

Andy Terracciano of Waterford, Conn., writes: "I have been enjoying the APJ ever since I received it eight years ago when I started to raise pigeons for show purposes. The APJ has linked me with all the fine people I have met in the hobby here and abroad. The specials have been a great boost to the hobby and the larger issues that have been published lately."

Joseph P. Phillips of Hobart, Ind., Sec.-Treas. of the Hammond Pigeon Fanciers Association, writes: "We of the Hammond Pigeon Fanciers Association wish to congratulate you and your staff for the fine Journal that you are publishing. It means so much to all the members of our club and the Specials are simply wonderful and very enlightening to us all."

W. H. Rockman of San Antonio, Texas, writes: "Have been taking the APJ for several years and wouldn't be without it. Am a breeder of utility birds, Swiss Mondaines, Texan Pioneers, all white except auto-sexed. Enjoy articles and letters of other breeders on their experience and care of their birds, feed, etc. I think the APJ is the best pigeon magazine of all, so keep up the good work."

J. Paul Mattson of Hunter, Utah, writes: "Keep up the great work on a great magazine. It gets bigger and better every issue. It has increased about one-fourth in size and information during the past year. I don't think I could raise my birds and do a good job without some of the informative information I have received from your magazine. Once again, keep up the good work."

Art R. Modler of Dayton, Ohio, (whose article appears on page 16 of this issue) made the following comment at the time he sent the article: "Had planned to make another journey but of longer or greater extent through the Near East this by-gone spring, but the war situation was not conducive to what I wanted to do. Maybe next Spring things might look better, at least I hope so. The Near East is terrifically fascinating, especially when it comes to pigeons. Seems as if the love of pigeons is an 'open sesame' to any place by anyone who professes this love. Of course no travel bureaus nor the State Dept. takes such a view. Nevertheless no gendarme, nor Arab guerilla, Egyptian felah, el-Fatah member took a potshot at me, even when I got as close to the border that I could spit across. I even walked 6½ miles through the streets of old Jerusalem, (I had a pedometer with me,) and never once did anyone give me a second look. In my search for pigeons I got to see twice as much as any of the others in the party, most of whom were more interested in sitting in the lobby of the hotel. I guess I confirmed the idea that most people have about pigeon fanciers, — 'they must be nuts.' Anyhow I never had such a grand time."

R. L. ("Hap") Beattie of Tulsa, Okla., writes: "I'm glad to note that the A.G.H.A. fellows are getting lined up on the Giant Homer issue. I will attempt to write a small article for the issue. Do you remember many years ago when I wrote an article for the Journal concerning Boy Scouts and Merit Badges in connection with raising squabs or pigeons? It came out and later on you sent me a copy of a pigeon publication in England that had reprinted it over there. I really got a 'bang' out of that one. I attended the Texas State Fair Pigeon Show. I think they had about 1700 birds. Sure a great French Mondain show. I think Nerry Comeaux took about two days judging it. We had a nice Giant Homer 5th District Meet, and I thoroughly enjoyed it, especially after being away from the shows so long. It doesn't seem possible that I have been breeding Giant Homers steadily since 1933. Didn't get to raise any youngsters to speak of this past season as I didn't get my new loft built and birds in it before real hot weather. We moved from our old homestead and don't have as much ground as we did have. I must take time out one of these evenings and write to Harry Baldwin. We had him down here in Tulsa one time to judge one of our shows and I always used to see him at the National. He was quite a little guy, and I always liked him. I found some of my real old issues of the Journal the other day and going through them brought back a lot of fond memories, and the realization of what a wonderful job you have done for so many years. Also how much better a job you are doing now. I hope you can keep the good work up for another 25 years." Thanks Mr. Beattie!

Roy Hendricks of Grand Rapids, Minn., writes: "I am enclosing \$3 for you to renew my subscription to the APJ. I think it is the greatest thing for the pigeon hobby. I am 18 years old and have had pigeons for about six to eight years. I currently have Strassers, Ringneck Doves, Fantails, and White Swiss Mondaines. I am trying to promote pigeons in my area but haven't had much luck. Most people laugh at me for having them. Keep up with the good work and keep them coming out ahead of time."

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William T. Walter of Alexandria, Va., writes: "It's a great Journal and I don't see how I have lived without it."

Jack Hemphill of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "Enclosed is a check for one more year of happiness — the APJ. Your magazine is splendid reading and very informative. I've been raising a few utility Kings which keep squabs on our table once or twice a week. I teach elementary school and find many young people interested in pigeons. I have had a pair of Modenas in my classroom lay and raise a clutch of squabs. This experience delighted the children and was very educational. Because of my interest in pigeons our librarian, Donna Fehr, has ordered books about pigeons to be placed in the school library."

Glenn Brosowski of Waterloo, Ont., Canada, writes: "I am enclosing money order to renew my subscription for three years. Your magazine is tops in the pigeon world, and it is hard to believe that any true fancier could be without it. The Special issues are really collector's items and will be read for many years to come. Since I am a Pouter breeder I really enjoyed finding something new. I would gladly pay double to have them in colour and so would others I presume. I can hardly wait till the Journal circulates through the mail and arrives. It sure would be great if it came twice a month."

Roy Hendricks of Grand Rapids, Minn., writes: "I have been raising pigeons for about six years. It is hard to find very many people up in northern Minnesota who have pigeons. They think you are crazy when you ask them something about pigeons, — like they are terrible birds. I just can't be without them. I had to get rid of them once. My dad made me do it. Ever since then I said, I am going to keep them and I have. I currently have Satinettes, Strassers, Modenas and Homers. Sure do like your fine magazine. Those Special issue are great in helping to get acquainted with a breed and where to buy good stock. Thank you very much for making the APJ possible."

Mrs. Bonnie M. Schofield of South Hamilton, Mass., writes: "It's been about six months since I've received the Journal and I've missed it very much. I haven't had any pigeons since March of 1967 when I disposed of all of mine in order to move to my husband's home town. There aren't many fanciers around here and raising pigeons is discouraged. Racing Homers are plentiful though. I visited the annual Topsfield Fair on Sept. 5 and saw a small exhibition of pigeons. There were a few of the most popular breeds shown and the Champion was a Nun hen. I really miss all my fancier friends and the good times we had with our birds. I really loved Rollers and my husband was interested in Chinese Owls. Well, anyway, at least if I can't raise pigeons, I can read and learn about them through books and your magazine. It always gets better and better and I always enjoy it more."

D. O'Keefe of Pyrmont, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I have been taking the APJ for many years now and I still look forward to its arrival. I congratulate you and all those wonderful fanciers who contribute so many outstanding articles on the Fancy which are interesting and always contain a wealth of information on genetics, breeding and exhibiting. This information I feel sure would be much appreciated by young and enthusiastic fanciers. I congratulate you on the Special issues published during 1969. To me they were wonderful. These Special issues go to make the APJ, which in turn contributes to make the breeding of pigeons a wonderful and interesting hobby which should be enjoyed by many more people. As I write these few lines I have before me the August 1969 issue, and was reading what the late Marion S. Church said, namely, 'Our Pigeon Fancy is a brotherhood.' Although written 12 years ago, how true it is today. This article should be published in all pigeon magazines."

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James D. Anderson of Lawndale, Calif., writes: "Here is my renewal for 1970 APJ. I have enjoyed each and every copy to date. Keep up the great work. I hope to see more on the different breeds that are almost forgotten. Photos of these breeds would really be nice."

Richard Whaley of Marshalltown, Iowa, writes: "I would like to express my appreciation to you for the wonderful job you are doing with the American Pigeon Journal. Each issue contains many good articles and is very interesting and informative reading. The Fantail and Frill Specials were really terrific."

John E. Bergman of Warsaw, Mo., writes: "We surely do enjoy your fine magazine. It is getting better all the time. We hope that in the near future we can see issues devoted to Tipplers (highfliers), Racing Homers, Rollers and utility breeds, especially Texan Auto-Sex Pioneers." Note by Editor. — Special issues are possible when sufficient advertising is guaranteed for the breed involved.

Buddy Chambers of Rome, Ga., writes: "I must thank you for your excellent work as Editor of the APJ. It is a great magazine. I raise Racing Homers, and have found it quite helpful in feeding, housing, training, etc. I also have learned a great deal about other breeds. I have ordered birds as well as supplies from the ads. I tell everybody how good the magazine is."

Rice Sladieux of Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "Many of my friends that raise pigeons have your magazine and I have read it for about a year and a half, and I think it is great. Although you have a column entitled 'Tumbler Talk' I think you should devote one issue fully to Parlor Tumblers. I raise Parlors and I'd like to know the points of a champion Parlor, and I'd like to know when and where they hold Parlor Tumbler shows."

Bobby Gosnell of Harlingen, Texas, writes: "I am a new subscriber to your magazine and I was amazed at the many different articles printed on so many breeds of pigeons. I read it from cover to cover and find many helpful hints for my future business. Good luck in the future with such a wonderful magazine. I would like some information on the 'Serita' pigeon from Spain if there is any available."

David Henning of Lyndhurst, Ohio, writes: "I received my sample copy of the February issue of the APJ. I must say I was very impressed with the quality of this fine pigeon publication. Another important factor is the cost, you can't afford not to subscribe to this magazine at the low cost of \$3 per year. Although I am 16 and have raised pigeons for only two years, I realize the tremendous contribution that devoted people as you give to the hobby of pigeon raising. I would like to say, Thanks a lot."

Rev. Elwood S. Bell, Sr. of York, Pa., writes: "As a boy of 12 my brother had White Mondaines and Maltese and I never have forgotten as I sat for hours watching them and now at the age of 52 and a gospel minister I have taken up the pigeon as a hobby and already it is a diversion much appreciated. I have at present 6 pair Hungarians, 2 pair Helmets and 2 pair Modenas. I realize I have much to learn about breeding pigeons but I have found a friend in my end of town by the name of Clarence Raffensberger and he has explained much already. You can quote me for the benefit of other ministers that this hobby is quite a thrill and a good release from the general run of things. When I watch these beautiful Lahores and Hungarians, they make me appreciate that God has created such beautiful creatures just for the benefit and pleasure of mankind. Settling for the Lahores and Hungarians as my birds for raising I think will be my decision. I am glad that I have found this pleasant and enjoyable hobby."

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Russell Kinney, Jr. of Milltown, Maine, writes: "I have been out of pigeons a couple of years but have finally got back into the hobby. The APJ sure keeps us up with what's going on in pigeons all over the world. Since there aren't any shows or fanciers up around here the only thing we have in pigeons is the hobby of raising and caring for them, no showing, racing, etc. I race my own birds and put kits of Tipplers up for my own competition, no one else to compete with. So keep up the good work with the Journal, and keep us few fanciers up here in the 'Land God forgot to put pigeon fanciers in' informed of what's happening everywhere."

Michael Seiler of Bloomfield, N.J., writes: "Just received my March issue of the APJ and I want to thank you for publishing the obituary of Fred Erbach for me. You are doing a great job with the Journal and I know you will keep the nice issues rolling from the press. The Specials are of real value to all fanciers because they bring either a familiar breed or an unfamiliar breed to one's attention. I can't wait to see a Special on Tipplers and I think it will be a real terrific one because the whole Tippler Fancy will be working towards it. You can count on me to be a promoter. I don't know one fancier that doesn't receive a copy of the Journal. I hope it becomes even wider spread as it seems that the fanciers are getting closer through the Journal. Keep up the good work and thanks again."

Allan Knodel of Halifax, N.S., Canada, writes: "Once again the APJ did itself proud in the special issue of the Pageant of Pigeons Show. It was a fine example of how a pigeon show should be promoted and advertised and my heartiest congratulations to you and the fanciers who so nobly worked on this project. As a thought for future issues, how about two or three of the smaller clubs getting together, for example, the Lahore, Nun and Archangel breeders for a special issue. That way we would have more articles and you should be able to get increased advertising to offset costs, and this would be a greater promotion for the Fancy in general. The APJ is certainly expanding the Fancy and I am deeply appreciative of your great efforts in its behalf." Note by Editor. — Yes, we are willing to publish a special issue on rare breeds as suggested provided enough advertising can be guaranteed.

Edward W. Sypulski of Lexington, Ky., writes: "I enjoyed reading the Pigeon Journal and am longing to the future when I will once again be able to engage in raising pigeons. I had to give up this delightful hobby in 1960 when I entered college and am presently employed in an area where pigeons fanciers are few and far between. The Special issues on various breeds have been enjoyable and informative. They have given me an insight into the various breeds and have sparked an enthusiasm to raise a few of these breeds when I am able. I have always been fond of Rollers and am enthusiastically waiting for the day when a special issue will appear on this breed. With all the Roller fanciers in the country one wonders why this has not happened sooner. Thanks again for publishing an interesting and worth while magazine." Note by Editor. — We still have available a few copies of the April 1966 Roller Special at 50c per copy.

John R. Bamford of Waterloo, Iowa, writes: "Two weeks ago we made a trip to Arkansas to see Bill Lovell and spent several days with Bill and his wife. The four of us made a trip to Pittsburg, Kansas, and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner. We enjoyed to the fullest the lofts of Mr. Lovell and Mr. Turner, two breeders of the English Pouter. We reminisced in regard to some of the older breeders we had known personally, such as Anthony Menze of St. Louis, Mo., Phil Mench of Milwaukee, Wis., Frank Fortman of Dyersville, Iowa, and others. It was A. Menze that got me interested in English Pouters, and I got my first stock birds from him in the early 1930's. These men have all passed away but have left us a lot of pleasant memories and the desire to breed and expand the popularity of one of the largest and the showiest and one of the hardest to breed of all fancy pigeons 'The English Pouter'. I believe the popularity of this beautiful bird is on the increase at the present time, and though it seems good Pouters are at a premium right now, I expect many new fanciers, and that they will be real promoters of this beautiful bird."

Bruce Stout of McPherson, Kans., writes: "Gee! What a magazine. It's been a few years since I've subscribed to the Journal but it's better than ever. Keep up the good work. I have not had pigeons for some time but still like to keep up with the hobby."

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A Note Of Appreciation

We, in the American Giant Homer Association, appreciate this opportunity to bring before the pigeon fancy this Special Edition on the American Giant Homer.

No breed of pigeon has ever developed so swiftly and gained such success and prominence as the Giant Homer. In a few short years we have seen it developed from an American Creation into a beautifully headed bird with a compact body. Quite a few of the specimens of the breed shown at the National Pigeon Association's Annual Show in St. Paul, Minnesota, in January approached the Standard of Perfection.

The success of the breed can only be measured by the successes of the breeders. We are fortunate to have in the Association many outstanding breeders who not only are willing and able to develop the breed in the known patterns and colors but are striving to develop it in the rare colors as well.

We want to thank Frank H. Hollmann for this wonderful opportunity to put information on our breed in front of all pigeon fanciers both young and old. His co-operation has been most helpful and we are indebted to him for his efforts to help the entire pigeon fancy.

I want to personally thank all the members who sent in articles, photos and ads. Without their help this Special Issue on the American Giant Homer would not have been possible.

Bob Kremer

Co-Ordinator Giant Homer Special

Ron Costa of Metairie, La., writes: "Although not a Trumpeter fancier, the Special was excellent reading."

William H. Kiel of Brenham, Texas, died suddenly as a result of a heart attack on December 31. He was a prominent breeder of French Mondains. He was about 76 years of age.

Tom Barnhart of Tiffin, Ohio, who served as the judge at the District Meet of the German Beauty Homer Club at the Fremont, Ohio, show, tells us that Vic Bernard of Columbus, Ohio won the Champion German Beauty Homer with an ash red bar old cock, and not Paul Steiden, as was reported in the article on page 307 of the May issue.

Dr. Sam Peavey of Louisville, Ky., President of the NPA, writes: "I appreciated very much the April issue. Yes, it is thrilling to see what youthful vigor and outlook can do. The Trumpeter Special is a real tribute to an exciting and dedicated group of fanciers. We should all be very proud of them. I know we are. I still think the old-timers are wonderful guys, but I am sure we all want to move these younger fanciers into positions of leadership in NPA just as fast as we possibly can. Let's let them know how much we welcome and appreciate their ideas and efforts as exemplified in the beautiful Trumpeter Special. They are a credit to the Pigeon Fancy."

Earnie Sumerall of Tulsa, Okla., Sec.-Treas. of the English Trumpeter Club of America, writes: "On behalf of the English Trumpeter Club of America I would like to congratulate you on putting out such a fine magazine as the April Trumpeter Special. Never have we got so much response to our club and breed since the April Special was sent out. Letters have been flowing across my desk continuously asking for more information about the English Trumpeter Club of America. As our club and breed is growing steadily to one of the top breeds and organizations in the U.S.A. and Canada, I know your fine work in publicizing the English Trumpeter will long be remembered."

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Edward C. Graves of Guilford College, N.C., tells us that he recently received a repeat order for English Carriers from R. J. Lester of England. He plans to make another shipment of Yellow Carriers to Mr. Lester this fall.

Tracy B. Kaufman of Belfast, N.Y., writes: "I enjoy the Pigeon Journal. Would like to see more pictures of the various breeds as you had in a recent issue. I think a good picture equals many words. I wish you continued success with your Pigeon Journal."

Victor Harris of St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies, renews his subscription with this comment: "I have enjoyed your magazine for the past year and the Specials were great. I would however like to see a few more articles on Runts and Swiss Mondaines. Continue the good work for the pigeon fanciers like myself."

Norman L. Guerber of Fresno, Calif., Secretary of the Central California Pigeon Club, sends a group of 10 subscriptions with this comment: "Enjoyed your Los Angeles Pageant Special issue very much. It certainly gave them a very good coverage and should help them with future shows. The Central California Pigeon Club has set November 7-8, 1970 for their annual show."

Severin Basile Claeskens of Tamines, Namur, Belgium, renews his subscription for two years with this comment: "I want to express to you my admiration for the remarkable nature of your publication which, since my last subscription two years ago, has improved immensely in both quality of paper and neatness of print, without forgetting to mention the abundance of illustrations and very interesting contents of the articles. I hope that the next copies will be of the same captivating interest."

Edward Bischel of Fresno, Calif., writes: "I would like to thank you, and through you compliment Clair Hetland for the splendid article on medications which you published in the May issue of the Journal. The article was clear, informative, lucid, comprehensive and very importantly, very readable. Can you possibly get similarly clear and readable articles on, for example, the purpose and nutritional values of the various grains in our feed mixtures and perhaps on the uses and hazards of our common insecticides and disinfectants? Again, Mr. Hetland's article was a good one."

Dennis Soares of Tulare, Calif., writes: "I want to add my congratulations on the progress of the Journal. I believe the Specials have boosted the personal interests of pigeon people and are contributing to the enlargement and greatness of our Fancy in the showroom. Here in Central California our bird club is boosting a 1000-bird show with interest and enthusiasm running high for more Pacific Coast clubs to enjoy our great facilities. I for one believe that everyone connected in our pleasurable hobby should join and promote the local club and encourage pigeons in public."

Raymond Raposa of Fort Buckner, Okinawa, writes: "I am a new fancier and some day may be a breeder here on Okinawa. Good breeding stock of pigeons is not available. As a result I imported six pairs from California — Kings, Runts and Carneaux. I realize now, had I subscribed to the APJ before I imported any pigeons, I probably would have been able to get better stock. I intend to import more pigeons from the U.S. with the APJ as a guide, I am sure I will be able to find top breeders in the West. Because of shipping costs, I would like to get the birds from this area."

Bob Tischler of Faribault, Minn., writes: "What a swell issue you gave us on the recent Trumpeter Special. I know that all the Trumpeter breeders thank you for this fine issue. I know that it will be of interest to me and to many of the other breeders for many months to come. Never did I expect this issue to turn into such a wonderful success. I have gone through the English Trumpeter section time and again, in fact I have even read a couple of times the Bokhara section, and this is something that I don't often do. Every time through I find something new that gives me more enjoyment. What a wonderful paper on a wonderful breed of pigeons from a man that we all enjoy visiting with whenever possible."

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David M. Powell of Coropolis, Pa., writes: "After reading your APJ for the past year and comparing it to volumes of 1950, you really have a great deal to be proud of and the Fancy should appreciate your publications."

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Champ of San Diego, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 14, and on the following day Mr. Champ was taken to the hospital suffering from a "heart seizure." According to a letter from C. H. Harper of North Hollywood, Calif., we understand that he is out of the hospital and back home recovering from his illness. All fanciers wish for him a speedy recovery. Mr. Champ is without doubt the best known Fantail fancier in the Free World and also one of the best known judges of Fantails.

Thomas C. Conway of Anaheim, Calif., writes: "Some of your readers might be interested to know that Mark Munger of the United States Marine Corps is now in Viet Nam. Many fanciers from out Missouri will remember him as a Modena breeder and since he has been stationed here in California, many fanciers of all breeds have come to know him and realize that he is a young fancier who really has an eye for all varieties of pigeons, and will be a valuable asset to the Fancy when he is released from active duty with the Marines."

Alex L. Phillips of East Cannington, West Australia, writes: "Your magazine is a credit to you as it covers all aspects of pigeon keeping, raising, and showing, so what more could a pigeon fancier require. Over the last two years several fellow fanciers who have browsed through the APJ at my home, have requested the address of your magazine which I have readily supplied. I am a breeder of mainly Show Pen Racers and Modenas. However, recently I have started to dabble also in Archangels, Helmets, L.F. English Beards, Suabians and Starlings. I wish you with your Journal and all pigeon fanciers in the USA all the very best."

Cal Breadhoff of Grandville, Mich., writes: "I must say I have enjoyed the APJ in the last few years. I wouldn't want to miss a single issue. Your Journals of today are reminiscent of some of the issues I received back around 1940 and 1941, when a series of articles written by Dr. L. E. Hummel got me interested in breeding Swallows. I have bred Swallows continuously ever since. Now, with the series of Special issues on different breeds, I'm sure that many fanciers have taken to these breeds because of the very fine articles that have been written by the many devoted fanciers in the Journal. Keep up the good work. Yours is without a doubt the finest pigeon publication in the country. I do hope that some day we might have at least a partial Special on Swallows."

John P. Cazacu of New Westminster, B.C., Canada, writes: "This letter is directed to your readers who answer advertisements, requesting information, and do not enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. After all, this is a hobby, not a business. I remember a few months ago, some articles were written — 'It's no use advertising something for sale if you do not intend to reply and answer the letters'. I am sure I answer all letters I receive providing they contain a stamped envelope, but the ones without this envelope I disregard. I figure it can't be too important to them if they did not consider how the answer would come back to them. As you see, it is not always the advertiser's fault that letters and requests are not answered."

In a letter from the United Swallow Club written by Alex Lacy, of Ashland, Oregon, Secretary-Treasurer, we quote the following: "Today (July 1) marks the second year of the United Swallow Club. On behalf of all of our club members, I wish to thank the APJ and Mr. Hollmann for the efforts made to promote all breeds of pigeons. I'm sure that without the APJ we could never have gotten such a good club going for Swallow fanciers. As I read the present issue of the Journal I can truly see that most of the pigeon fanciers desire unity in the sport. We are moving toward that goal and I am sure that we can reach it in the near future. Again, we the members of the United Swallow Club give you our blessings and hope that the APJ will continue as the leader in years to come." Calvin Breadhoff of Grandville, Mich. is President of the club.

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Brian Farris of Huntington Beach, Calif., writes: "Your Journal is the backbone of the Fancy and all pigeon lovers owe you."

LeRoy Reed of Rockford, Ill., writes: "Thank you very much for all the past issues of the APJ. Each issue is a library in itself, and I think it's the most complete book on pigeons one can find. Keep up the good work. It is marvelous."

Walter Klann of Oconomowoc, Wis., writes: "A special thanks for the fine American Giant Homer Special. One fancier from Georgia wrote to me that he thought the Special issue was a knockout. What more can I say? Thanks from me for the tremendous work you have done for the pigeon hobby."

Craig Stock of Albuquerque, N.M., writes: "I like your magazine very much. I raise Nuns and West of England Tumblers and am hoping for a Special issue on one of them soon. I would also like a Standard on West of England Tumblers or at least more articles in your fine magazine about them. I would like to thank Charles J. Zeller for helping me out with his fine article in August issue. Keep up the good work."

J. E. Brindamour of Piscataway, N.J., writes: "For the past four or five years you certainly have been doing an exceptional job, both in getting the magazine out on time and the remarkable improvement in contents and excellence of printing. All the Specials have been first rate and the last Trumpeter issue was really outstanding. I believe it just has given me a little more "zing" to continue in my attempt to improve the Trumpeter breed."

Gene Meyer of Plymouth, Wisc., writes: "I switched to raising Bantams but they don't compare to pigeons in enjoyment. I still have Reversewing Pouters and Nuns and am planning to start a loft in all the marked birds in black only. I have been going through all my old APJ's trying to decide on one breed but have decided instead of raising one breed in ten colors to raise about ten of the lesser known breeds in just black, which should make a very attractive collection."

Joe Mooney of Soquel, Calif., writes: "The APJ has been the source of information and enjoyment that is hard to describe. It alone has opened many non-fanciers' eyes to the close relationships amongst those who enjoy the hobby. When someone snickers about someone who raises pigeons, I hand them an APJ. They don't snicker anymore. They usually start asking questions which I enjoy answering if possible. I wish to thank you like so many before me, and like so many will after me."

D. J. Malan of Johannesburg, South Africa, writes: "Enclosed find my renewal of subscription. I want to congratulate you on the best pigeon magazine in the world. The Fancy is really booming in South Africa. Our annual Championship Show was held in Johannesburg this year and we had a record entry of 3196 birds, a thousand more than our previous record setup in 1968. Grand Champion of Show was Steward Patterson with a Black Long Face Tumbler Cock and Reserve Champion was Cecily Pretorius with a Black Fairy Swallow Hen. Both were really outstanding birds. Modenas had the most entries with 539 exhibits, Norwich Croppers 172, Frillbacks 137, Chinese Owls 132, Dragoons 102 and Long Face Tumblers 101."

Harold A. Frye, Jr., of Ashland, Ore., writes: "Yes, I go along with the top fanciers who rate the APJ as the best in its class. Thanks to my thoughtful wife, I shall get it for the year of 1970. I am interested in the Racing Pigeon as I served as a Pigeonier in World War 2 during part of 1942 and 1943 on two fields, first at Fort Bragg, N.C. and was discharged from the Pigeon Section at Langley Field, Va. Had the honor of being one of the first eight men to arrive at Fort Bragg to become part of the 1306 Signal Pigeon Co. Had a good record at both fields I am happy to be able to say. At Langley Field it was our job to provide pigeons for sea search work along the Bay for some 200 miles. I am a member of the Medford Racing Pigeon Club and a neighbor of Mark Vogel who is also a club member."

L/Cpl. Mark A. Munger, with the Marines in Vietnam, writes: "I really appreciate your help in bringing the pigeon news to me. It passes the time to look at my APJ's and will make my stay in Vietnam a more pleasant one. I have located some pigeon fanciers here in Vietnam. I found out about them through our Vietnamese scouts. They said many persons raise pigeons. They call pigeons "Chim Bu Con". I plan to take some pictures of them. Hope to have some to send to the APJ."

Stanley C. Gentz, Jr. of National City, Calif. writes: "We have been receiving the APJ since before we really got started with pigeons, having been introduced to it by a new and very dear friend Elmer F. T. Uhrich who by chance lives just 6 or 8 blocks from us. We really look forward to getting the APJ and sometimes the kids hide it from me when it comes so they can read it first, because they know with as little time I have it takes me some times a week to get through it, and until I do get through with it, it stays right with me so I can read it bit by bit everywhere I go, even at work when I get a moment of quietness. By the way, I am a Drill Instructor here at Marine Corps Recruit Dept., San Diego, and have been for four years this time and a couple of years during the Korean War."

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Frank Vonesh of Chicago, Ill., writes: "Keep up the good work in putting out the APJ. It's getting better all the time."

Harold R. Swanson of Norridge, Ill., writes: "I enjoy those Specials very much. Keep up the good work. The Pigeon Fancy needs you and your Journal."

Vincent T. Alfano of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes: "You are doing a fine job and the subscription rate should be \$5 per year. For what you put into this magazine and the cost of material and labor, \$3 is very cheap."

John Williams of Mount Airy, N. C., writes: "I would like to say that I am getting very good results from my ads, also the Journal is getting better and better with each issue."

Jerry D. Gallagher of Waddington, N.Y., writes: "I wish to commend you on the fine job you have done to improve the APJ to the excellent Journal it is today. I find the articles most interesting and enjoyable. It has been a great motivation for me in this the greatest of all hobbies, pigeon raising."

Donald J. Joyner of Brownwood, Texas, writes: "I have been taking the APJ for about three years. I enjoy and look forward to each issue. I would like to see an issue devoted to Rollers. I raise them and find them the most challenging bird in the pigeon world. I recently purchased two fine pairs from J. E. Graham of Milton, Wis., one of the best breeders in the Roller field. I am also a member of the Fireball Roller Club."

D. B. Sanders of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, Secretary of the Pigeon Fanciers Society of N.S.W., recently sent 9 additional subscribers from his club, with this comment: "We have recently had a very successful annual show which attracted 2017 entries. General standards were higher than those of the previous years, and it was good to see some of the lesser known breeds showing. Unlike previous years when the show was run by a couple of overworked members, this year saw the introduction of a show committee whose members carried out a specific job. We had a few teething troubles but generally members had more time to look around instead of doing the chores of ticket writing, organizing, and general running around in circles. A vast improvement was the careful dressing up of the area, the whole being in good taste and not overdone."

S. Sgt. John F. Koch of Anderson A.F.B., Island of Guam writes: "I'm in the Air Force stationed at Anderson A.F.B. on the Island of Guam and I'll be here for the next 18 months. When I was stationed at Spokane, Wash. I met and became friends with Myron Berger, from whom I borrowed my first copy of the Journal. Myron raises some of the finest Helmets in the Northwest. I enjoyed my many visits to his loft and while he has fine birds, my favorites are the Modenas and Rollers. In fact Myron got me started raising Modenas. Another fine man I met during my stay in Spokane was Elmer Littrel, who for the last 40 years has raised Rollers. I have met some very nice people and have seen some very outstanding birds and lofts. When reading articles in the APJ they always say how friendly fanciers are. Truthfully I always felt it was some sort of publicity, but after meeting some I know it all to be the truth."

David A. Deadyne of Yonkers, N.Y., writes: "The APJ gets better each month, and the improvement I have seen since I first started subscribing is really tremendous. It is the one link that keeps me active in pigeons, for at the present time I can't keep or raise any. We have an anti-pigeon ordinance here in Yonkers, and if you have a nasty neighbor they really enforce it. The inspectors don't go out looking for lofts or birds, but if someone complains, the birds must go. A few years ago we had a Mayor and City Council that were sympathetic to the local pigeon fanciers, and were about to amend the Sanitary Code to allow pigeons to be kept, but before the code was amended, we had an election, and the Mayor and quite a few of the Council members went out of office, and that is where the whole thing died. Now it is forgotten about, and I suppose possibly for good, as there was much public opposition to the proposed amendment."

Harry E. Krueger of Germantown, Wis., writes: "I ran some ads in your magazine and had terrific results. Sold just about all the surplus birds. If the need comes up again I know where to advertise."

Milton W. Wille of Cedarburg, Wis., writes: "May I be included with the many pigeon fanciers that have complimented you on the fine job that you are doing for the pigeon and the fancy."

Fred Lindner of Austin, Minn. recently sent us a brief item that appeared in the Austin Daily Herald regarding the Passenger Pigeon which read as follows: "The last Passenger Pigeon died in 1914 in the Cincinnati Zoo and, by pre-arrangement, was shipped to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., where it was mounted and placed on exhibit. The last known date one was seen in the world was in September 1899."

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King Comments

By PEGGY HORN, A.K.C. Publicity Director
Fort Worth, Texas

With this issue of the American Pigeon Journal a milestone in King history has been reached. This is the premier special of all King Specials. The response from King breeders everywhere has been overwhelming. When I accepted the responsibility of being Co-ordinator of this issue, I never dreamed that it was possible to ignite this much enthusiasm for our wonderful breed of pigeons, and this has been one of the most rewarding tasks.

I have received numerous articles and pictures from members throughout the entire country. These have been edited and forwarded to Mr. Hollmann for his consideration to be used as he sees fit. It will be impossible for every article and picture to be printed, but with Mr. Hollmann's experience and knowledge, I know that he will use as many as possible, selecting the ones which will best balance our issue.

I wish it were possible for me to thank each of you individually for your contributions, but if you will permit me, I shall take time now to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you. I also want you to know how much I appreciate your confidence in me for my part in this undertaking. Please know that every effort was made with the thought in mind to boost the King pigeon and our wonderful hobby.

It is my desire that every pigeon fancier in reach of the American Pigeon Journal can know more about the King. With this knowledge, along with the enthusiasm shown by the King fanciers, perhaps they too, will want to start breeding Kings and become a part of our American King Club.

We recently learned that Ray F. Cook of Peoria, Ill., died May 20th. For a number of years Mr. Cook advertised his pigeons and supplies regularly in the APJ.

Robert L. Stewart of Vandergrift, Pa., writes: "I especially enjoy Questions and Answers by Levi, also articles about genetics."

Fred Wacker, Jr., of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "Enclosed find check for the Journal. My wife passed away in February and I have to do all the writing and I am a little slow getting it done. I can't do without the Journal."

We recently learned that H. H. Beintema of Davenport, Iowa, had passed away. He was a well known Carneau breeder and attended the National Shows when they were held in the Midwest.

Our attention has been called to the fact that in publishing the article entitled "Report on the Jacobin Classic in Ohio," appearing on page 377 of the June issue, we credited the photos to L. A. Traub. This was an error on our part as the pictures were taken by John F. Freiburg and were intended to accompany the report on the Eastern Jacobin Association appearing on page 340 of the same issue. Our apology to Mr. Freiburg.

Dal Heffelfinger, age 93, died at his home in Ramona, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 13, with funeral on Wednesday, Sept. 16, in San Diego, Calif. In commenting on his death Gerald Champ writes: "He was an excellent Fantail breeder and judge, and had Fantails up to about a year ago. The first Fantails I ever saw were at his place in San Diego in about 1905. Dal was a carpenter foreman at that time and I believe he came to San Diego from Tiffin, Ohio."

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Albert F. Foss, of Greenwich, N.Y., writes: "I enjoy every issue very much. My hobby is costing me about \$5 per week for feed but I sell a few birds and the enjoyment of raising pigeons, after spending a lifetime raising chickens by the thousands for a living, it's worth it. I am seven years from retirement but with hunting and fishing and six days of work and my pigeons, my time is mostly taken up. May I read your Journal for many years to come."

Richard Dejter of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, writes: "I want to congratulate the APJ on the wonderful job it is doing on behalf of fanciers near and far. I used to breed Magdeburger White Tailed Tumblers in Europe. Here in Canada my breed is Hollanders. I would appreciate articles on this breed. I liked the article on Shortface Hollanders by John Loua of Brooklyn, N.Y. on page 449 of the July 1970 issue."

Ron Bennett of Young, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I am enclosing remittance for another 12 months' supply of your great magazine, the APJ. I have had pigeons for 30 years and I have been exhibiting them and poultry for nearly 20 years. I have about 30 different breeds of pigeons and am one of the biggest exhibitors in this state. The pigeons that I really love are the African Owls and Dragons. Keep up your work in this great sport."

Mike Knaggs of Malton, Yorkshire, England, writes: "By a kind gesture of George Durkin of Waltham, Mass., I now receive the APJ monthly, which I read from cover to cover. It is the best value for money I have had in a pigeon journal and I must congratulate you on a fine publication. I'm sure more English fanciers should receive this Journal. It has everything a fancier wants in all varieties of pigeons. I am now waiting to see the next Special issue on clean legged long faced Tumblers, being a Bald-head and Beard man."

Charles L. Sternin, Mount Holly, N.J., writes: "I wish to compliment you in the wholesale improvement in your magazine since the 1930's. I do not think there is a magazine as wonderful as yours on pigeons anywhere in the world. Three years ago I told you that I was retiring. I told you of the restrictions I was up against in searching for a home where I could again enjoy pigeons. Here in Mount Holly I found such a home. Through the good graces of Jim Carter of Riverton, N.J., I secured a few pair of Blondinettes, my original first choice. I cannot find the right words to tell you how much I am enjoying them."

Bernard Cau of Marseilles, France, writes: "As a French Mondain breeder I have been much impressed by the October 1969 French Mondain Special. The breed seems to have gained a great popularity. Seeing the pictures, I have been disappointed by the fact that you did not seem to have adopted the Standard as ours. I think that we greatly differ in the Standard of the head. We want a big pigeon, broad breasted, stout, low on legs, short in tail, wing, neck; but we want it to possess a small head compared to the body, so that to give him a certain elegance. We breed to obtain a thin beak, a small head and bright eyes circled with narrow eye ceres. We also look for pigeons with abundant 'trousers' so that to give them shorter legs, in appearance. Here are our ideas of the French Mondain. I am very pleased to receive your top magazine, and wait patiently for the next number."

Constantin Apostol of Chaussee d'Ixelles, Belgium, sent three subscriptions with this comment: "Mr. Delatere (whose renewal was enclosed) said he enjoyed the APJ. He was interested in the Giant Homer as he did not know this breed before. The APJ is put at the disposal of the members of his club each month and is being discussed and translated by members knowing English. They especially enjoy the Special issues. Mr. Delatere breeds Tunisian Owls. Mr. Heyman (whose renewal was also enclosed) is a keen fancier of Blondinettes. He especially enjoys articles and photos on Oriental Frills. We are all eagerly awaiting our monthly copy of the APJ and think it is becoming more and more international. We are interested in new features too, like 'Pigeons in Court.' I also found interesting the suggestion of Richard Flowers, page 508 of the August issue regarding 'Possibilities for Varieties That Need Feeders.' The difficulty lies in convincing Racing Homer breeders to do that. I know some who already do it here."

Guy W. Spuria of Lexington, Mass., writes: "I think you are doing an outstanding job publishing the APJ. I think all the fanciers all over the USA should stand behind you and support you 100 per cent. After all this magazine is as much the fancier's as it is the publisher's. If I can help you in any way, the way you have helped thousands, please let me know."

George W. Barber of Maryborough, Victoria, Australia, writes: "I am enclosing remittance for a three-year subscription. A friend lent me a copy of your Journal recently and I was very impressed with the excellent coverage of the hobby in your country. I specialize in the breeding of the Modena pigeon and have had a particular interest in developing different colours within the Magnani strain. Modenas still rank with the top breeds in this country and only recently a new Modena Club has begun, namely the Queensland Modena Club which is doing a great deal to further popularize the breed. I was very interested to read that in the United States your Modena breeders have developed the White Schietti with the red or orange eye. Alas in this country the bull-eyed whites only are seen."

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