

L. Petrus of Den Helder, Holland, writes: "I want to express my appreciation for your efforts to create such a fine magazine with the special issue, especially that of the Oriental Frills."

Kent Wright of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "My wife and I would like to thank you for the wonderful work you do for the Pigeon Fancy. A great magazine for the pigeon fanciers."

Robert J. Mangile of Pittsburg, Kans., writes: "I am impressed by the interesting, versatility of the articles in your magazine as of late. Keep up the excellent work especially the scientific material."

Castle C. Child of Midvale, Utah, writes: "We the members of the American Show Racer Association want to thank you and your very capable crew at the APJ for the very fine job you people have done for our breed. You are doing a tremendous service for the great sport of showing and learning of our birds."

Albert and Scott Sharp of Downfield, Dundee, Scotland, write: "We would just like to congratulate you on your very fine Journal. To our minds it is undoubtedly the best pigeon magazine published today. The photographs are very good, the articles informative and interesting, and the Special issues are just out of this world."

Gilbert Dixon of Turlock, Calif., writes: "I find being without the APJ a year is too long. I have been breeding and flying Racing Homers for 30 years. I have read many magazines on pigeons from around the world but yours is the most informative of all. I have become interested in the Fancies since reading your Journal and I read them over and over again."

When we published the November King Special, we failed to state that most of the individual King pictures were made by Fred C. Gunzel of Harrisburg, Ill., although in the issue we stated that the photos came from Peggy Horn of Fort Worth, Texas. While this information was correct we should also have given credit to Mr. Gunzel for the pictures.

Peter R. Valentine of I-lip Terrace, N.Y., writes: "On behalf of the American Turbit Club, I would like to bestow upon you our profound gratitude for the use of your American Pigeon Journal. The APJ offers the greatest single vehicle to reach and most important to offer a common ground for the Pigeon Fancy everywhere. It gives the Fancy a platform which to exchange ideas, inform, and help tie the entire Fancy together. For this great publication, we thank you."

Robin L. Pflugshaupt of Hamlet, Ind., writes: "I wish to congratulate you on your Journal. It is tops as far as pigeon breeders are concerned. In my humble opinion, the APJ has improved immensely in the past year and is getting better with each and every issue. These last Specials have really been great. I would like to see a Special on Racing Homers as that is what I raise. Keep up the fine work and continue the Special issues as they are one of the finest accomplishments in your ever-increasing efforts to improve an already fine pigeon magazine."

Chris Gammage of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I just received the October APJ and was glad to see the article by J. Sunderman, a 17-year-old. There are many young fanciers who view our hobby in a different way to adults and therefore have something to say. By the young fancier I mean those under 18. (I'm 18) as they constitute 85% of club members. They are important to the club. You will gather from my article (published on page 761 of December issue) that we would like a few correspondents from the U.S. to create further interest in different breeds, methods, and success, with the aim in the future to have each and every member work to a Standard of being able to pick a good bird from a bad bird in most varieties. It is more interesting if an on-looker can say why a certain bird was not placed in a show instead of just accepting the word of the judge and forgetting all about it. It is also an advantage if he can see a winning bird and pick its faults instead of believing that his 1st place getter is perfect."

Harold Groll of Holgate, Ohio, writes: "I have been breeding pigeons since 1918, and have been taking the APJ since 1924. I think you have done a wonderful job keeping the Journal going like you have. I wouldn't be without it and always look forward to getting the APJ. I am perhaps one of your oldest subscribers."

Bill Stridham of Chillicothe, Ohio, writes: "I would like to congratulate you on such a wonderful magazine. It gets bigger and better with each issue. It's really a change from the older copies of my uncle's which I used to read. I have enjoyed the 'Pigeon Portraits.' The Specials are just great. The APJ is a necessity for the beginner."

R. F. Albro of Sheffield, Ill., writes: "Have a suggestion to offer which might be helpful to young fanciers 12 to 16 years old and may save needless correspondence to both fancier and recipient of many letters of inquiry. Many youngsters write for information and prices and wish to buy perhaps one pair of birds. Apparently they are completely unaware of manner in which birds are shipped and should be informed they go via air express collect, and the cost of express for one pair would be the same as 6 or 8 birds would be and therefore hardly worth while for either party especially since shipper must crate and transport birds to airport quite often some distance (in our case 30 miles.) These young fanciers do not specify what they want or how much they are prepared to pay, in short saying nothing about themselves and giving nothing to go on."

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