

Don Barclay of Manutahi, New Zealand, writes: "I enjoyed your article on your recent South Pacific tour, in particular your description of the Australian and New Zealand shows."

Robert B. Stephens of Toronto, Ont., Canada, writes: "I have received several letters from American fanciers regarding the article in the October issue. So far the response has been very good. I hope that the next article will be as well received by your readers."

Charles A. Bahr, Sr. of Houston, Texas, well-known Modena fancier, died August 23, 1971. He attended many National Shows and was well-known among pigeon fanciers, particularly Modena breeders. We express our sympathy to the members of his family.

John T. Curley of Baltimore, Md., writes: "I was vastly pleased with the job that the Tippler Fancy turned in. The Tippler Special lived up to its advance billing. You Mr. Shirakbari and all who contributed, are deserving of our thanks. I have waited many years for this Special."

Not long ago one of our readers sent us a newspaper clipping which stated that plastic snakes placed on the ledge of buildings was a very effective way of scaring off pigeons. The article stated that snakes are the natural enemies of birds, and for that reason the pigeons carefully avoided the ledge where the plastic snakes were placed. As a result the pigeons did not return.

Miss Eunice Raymond of Romoland, Calif., writes: "I really got a kick out of the cartoon in the July issue about the man who dreamed he was a pigeon. I don't think my mother would be very surprised if I turned out the same way some morning. If I didn't turn into a pigeon, maybe it might be a Nubian goat, or a rabbit, or a donkey — all of which animals I have, plus a few miscellaneous other 'critters'. I recently sold some Mookees to a boy and girl in my neighborhood. Here's hoping they become avid Mooker fanciers. I am always amazed how much reading you folks can put into a single issue. Keep up the good work."

Prof. John L. Skinner of Madison, Wis., writes: "The Second American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held July 24-25 at the Ramada Inn in St. Louis was a most enjoyable and informative two days. The planners did a good job of tying people and information together around the common interest, pigeons. I hope this effort continues because the pigeon hobby will benefit from it. If anyone is interested in showing the set of slides I presented, they are available on a loan basis from me, c/o Poultry Science Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., 53706."

S. B. Claeskens of Tamines, Belgium, writes: "I received the July issue of the Journal and I surely enjoyed the reading of the report of your memorable trip to the South Pacific. You really met with adorably kind people and, I am sure, unforgettable places, scenery, events and topics in so many far off countries. I was glad to hear that the Red Carneaux, with a 'good deep rich color' are still appreciated birds among Australian breeders and that you judged quite a lot of them. I suppose they are of the American type, which as I already told and pictured in my article in the APJ (page 544, Sept. 1970 issue) is quite different from the European type."

Don Barclay of Manutahi, New Zealand, writes: "We in New Zealand are in the thick of the breeding season now and we are all hoping that we have produced or can produce that Champion this season. My friend and I, Barry Southcombe, have now gone into partnership as fanciers now and together we hope we can produce something worth while. Our Fantails are really in full swing now and some pairs have produced six youngsters each. This is with the help of one lot of eggs being put under feeders. This is in marked contrast with last year's very poor season. Besides the Fans we have Modenas, Norwich Croppers and a pair of Red LFCL Tumblers. Of 35 youngsters produced so far, we have only lost two through squashing by the parents. We consider this good as we have experienced severe frosts and biting cold winds."

Clever Smith of Shippensburg, Pa., writes: "I would like to say this about the passing of George Hershey. The King and French Mondain breeders lost an ardent breeder of both as he maintained an outstanding stud of both. And he and his wife were always at all the shows. It was a great pleasure to enter the showroom and see them there, as they always enjoyed themselves very much and I know they will be missed very much by all. I know I will miss them at the shows as we were very good friends."

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