

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 an 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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