

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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