fancy."

During the past month we were pleased to have the following pigeon fanciers visit our office: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giraud, Milan, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fussell of Midland, Texas; Mrs. Pat Scroggins, Mount Zion, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, Newton, Kans.; Gary L. Williams, Troy, Mo.; and Bailey Hughes, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dr. Wm. M. Lynch, of Richardson, Texas, writes: "As a breeder and exhibitor of Fantails, I could not be more pleased with that masterpiece of a Fantail Special that you and coordinator Harry Little put together. Both of you as well as Mr. Worley and others who helped get it out are to be congratulated. Thanks to all of you."

A letter from Cy Harper of North Hollywood, Calif., called our attention to the fact that the five fanciers pictured on page 431 of the July issue were not from England, but all were Scotch fanciers. Mr. Harper also informed us that Mrs. David Blackadder passed away very suddenly quite recently, which made it hard for Mr. Blackadder to adjust to the situation.

Wilber Sparks, of Flint, Mich., writes: "Am subscribing for another year of the American Pigeon Journal which seems I have subscribed to forever. It is the best and almost the only regular magazine on pigeons. Sure wish someone would write a few articles on American French Mondains. Like all other articles too, but raise the French and am naturally more interested in them."

Thirteen members of the Charleston Junior Racing Pigeon Club of Charleston, S.C., signed a letter of appreciation which read as follows: "Every month the Charleston Junior Racing Pigeon Club chooses an adult fancier whom we feel has contributed greatly to the sport of pigeon racing. This month we have chosen you in recognition of your work as Editor and Manager of the American Pigeon Journal. We appreciate the great effort you must put forth in working with the magazine. We would like to thank you very much." We take a bow. Thanks.

J. W. Leet, of Evans, Ga., writes: "Have enjoyed the many articles and advertisements. My only dislike is the lack of ABC articles. The real basics are missing and as a novice, I really miss them. The Fantail Special was typical of what I mean. No step by step article on acquisition, housing, feeding, breeding, etc. For instance, when I came to page 436 and saw 'Neat and Easy to Build Fantail Loft', I was real excited. Then I read it. What a complete mess! Not being a Philadelphia lawyer, I finally gave up. How about some line drawings showing construction? Nearly everyone mentioned 'laced tails', but no one explained the 'how to'. Finally why do so many of your writers spend the first paragraph or two telling us how much trouble it is finding something to write about?"

Raymond H. Ostrander, of Sandwich, Mass., writes: "It has been more than half a century since I began reading the APJ and its predecessor, the American Squab Journal. During all of these years you have been a leader in promoting the fascinating hobby of pigeon breeding. Your editorial policy as now followed provides the Fancy with a well balanced publication that makes it highly interesting to pigeon fanciers regardless of their specializations. I was shocked to read in the June, 1977 issue that Tony Brancato, of Santa Maria, Calif., has suggested that 'show reports to the APJ omit all breeds, colors and those who won'. To me your present policy of limiting show reports to a small number of the winners is exactly right. The reports of the various shows both in the United States and abroad as currently being published are intensely interesting to me. Please do not change your present policy."

Bob McKee, of Vanderbilt, Pa., writes: "As far as your Fantail Special 1977 is concerned, it will take something mighty special to out-do it in the future."

Robert Burdon of Greenock, South Australia, writes: "I really enjoy reading the APJ and am especially looking forward to the coming Fantail Special. I keep only a few Fantails but could never be without any as to me they are the gentlest and most loving breed of all, even though Jacobins are my main breed. I intend to limit myself to two breeds or possibly three but am interested in them all."

George H. Clarke of Johnson City, N.Y., writes: "We wish to announce the passing of our Secretary-Treasurer, Viola Eddy Fischbeck. She died on July 13 after a short illness. She was a long time Secretary of the Pigeon Fanciers of New York State. "Vi" helped to put on all of the shows of the club. Many of the shows were held at her residence in Richfield Springs, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, Henry, and three children, George, Barbara, and Leon. They all miss her and the Pigeon Fancy has lost a dedicated worker."

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Rick Mills, of Jacksonville, Fla., writes: "I would like to thank you for your great magazine. I look forward to it very much."

S. P. Baines, of Colchester, Essex, England, writes: "I have just received my copies of the recent Fantail Special which I must say am very pleased with. I hope that one day, we too over here can have a magazine of that quality."

Domenic Zarlenga, of Willowdale, Ont., Canada, writes: "I just received your Fantail Special and it was just great. It has really helped me as a junior. It was so interesting, that I could not put it down. I am enclosing \$7 for a subscription to this great magazine."

Lindsay Bottitt, of Mt. Airy, N.C., writes: "Your magazine certainly adds more enjoyment to the hobby. Until I started reading your magazine I never knew there were so many breeds and breeders in this country. Congratulations on being the mainstay of the Pigeon Fancy."

Tom Pritchett, of Fairmont, Okla., writes: "I want to tell you how very much I enjoyed the July Fantail Special. Everyone I talk to just thinks it's fantastic, and it is, too! I know I read it from cover to cover before I finally put it down, and as I can I get back to it for more intense reading. The Fantail Fancy is certainly appreciative of your efforts and those of Harry Little. Thank you both."

Drew Lobenstein of Simi, Calif. tells us that George Neuberburg is donating five gold cups for the 1977 Pageant of Pigeons. These cups were won by him from 1942 through 1958. They will be on the original specials as follows: Best English Show Homer 1942, Best Young Show Homer 1958, Best English Exhibition Homer 1951, Best Young Exhibition Homer 1950, and Best Young Magpie 1952. This is a splendid gesture on the part of Mr. Neuberburg.

E. Burgess, of Townsville, Queensland, Australia, writes: "About one month ago one of the members of our club reported to me of a bird dropping into his loft in a very depressed condition. After nursing it for some time the poor bird died. I have tried to trace its owner over here but no one has claimed it. The ring is an American band. Would you see if you could find the owner for me as it would be very interesting to find out how it came to be in Australia. We tried all we could to get the bird well, but it was too far gone. Hope you have more success than I have and please let me know how you get on. God knows it could be a world record."

Roland C. Ouellette, Jr., of Roma, Texas, writes: "I am writing to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading the APJ. My father gave me about 15 back issues that he was through with and I have been going over them for the past five months or so. I raise Modenas and show type Kings as a backyard hobby. I have had pigeons since I was about six years old, which is now some 24 years. I have enjoyed every minute I have spent with them. I would like to know of anyone else in my area who is raising this kind of bird. I am raising Red, Yellow and Blue Grizzles in both breeds. I think that Grizzles are the most challenging of all colors. I subscribe to the APJ, and wish all pigeon fanciers could get to read your magazine like I have. Keep up the good work."

Randy Summy of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I raise Pensom Rollers and am just getting started in Modenas. I have just built a new 8' x 12' loft. It has a 2' walk way down the middle and two 3' x 4' pens and both sides and a 4' x 8' pen which I breed my Rollers in the back. Two of the 3' x 4' pens are used for kits. The other two are for the Modenas. I've gotten plenty of good ideas from your magazine and all the fine articles. There are plenty of pigeon fanciers around here who have really helped me along the way. And through the clubs, I've met a lot of great people. Keep the great articles coming."

Alan Harwich of Watsonville, Calif., writes. "It has been a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment to get the Pigeon Journal over the years, and it gets better all the time."

T. Wayne Taylor of Carlsbad, N.M., writes: "I took a subscription to World Roller Happenings on faith in the editors, John C. Philipps and Joe D. LaFauci before the first edition was published. They have put out two editions now of strickly Roller material. Beautiful color cover and back done by artist Tony Machado with some color photos inside. The Roller hobby has long needed an all Roller magazine dedicated strictly to the Roller hobby in all its many aspects. I strongly support and endorse World Roller Happenings. The APJ will always have a place in my heart and I am certainly not dropping my appreciation to your fine magazine, the APJ."

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A Note of Thanks

On the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Giant Homer Association it is fitting and proper that we dedicate this Special Issue of the American Pigeon Journal to our long time Secretary-Treasurer Elmer C. ("Tubby") Wenck. (See picture of Mr. Wenck on page 764 of this issue.)

Over the years we have had many good officers but none have been more dedicated to the aims and ambitions of the Ass'n than Elmer, the grand, old man of Oconomowoc, Wis. We hope and trust that he will be around for many more years to come.

I want to thank all members who sent in articles, photos, and ads. Special thanks are due "Hap" Beattie and Jack Anderson for their help in obtaining ads. Without the combined efforts of all, this Special Issue would not have been possible.

We want to thank Frank Hollmann for this wonderful opportunity to again put information on our breed before all pigeon fanciers in the hope they will try this great and outstanding American breed and become members of the Association. His co-operation has been most helpful and we are indebted to him for his efforts in helping the entire Pigeon Fancy.

Bob Kremer

Co-Ordinator of the American Giant Homer Special

Bob Given of St. Louis Park, Minn., writes: "Good to see you at the Louisville Young Bird Show. Really enjoyed the Fantail Special. Fine piece of work."

An article in this issue entitled "Addition to Giant Homer Standard" on page 756, shows the author of the article as Gerald Hobbs of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Hobbs resides at Fort Madison, Iowa, and not Burlington. Our apology to Mr. Hobbs.

Edward L. Brooks of Suffolk, Va., writes: "Just a line to let you know we had another good show at the Virginia State Fair. There were 563 total birds shown, 25 breeds, and 53 exhibitors, which makes it the second best as far as participation. We also had a half hour television coverage while Preston Pate was judging the Fantails and I did the narration."

H. P. Macklin of Pacific, Mo., writes: "I have just received word from the family that Herr Hans Reichel passed away on August 19, 1977. He was 86. Herr Reichel was the owner and publisher of "Geflugel-Borse", the leading weekly on small live stock in Germany. I had the pleasure several years ago of spending a week in Munich and visited with the Reichel family. Herr Reichel has two daughters and five grandchildren."

Dean K. Watase of Hanapepe, Hawaii, writes: "I have been reading your great magazine for almost a year now and have enjoyed it. Because of your ads, I got some good birds from Marion Goehring, and have gotten to know other fanciers. I raise Fantails and the great Reversewing. I also raise other birds, but without your magazine I wouldn't be raising pigeons. Keep up the good work. Aloha!"

Dave Horton of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, writes: "I would like to tell you the UJPC is really active this year. The point standings are really high and already there have been several members that are past the 400 point mark, which includes Dean Watase, Jeff Bunyard, Chuck Harter, myself, and there are others that are very close to the 400 point mark. I would say that the UJPC is probably the most active club in the U.S. and Canada in a ratio of the amount of members compared to the amount of articles received."

James Piepenbrok of Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "In the October issue which arrived today, October 11th, a Mr. Burgess of Townsville, Queensland, Australia, wrote that he had a bird with an American band drop in at his loft. In 1973, two Australian Racing Pigeon fanciers visited Indianapolis. I showed them around and also took them down to visit Mr. Heitzman in Louisville. I gave them 10 of our Indianapolis club bands and wondered if by a remote coincidence the bird in question could have been an Australian bird with one of our bands on it. The bands were AU-73-IND with a number series."

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Recent visitors at our office included Mr. and Mrs. Glen Browowski of Kitchener, Ont., Canada; Dr. Jack E. Gray, Richland, Mich.; Harry L. Little, St. Louis, Mo.; Vince Bednar, St. Paul, Minn.; and Melvin Ziehl, St. Paul, Minn.

M. R. Jardin of Woodstock, Capetown, Republic of South Africa, renews his subscription with this comment: "I take this opportunity of thanking you for the great work you are doing with the APJ. I look forward to the arrival of the magazine every month."

A letter from Mrs. Henry P. Gruenwald Jr. of Beatrice, Neb., tells us that her husband Henry P. Gruenwald, Jr., age 70, died as a result of a heart attack last June. She said that he enjoyed the magazine very much as he had raised pigeons for more than 20 years.

The title of an article by R. L. ("Hap") Beattie of Tulsa, Okla. on page 732 of our November issue was "Hints on Breeding and Showing of American Giant Runts" was incorrect. It should have stated "Giant Homers". Our apology to Mr. Beattie.

Sam Peavey of Louisville, Ky., writes: "We are grateful to you for working with us to get out a fine Special issue bringing the Giant Homer once again before the Pigeon Fancy of the entire world. This is certainly an excellent investment for any club wishing to tell the world about the breed it supports. Thanks again to you and the staff for your efforts."

Elmer F. T. Uhrich of National City, Calif., writes: "Stanley Gentz would like to announce for those attending the Grand National Pigeon Show, that he has available space on his five acre pigeon ranch in Ramona, Calif. for those pigeon fanciers traveling with their campers and motor homes that would like to have room to park them are welcome. The address is 636 Cedar St. on the outskirts of Ramona, Calif., approximately one mile or slightly more. This is about 30 miles from the Concourse Building in downtown San Diego. Chet Johnson, a neighbor, also has available space for them to park if they should be looking for an opportunity like that."

Peter Tripoli of Forrestfield, West Australia, writes: "The APJ is a great magazine and I must say I enjoy reading a publication that is solely concerned with the promotion of pigeons. I have read lesser magazines that appear to be merely the mouthpiece of the editor and in that way completely biased and harmful to the Fancy. I breed English Carriers with a few Dragons. I realize that these breeds would not have as many followers that other breeds featured in your Specials have, but I live in hope that some day a Special issue of these breeds along with Barbs can be produced. Carriers are not very popular in this State but Dragons have become quite popular in the past few years. However, we don't even have Barbs in Australia."

Dr. Jack E. Gray of Richland, Mich., writes: "I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the memorable experience Harry Little and I had with you and your employees at the American Pigeon Journal. For pigeon fanciers the world over you have put Warrenton on the map. Each month we look forward to comments in the APJ on our favorite breeds. I can not conceive of Fantail fanciers getting such a wealth of information any other way as they got in the 132-page Special. You and Harry Little deserve high commendations for this service to the breeders of the Fantail. I was happy too that you had time to share with us some of the experiences you have had in the more than 50 years you have been publishing the Journal. You have my whole-hearted encouragement to assemble these stories of your life with pigeons and pigeon fanciers into book form. It could be a living commentary on the pigeon hobby in our country. I sincerely hope that you see your way clearly to complete this task. Many thanks again for the very congenial time we had in the APJ printing shop, truly the home office of pigeonedom."

Scott McMillan of Yucaipa, Calif., writes: "I want to tell you how very much I enjoyed my first APJ. I sit up every night and read it before I go to bed. If it wasn't for Mike Curtis, I wouldn't have gotten it. He has helped me in many ways to be able to start in pigeons. I once read in a book that said pigeon fanciers are the nicest people around. It is the truth. Thank you Mike and the APJ."

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