

King Komments

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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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