

John J. Bailey of Orlando, Fla., writes: "Always enjoy the Journal and the many fine articles written and some by my old friend, H. P. Macklin with whom I had the chance for a short visit and inspection of his new loft and many fine birds at Pacific, Mo., last year about this time. I also enjoyed dropping into your office and saying 'Hello' and renewing my subscription, which I want to do again at this time and wish it could be in person, but enclose a check for another year's subscription and best wishes."

Jeff Jones of Riverside, Calif., writes: "I would like to comment on the article in the May APJ 'California Pigeons Set For Starring Role in Florida' by Charles Ridgway. If they want the pigeons to symbolize Doves, then why don't they use Doves? I raise Doves and Racing Homers and the Doves home equally as well as my pigeons. I would also like to congratulate you folks on your putting out the Journal. I have subscribed to several other pigeon magazines and the only one that I take now is the APJ. Keep up the good work."

Reuben C. Knowles of Nassau, Bahamas, writes: "Just wanted to say a great big thank you to Edward C. Graves of North Carolina for having started me off with a few pairs of the finest American Giant Runts. I never knew what top quality birds I was breeding until recently I had a glimpse of the Standard set by our Master Giant Runt breeder Eric Buri of New Jersey. Straight away I went to my loft, only to find I have about a dozen birds with those qualities. Regret not being a part of the Mainland qualifying me for competition."

Charles E. Stamps of Claremont, Calif., writes: "In the March issue, page 146, I read a letter from Joseph S. Phillips entitled 'The Problem of Shipping Birds'. Mr. Phillips probably had an unfortunate experience, but I have shipped hundreds of birds to states from coast to coast and Hawaii and have never lost a bird. One bird shipped to me died and REA paid me my purchase price without any questions. I think that it is important for those among the Fancy that advertise in the APJ that the impression not be allowed to pass that one can't buy and receive via REA express with reasonable safety."

Richard J. Okeson of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "Enjoy each issue of the Journal and especially the June issue featuring a couple of the popular breeds in Europe and comments by European breeders. I always enjoyed the articles years ago by Macklin. Your June issue went one step ahead with the Europeans writing the articles. It is really a shame more Europeans do not write and read English. I would imagine there are a good many breeders overseas who could contribute articles if it were not for this barrier. This one particular feature, if accomplished, would raise the APJ to a new plateau of interest to its readers and also an increase in new subscriptions abroad."

Helmut Baer of Hammond, Ind., writes: "Being Sec-Treas. of the Nun Pigeon Fanciers Society, I would like to speak for the entire members on congratulating you on the outstanding job you are doing for the Pigeon Fancy. Your APJ is a publication no pigeon fancier should be without. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our Publicity Director, Mrs. Wanda Deavers, Doug Kimpinski, Publicity Director of the Canadian Nun and Archangel Club and Robert Pommer, Publicity Director of the United Nun Club, the Nuns are an up-and-coming breed and we hope someday in the future that a Nun Special will become a reality."

R. K. Robins of Devenport, Tasmania, Australia, writes: "I was very pleased to read in your letter that you are planning to visit Australia during May, and I trust that your visits to Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne will be both interesting and enjoyable, also your visit to New Zealand. Unfortunately I will not be able to visit Sydney or Christchurch during May to make your acquaintance. I feel sure that your visit to Melbourne will be most interesting. Dr. Hannaford Schafer came over to Tasmania last November and judged our all poultry and pigeons at our Devenport Agricultural Show. Dr. Hannaford Schafer is a most interesting person and we were extremely pleased to have him officiate at our shows."

A letter from Mrs. Regina Lenardon of Tucson, Ariz., tells us that her husband Ernest Lenardon passed away several days ago. He was best known for having developed a new breed of pigeons which he named Lenardos, which he advertised regularly in the APJ.

Lyle Miller of Waterloo, Ont., Canada, writes: "We wish to congratulate you for publishing the greatest magazine available to pigeon enthusiasts throughout North America. Many of my fellow Canadians are discovering the necessity of subscribing to the American Pigeon Journal. However, we think that the Canadian show dates should be publicized so that Canadian and American subscribers can get together to compete and talk pigeons. As it stands we must subscribe to a Canadian paper to find these dates. The circulation of this magazine should increase in Canada, if this one suggestion is used." Note by Editor. — We welcome dates of pigeon shows held in Canada as we are anxious to include them in our Pigeon Show Calendar.

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