

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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