

B. J. O'Connell of Rhinebeck, N.Y., writes: "I would like to compliment you on the wonderful job you did in publishing the Domestic Flight Special, the October issue."

Bob Clarke of Cattai, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I would like to thank you for all the support you have given us in promoting the Fancy down here through the APJ."

An item in a recent issue of The Cleveland (Ohio) Press tells of a pigeon fancier by the name of John Potts, 54, of Sunderland, England, holder of dozens of trophies won by his Racing Pigeons, who eats the losers. "There is no room for sentiment," said Mr. Potts, "if you want to succeed at this sport. Bad birds ruin the stock. So those which fail to make the grade go into the pot. I fancy them alive or dead. They are much tastier than chickens."

Glen Amdahl of McCallsburg, Iowa, writes: "While traveling through Missouri I was very pleased to meet both you and your wife and also to have the opportunity to visit and see Dr. Hummel's fine lofts at Pacific, Mo. While watching your Journal being run off the press, it was amazing how much time, work and organizing must be done to get such a fine Journal ready each month. Keep up the good work".

E. D. Schall of Sag Harbor, N.Y., writes: "Have just received the August issue of the Journal and am looking forward to a week of enjoyable reading. I shall also save this copy as I have all the others. I want to express my gratitude for the fine work you have been doing with the Journal. Many, many people have told you how much you have done for pigeon raising in the USA and I cannot add anything, except, thank you".

Philip E. Cole of Bethesda, Md., writes: "I would like to express a thought regarding Mr. Levi's books. I believe them to be monumental works, and feel that all breeders and fanciers should have their own copies. But I also believe that every public library should have them. However, because of no requests for them most library systems do not have them, especially the Encyclopedia of Pigeons and The Pigeon. Think of how many junior members could be secured in this way."

Harold R. Swanson, Norridge, Ill., writes: "It is with great pleasure that I am renewing my subscription for another year of pleasurable pigeon reading. At present I just can't think of all the kind comments that should be bestowed upon you for giving the pigeon fanciers of the world such a fine magazine as the APJ. The pigeon specials and the articles of your trip to Australia and the Orient were just super. I know with the coming of the New Year you will give the pigeon Fancy another year of wonderful pigeon reading throughout the pigeon world."

John Clement of Fitchburg, Mass., writes: "My brother David and I are looking forward to receiving every issue of the APJ and would enthusiastically welcome a special issue on the German Toys. We know that we are not alone in our expectations and would like to do whatever we can to revive an interest in the Toy breeds. We hope that our efforts and those of other fanciers in contributing articles and reports for a special issue might help to accomplish our aim in achieving a better understanding of these very beautiful yet much neglected breeds."

Congratulations to Henning Pederson, well-known Fantail breeder, of Randers, Denmark on his 70th birthday on July 29th. In a recent letter he comments as follows: "It is a great delight for me when the APJ arrives. I am very interested in hearing news about Fantails. I have bred them for 45 years, but I am growing older and my health is not good. I have been in the hospital for nearly two months. I celebrated my 70th birthday and on that occasion one of my Fantail friends wrote an article for our pigeon publication. I have many nice Fantails and will send them to our next exhibition. The young Fantails are raised from American imports, especially Raymond Ostrander, Rod Hatcher and Dr. Ragland. Unfortunately I will have to sell most of my Fantails as I can't take care of them since I am not quite well and my pigeon house is two miles from where I live. If I can have only 4 or 5 pairs of the best to exhibit I would be glad."

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "Enclosed herewith is a money order to extend my subscription. I still think we are getting a bargain. Show me any magazine of the same quality where the subscription price is the same."

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The Pageant Of Pigeons Special

The logistics stemming from a large pigeon show are somewhat alarming when a new member of a show team is first confronted by them. Everything numbers into the thousands — feed and water cups, entry forms, premium books, show catalogs, cages, feed, birds, etc.

An experienced team of workers can take all of these items and weld them into being in a short period of time. Within a few hours tables and cages are set up, coop cards are installed along with feed and water cups and shavings, and the doors are ready to be opened for another pigeon show. Pre-planning and much hard work brings a show to this point.

All of this alone cannot account for a pigeon show. The spirit of a truly great pigeon exhibition is something that must be willed — not by a handful of people but by everyone involved. This is one area where the size of numbers counts. Hundreds of people put forth their enthusiastic effort in bringing a Pageant show into existence. This is the source of greatness and pride of the Los Angeles Pigeon Club.

Once again the members of the Los Angeles Pigeon Club, and its many supporting specialty clubs, are happy to present to the readers of this magazine a report of our annual show held in Pomona, California.

Tom McCaig and Dick Pfarr, Co-Ordinators

Vaughn L. Jones of Salt Lake City, Utah, suffered a heart attack on November 18. He was rushed to the hospital where he received intensive care. He left the hospital on December 4th and later had an attack of the flu. He has been quite sick although he is now recovering.

W. J. Orsak of Vanderbilt, Tex., writes: "Thank you for sending the June copy of the American Pigeon Journal, as I certainly do not want to miss or lose any copies. I can't say enough about the Journal. I don't like to lend my books and magazines out as sometimes I have trouble getting them back and also I always want them handy to refer to in case I want to know something."

Mitchell Grocewicz of South Boston, Mass., writes: "I had the pleasure of meeting you at St. Louis last July and hope to again this year. I have written to all clubs around New England and the UPF of the importance of becoming affiliated with the American Pigeon Fanciers Council and the benefits that can be gained by all in participating in this organization. Unity is needed to strengthen the Pigeon Fancy, as obstacles are always knocking at our doors. I think all sincere pigeon fanciers know what I mean. Your magazine is great and congratulations to you and your staff for making it a world wide publication."

Seik Rabczynski of Perth, Western Australia, sends his three-year subscription with this comment: "I was pleased to hear that you enjoyed your trip to the South Pacific and Australia. I enjoyed a special tour of the lofts throughout Australia 12 months ago which took me more than four weeks to complete by car, doing the trip by myself to South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and back to West Australia. I spent all my time visiting different fanciers and was made at home wherever I went. It was indeed a pleasure meeting all the various fanciers of the three states I visited and have them put me up for a night or two wherever I went. I hope to make a tour of lofts eventually to Europe, the U.S.A. and the Middle East. I have always been interested in the Middle East being the home of the Frills. Information in regards to breeding, etc. is scarce from that part of the world, at least to my knowledge. Some five months ago I had my friends, George Elliot from Sydney, visit my place in Perth. He stayed with me for a week. I showed him around to all of our top lofts, but as usual time is always too short to see everything. I started with pigeons at the age of nine and had nearly every breed available in my lofts at one time or another, but always took special liking for Frills, but in addition I keep Owls, Turbits, Blondinettes, and Satinettes, a total of over 200 Frills, but in addition I keep four or five other breeds. All this takes my entire time."

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Charles W. Haskett of Elizabeth City, N.C., well-known King breeder, died November 11, as the result of a light heart attack. He had attended the American King Club District Meet at Dallas, Texas, and after his return home he became sick and was taken to the hospital. He was an outstanding King breeder and will be greatly missed.

R. Lamar Brantley of Wrightsville, Ga., writes: "The American Pigeon Journal always seems to hit the spot with the Georgia Pigeon Club members as well as those of all other clubs. I would not know where to start to try to muster up any other magazine that would be near so appreciative as the APJ, because the APJ covers the entire field of the pigeon industry in general and that is about all that is necessary to keep pigeon fanciers happy."

Robert I. Burns of Dallas, Texas, writes: "I ordered and received a copy of Joe Quinn's 'A Pigeon Breeder's Notebook,' and would like to say that it is really a great book. As a novice breeder I know very little about genetics. During talks with other breeders most of the time was consumed by definitions. After reading the book twice I now have some idea of what other breeders are talking about. Maybe after two more times I'll know what I'm talking about."

Daniel Renteria Marcias of Guadalajara, Mexico, writes: "Because I couldn't go to the Pageant of Pigeons Show held at Pomona, Calif., I organized a little pigeon show here on December 4, and I was helped by three or four local pigeon breeders who are APJ subscribers. This is the first pigeon show we have ever had around here and it had a big successful acceptance. We are very happy and we are trying to start a pigeon club with the help of Clyde Roberts who is living here now and is also an APJ subscriber. We knew about him through the pigeon show."

John A. Fares of Beechurst, N.Y., writes: "This past summer I toured the U.S. and took along with me several issues of the APJ. They turned out to be the most rewarding of all articles packed. By means of these issues I was able, after arriving in San Diego, to contact and make the acquaintance of the charming and superhospitable Hambrics (Gail and Don) and Colesantis (Ramona, Joe and Susan). We had in common an admiration for Chinese Owls. It was a pleasure to have my journey so enriched by your serving as an introduction to these fine and fascinating people. Thank you very much."

Robert B. Funk of Hialeah, Fla., President of the Flying Tippler Association of America, writes: "I want to take this special effort to thank you and your organization, on behalf of myself and the Flying Tippler Association of America, for the splendid display you gave my article on Wilf Lovatt in the January 1972 issue. We had received letters of compliment even before I had personally seen the issue. The reproduction of the pictures which were originally in color was far better than my best expectations. It serves as additional proof that you and your Company have, over the very many years, progressed with the times in rendering an incomparable vehicle for the entire Fancy. We cannot help but feel that Mr. Lovatt will be sheepishly pleased and I am certain that we will receive words of praise from many corners of the globe."

Alex L. Phillips of East Cannington, Western Australia, writes: "Must congratulate you on your August Show Racer Special. This happens to be my favourite breed of pigeons. As a matter of fact every issue of the APJ is of great credit to you. Being in the Southern Hemisphere our show season is over. We are entering into our hot weather and hot it can really get at times. Most of our early bred youngsters are well into the moult. Our later bred ones are just breaking into the moult, and us breeders have what sometimes appear to be an endless job of raking up feathers and disposing of them before they litter up the lawn and garden edges. When the moult is over, then we are rewarded for all our work by receiving a batch of nicely feathered youngsters the best of which will compete in the shows of 1972 and onwards. Thanks a lot for such an interesting Journal."

While at the National Show in Atlantic City, N.J. we were informed of the passing of two well-known Pigmy Pouter breeders, namely A. I. Martin of Houston, Texas, who died December 26, and Billy Kehr of Wesleyville, Pa. who died in May 1971. Further information was not available.

During the past month we received an excellent article from the wife of a pigeon breeder telling how glad she was that her husband was a pigeon fancier, but she failed to give us her name and address. We do not publish anonymous articles, and therefore would appreciate knowing the name of the person who wrote the article so that it can be published.

Mrs. Adeline Serrao of Bronx, N.Y., writes: "Just a note to let you know that I really enjoyed my week-end at the Pigeon Show and Banquet of the National Pigeon Association at the Shelburne Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. I never quite realized how many men and women were interested in the pigeon hobby, and have consequently acquired a more comprehensive understanding as to why people are so interested and concerned. It was unfortunate that George Hefele, well-known in this locality as a promoter of the Fancy, could not, due to illness, be on hand to both hear and enjoy the complimentary remarks by Mr. Schroeder when presenting the Hall of Fame Award in recognition of his years of faithful service."

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Fancy Pigeons Not Popular In Japan

In corresponding with Hikaru Motoyoshi of Toyko, Japan, a Racing Homer breeder, we asked him if he knew of any breeders of Fancy Pigeons in Japan, such as Fantails, Pouters and Jacobins. His reply was as follows:

"I am sorry to tell you I don't know of any breeders of Fancy Pigeons, such as Fantails, Pouters or Jacobins as referred to in your letter. I asked the Chairman of our Concourse, (he is the master of his bird shop) Japan Racing Pigeon Association, and the Aikyu-No-Tomo Publishing Co., Ltd., whether any party or association of breeders of Fancy Pigeons exist in Japan. But all the answers were in short, 'I (or we) don't know,' and 'probably not exist.' I think so, too, because nearly everyone including me, has not seen Fancy Pigeons as actual objects, only in illustrations or photos carried in books, and other things about birds. If people who breed Fancy Pigeon exist in Japan, its number is small, I think. I think Fancy Pigeons are not popular in our country. The above three whom I asked also said so, but Racing Pigeons are."

It would seem to us that this would be a virgin field for breeders of Fancy Pigeons to popularize their favorite breed in Japan, by getting a few breeders started with some pairs of good quality birds. We will be glad to hear from other readers in Japan.

From the Editor's Desk

Charles Manwaring of Lakeside, Calif., was accidentally killed February 21st. He was a former resident of Indiana, and a well-known Fantail fancier.

D. B. Sanders of Sydney, Australia, writes: "I am always glad to receive the APJ as it still keeps up the excellent content. The Show Racer edition of last August was an exceptionally good one, and everyone I have spoken to has said what a good informative copy it was. I am eagerly looking forward to the Pageant Special as it is a good cover for all breeds and shows just what is required for the show bench."

Charles C. Small of Greenville, Ill., writes: "I attended the convention in St. Louis last summer and really enjoyed it. I am going to try to get all of the fellows in this area to go this year. I think this is a real boost for the Pigeon Fancy. The program is arranged so there is something of interest for everyone who raises pigeons of any variety. I especially enjoyed Mr. Hollmann's talk of his travels around the world to the many different countries and pigeon lofts. He has a knack of putting a little humor in his talks that really makes them enjoyable."

D. O'Keefe of Sydney, Australia, writes: "I received the Tippler Special issue. The bird on the front cover I was quickly impressed with. He has the type and head that the judges in Sydney look for. The colour would be identified as a light print. I cannot close this letter without mentioning how much I enjoyed reading the report and comments on the New Zealand Pigeon Show by my very good friend Jules de Brenni. I must congratulate Mrs. Madelon Gilligan on her excellent report on the first South Island National Show. It must have been a great success. All credit to the organisers and the fanciers who seem to work very hard to make their first National Show a success."

Mike Williams of Dunedin, New Zealand, writes: "I had the honour of meeting and talking to you and your wife in Christchurch last year in May and I immensely enjoyed your talk on our hobby. Your conversation with me gave me the cure for canker, which cured a few young birds of mine this last breeding season. Keeping performing Tumblers so far from any organized club, your Journal is like a club in which pigeon fanciers share ideas from all over the world. It is a pity nations will not follow our example. Your Journal was unknown to me until last year. Now I do not know what I did without it. Thanks for letting me join this international pigeon fraternity." Mr. Williams has written an excellent article "Birmingham Rollers in New Zealand" which we plan to publish in our May issue. Thanks Mr. Williams for your comments and contribution.

Dr. E. L. Zicker of Chico, Calif., writes: "There has been a most pleasing response to the series of articles in 'Pouter Patter', and I am most grateful to you for publishing the material. I am sure that the Fancy appreciates the many efforts you have made to provide new and interesting material for all of us."

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Mr. Levi's 45th Anniversary

This month Wendell M. Levi celebrates the 45th anniversary of his Question and Answer Department. A summary of his Department appears on page 264 of this issue. We published "A Tribute to Wendell M. Levi" in our May 1967 issue, on his 40th anniversary. Everything we said at that time is more than true today. He has been a most faithful, loyal and conscientious worker for the Pigeon Fancy, and we hope that Father Time may permit him to continue his excellent work for many years to come.

From the Editor's Desk

Kevin W. Blanchard of Townsville, Queensland, Australia, writes: "I have never owned or have been interested in Show Racers, but after reading your August issue on them I really feel that I know quite a bit about them and now realize what a beautiful bird they are. Congratulations on a really fine Journal."

Last year's July bulletin of the American Frill Club issued by Hubert P. Rieth, carried this interesting item: "An item of interest for the month of July. On the 4th, your Secretary heard on our local radio station that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was a pigeon breeder from New Jersey whose name was Francis Hopkinson. Who says a pigeon breeders don't make history?"

Erwin Lerche of Fond du Lac, Wis., writes: "In behalf of the officers and members of the American Oriental Frill Club, I wish to take this opportunity in expressing my gratitude for printing my articles. Thank you very much. The special issues on various breeds have been excellent, and should help spread the popularity in making progress for these clubs. My 'hat is off' to the Coordinators who accept the responsibility in making these Specials a reality. They certainly are to be commended for their efforts."

J. A. Cooper of Monmouth, England, writes: "I must say how very pleased I am that I have subscribed to your fine magazine. They are without doubt the finest articles I have read. As an old Flying Tippler fancier I have found your special issue of September 1971 one of the finest and complete pieces of comprehensive articles on the subject of Flying Tiplers that I have ever had the pleasure of reading. You are to be congratulated for the great work you do for all pigeon fanciers with your wonderful Journal."

Walter R. Larsen of Traverse City, Mich., writes: "I have been reading your magazine, the APJ, since 1936 and have enjoyed every copy. I hope I may be able to enjoy your well balanced and interesting magazine for years to come. The APJ covers all breeds of pigeons and there is something in every article on pigeons which can be applied to any breed regardless of the breed featured in the article, and that makes it all good, worth while reading. Your magazine, the APJ, always was a good pigeon publication and the improvement you have made over the years make it something welcome and enjoyed wherever received. I wish to thank you Mr. Hollmann for a magazine much enjoyed."

S. T. Summers of Orange, Calif., writes: "While reading through the March issue of the APJ, I am compelled to answer the letter written by James A. Hagan appearing under the heading of 'From the Editor's Desk' on page 136. It appears that Mr. Hagan misjudged the intentions of the Olympic Planning Committee. The reason for the choice of balloons over pigeons reached much deeper than cleaning the ice. The foundation for this choice may be attributed to a humane outlook by the committee. Surely Mr. Hagan, as other pigeon lovers, would not tolerate the releasing of these birds in sub-freezing weather. Survival for these pigeons, of which more than likely are not native to Sapporo, would be non-existent. Let the breath-taking experience of pigeons soaring into flight remain a customary tradition of the summer Olympics. But by all means a stand for humane treatment in the winter Olympics must be the paramount concern. I applaud the Olympic Planning Committee for this justified considera-

Quite often some of our readers wish to contact our contributors. In that case, address your letter to the writer of the article, % American Pigeon Journal, and we will promptly forward such letter to the person addressed.

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We have been informed of the death of Ray T. Monsen of Milwaukee, Wis. He passed away November 28, 1971. No further information was available.

L. Orchard of Pretoria, South Africa, renews his subscription for three years with this comment: "Thank you for producing a Journal of such quality which is undoubtedly the finest of its kind today."

Robert C. Kennedy of Deer Park, N.Y., writes: "I would like to say at this time that Nasser Shirakbari did a fine job of co-ordinating the Tippler Special with the APJ people and the issue will always be treasured by the Flying Tippler Fancy. Again I would like to thank you and Nasser for a fine Special."

Peter F. Klett of Bronx, N.Y., writes: "Your Classified Ad section is one of the best ways to cut down on an overcrowded loft. We have had our ad in this section from time to time and must say the letters we received are most pleasing. As of this time we do not have birds for sale. As soon as we have our ad will be in this section. The APJ is a pigeon magazine and this is where all pigeon fanciers should advertise."

Les Goad of Plymouth, England, writes: "Congratulations to you and your enthusiastic band of contributors. The special issues are real good and now I am looking forward to once again seeing another Tumbler Special. You have enough breeders of this variety to justify a Special every year. Rally around Al Westling and get cracking! I enclose renewal for another three years. Must be in close touch with American fanciers."

Don J. Klatt of Kenyon, Minn., writes: "Although I have not shown any birds this past year, I have raised a Roller that I think can be called a mosaic. It is white and one wing is black and white and the other red and white. This one bird and its coloring has made my year a success. If I can raise more like this maybe I can write an article for the Journal in the future. I am sure there are others who are interested in such color patterns."

William Toy of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "All of us owe you a lot for the type of magazine you publish for us. The quality is tops and the price most reasonable. And it really becomes a habit. One looks forward to every issue of APJ. No fooling! Raising Norwich Croppers, naturally I have 'Cropper-itis'. You have been having some really interesting articles on Norwich, and also other Croppers in the last several issues of 1971. Also the new column 'Pouter Patter' by Dr. E. L. Zicker is truly appreciated. Hope the Cropper men have enough sense to make good use of it. Keep the Cropper articles coming if you can. I think you will agree they are truly one of the great breeds of pigeons. It's really too bad the oldtimers don't write more articles for you on breeding, hints on showing, etc. Have only bred Norwich for about two years. I am open to any sensible suggestion on the breed."

Fred C. Ferris of Taradale, New Zealand, writes: "I contacted the American Embassy in Wellington regarding exporting pigeons from New Zealand to the USA. (See article on page 163, March issue.) Their reply stated that they did not have the regulations pertaining to importing pigeons into the United States but that this information could be obtained from the New Zealand Trade Commissioner, Suite 308, Association's Bldg., 1145 19th St., N.W. Washington, D.C., 20036. Anyone who is interested could follow it up from there. New Zealand is one of the few countries free of Newcastle disease and to the best of my knowledge there is no reason why birds could not be imported from New Zealand. Many years ago an old friend of mine, Bill McKenzie of Wellington, sent some African Owls to the USA and I believe they arrived safely. Any birds that are sent by air must be met and taken care of by a fancier as soon as they arrive as the birds would be without food or water for at least three days. Last year I imported some pigeons from South Australia which took three days to arrive. These birds had been without food or water. They were a little distressed but they soon recovered. They were Homers which would have the edge on other varieties. Hope this will be some interest to your readers."

Troy Porterfield of Tollhouse, Calif., writes: "The Journal is a great joy to me. I eagerly look forward to each issue. Keep up the great work."

John Harrison is the new Editor of the New Zealand Racing Pigeon published at Auckland, New Zealand. He succeeds G. L. Pepper who found it impossible to continue due to other duties. The magazine is quite attractive and is the official publication of the New Zealand Homing Pigeon Federation, Inc.

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Next Issue German Toy Special

Next month, the August issue, will be the German Toy Special. This will be an excellent number, one to keep for reference for many years. A large number of articles, ads and pictures have been received from Tom McCaig of Hacienda Heights, Calif., who is serving as Co-Ordinator for this issue. If you have not sent in your ad for this issue, please do so immediately, as the last forms close June 30th.

From the Editor's Desk

Billy Joe Chastain of Cartersville, Ga., writes: "I would like to hear more about Parlor Rollers. I have been raising them for two years. I have only seen two articles about Parlor Rollers in the last 12 months."

J. W. Tober of Genesis, Rode, Belgium, writes: "I have been a subscriber of the APJ for the past year. I enjoy the APJ very much. It is very interesting indeed. I am a breeder of short beak Blondinettes and Valenciana Pouters. They have rather long bills."

E. A. Lecluse Staines of Llanybyther, Carmarthenshire, Wales, writes: "After 40 years in London I have come to this seashore and peaceful spot for my retirement. Am breeding pheasants, bantams, pigeons for the first time."

Pfc. Joseph D. Hunter of the U.S. Army writes: "Last week in downtown Koza, Okinawa, I saw some Racers in a bird shop. These had bands and the works. Well it turns out there's a racing club on the Island. So naturally that sparked my interest again, and as a result I am renewing my subscription."

Murray Shantz of Elora, Ont., Canada, writes: "Your magazine has given my pigeon hobby quite a boost. It has also resulted in a few improvements in my loft. This summer I am looking forward to more action from my Rollers through the use of a kit box. Without your magazine I would not have known of a kit box and would have continued to let them fly free."

David L. Darbyshire of Bryn, Wigan, England, writes: "The quality of the APJ seems to improve with each issue and I am only sorry we can't match the quality in Great Britain. I have recently added Swallows and Muffed Ice Pigeons to my lofts to add to my stud of Birmingham Rollers. So the magazine is of even more interest to me now."

Allan Knodell of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, renews his subscription with this comment: "Congratulations on your special numbers during the year. Your Pageant of Pigeons Special again was an outstanding work, with its many pictures of the winning birds. Many thanks to the hard workers and your staff for giving us such great efforts, and I am certain the Fancy throughout the world is greatly indebted to you for such a marvellous job. May you be spared many years to serve the Fancy so well."

Ronald L. Spencer of Newton, N.C. writes: "A 30-year old postal clerk here in Newton, N.C., I have been a reader of the APJ for some 10 years. An avid supporter and promoter of the 'Queen of the Fancy', I have been a serious breeder for the past six years. The excellent Fantail articles by Gerald F. Champ are always tops. After an extended absence, due to illness, it was inspiring to once again find a Champ article in a recent APJ. I would hope that improved health will again allow the Champ by-line to appear regularly in the APJ. The APJ continues to be a benefactor to the entire Fancy. Continued success."

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Leroy A. Traub of South Elgin, Ill., writes: "Keep up the good work. APJ gets better every issue. All pigeon fanciers are indebted to you for getting the message across."

John Taupert of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, writes: "I enjoy the APJ very much and would like to congratulate you and all your staff for the wonderful job you are doing. I would also like to congratulate all the fanciers that write the wonderful and interesting articles each and every month."

Francisco Sahagun of Chino, Calif., writes: "I am an ardent reader of your magazine and look forward to its arrival every month. It is very interesting. I like to read all the articles in it even though my fancy is the Birmingham Roller. I would like more articles about the Rollers to be written."

Stephen C. St. Clair, U.S. Navy, writes: "I am writing to notify you of my change of address. I'll be in transit to my new duty station in Hawaii so I wish to have my APJ's sent to my mother's address for the next few months until the family and I get resettled. I enjoy the APJ more each issue and don't want to miss an issue. The APJ is about the only way I have to stay in contact with the pigeon people as I am in the Navy and have not been able to keep any birds for the last six years. As a boy in Kansas I raised many types of pigeons but liked the German Color Pigeons best. When I get relocated in Hawaii I plan to get a few birds to occupy my time because I will be there for three years. While stationed in San Diego, California, it was my privilege and pleasure to be blessed with the acquaintance of the master breeder of Fantails, Gerald Champ. I have visited with Mr. Champ on many occasions at his home and have gained a lot of pigeon knowledge from this fine gentleman. I was able to read all of his copies of the American Pigeon Keeper and the APJ from 1927 to date. I read them from page to page and gained a vast knowledge that I otherwise would not have been able to obtain. I want you to know that I much appreciate your fine magazine and wish you much success in the future. Thanks to yourself and men like Gerald Champ the pigeon world is a better place today and it has given the younger generation a headstart on a good hobby that has been much improved by you fine gentlemen of the Fancy."

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December Issue Komorner Special

In order to have more time for the Special Issue on Komorner Tumblers, we have scheduled same for December issue instead of November issue as announced last month. In the meantime get in touch with R. E. Cherry, 523 Elm Ave., Laurel, Mont., 59044, who is assembling articles, pictures and advertising for this issue, forms for which close October 15.

American Pigeon Fanciers Convention

Pigeon fanciers who attended the two-day program of the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held in St. Louis, Mo. at the Ramada Inn, July 29 and 30, were well pleased with the excellent program. Some 80 fanciers and their wives greatly enjoyed the steak dinner and entertainment given by the Ralston Purina Co. on Saturday evening at the Ramada Inn with R. B. Thomas, Sales Promotion Manager, in charge.

Each speaker was given approximately 20 minutes for his address with an additional 10 minutes for questions and answers. This proved very satisfactory. Two workshops were held on Saturday evening, one being devoted to Genetics, in charge of Joseph W. Quinn, and the other on Racing Homers and the Eye Sign, with Henry W. Sadewater, Jr. in charge. The program as published in our July issue was carried out with only slight changes.

At the business meeting, fanciers voted unanimously to hold another Convention next year at the Ramada Inn, on Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29. Officers elected are Frank H. Hollmann, Chairman, Robert M. Pettit, Co-Chairman, and Thelma H. Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer. The attendance was quite representative, fanciers attending from the East as far as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and from the West as far as Utah. Two of the honored guests were Dr. and Mrs. Juan M. Baertl of Lima, Peru. Dr. Baertl is taking a special six months' course at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Dr. Baertl is a breeder of Fantails.

The Program Committee for next year consists of Al Westling, Bob Pettit, Dr. L. E. Hummel and Ben Watson. This Committee will welcome suggestions for speakers for next year's program. Mrs. Marv Hatchard of St. Louis was appointed Chairman of the Women's Entertainment Committee for next year.

From the Editor's Desk

Robert "Bob" Nolan of Dana Point, Calif., writes: "Just a short note to compliment you on the splendid German Toy Special. It really gave me bloodshot eyes after reading 90 per cent of it at one sitting."

Lyn Knight of Christchurch, New Zealand, writes: "I look forward to your monthly magazine of great pigeon editorials. Congratulations to your staff and members for the terrific effort and work compiled in your Show Racer Special. Hope some day you may do another Special on the Oriental Frill."

Visitors at the APJ office during the past month were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Seaman of Chisago City, Minn., Scott Burnett, Dallas, Texas, Larry Ellison, Lancaster, Texas, Dr. L. E. Hummel, Bonne Terre, Mo., James G. Garland, Galena Park, Texas, Daniel D. Rodes, Greencastle, Pa., and William C. Hall, Nevada, Iowa.

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Jack Ragle of Villa Grande, Calif., writes: "Congratulations to the APJ for the magazine that comes to us each month. It keeps right on improving, and is a must for all pigeon fanciers — nation-wide or world-wide."

Peter B. Martin of Roslyn, N.Y., writes: "Your magazine has been a favorite of mine for years and can't imagine how you could even improve on it. It is excellent in every way."

Bill Henderson of Carrollton, Ga., writes: "You fellows continue to do an excellent job and remain the backbone of the Fancy. May the magazine continue to grow with the Fancy. How about a Roller Special?"

Ken Currie of North Bay, Ont., Canada, writes: "The quality of the APJ is extremely high and I look forward to reading every issue thoroughly. Keep up the good work as it is a credit to our hobby."

George Thomson, Enfield, Conn., writes: "I do enjoy getting the APJ every month and find your articles very interesting. I enjoy the variety, as there is something of interest for all pigeon men and women."

Robert A. Lucas of West Islip, N.Y., writes: "I would like to thank you for the wonderful coverage you have given our club, the American Tippler Union, and the Tippler sport in general."

Joe Parks of Stone Mountain, Ga., writes: "The APJ is better than ever and we do appreciate the great job you are doing. I enjoy especially the many photos of lofts. I am just starting my new one and have picked up many good ideas just from the photos in the APJ."

Roy Hendricks of Grand Rapids, Minn., writes: "Enclosed is the money for a three year renewal to your fine magazine. I am a Racing Homer enthusiast, but I still enjoy every article. I will fly my first young birds this August. I would sure like to see a special on Racing Homers."

Orville C. Coughlin, Michigan City, Ind., writes: "I haven't had pigeons for over thirty years but still enjoy the magazine. We have an ordinance banning all pigeon keeping in the city limits. From my kitchen window looking towards Lake Michigan I see Racing Pigeons nearly each morning heading towards Detroit and home."

Lawrence Wagner of Clarence, N.Y., writes: "Have been taking the APJ for the past five years and have learned more about pigeons than in the past 40 years I have been keeping them. I enjoy the pictures of the different breeds and the helpful hints on taking care of them."

Joe Lewandowski of Waupaca, Wis., writes: "I raised pigeons for quite a few years when I was a youngster and now that I have retired I am going to enjoy the fun and pleasure of raising pigeons again. I am starting with Giant Homers from the Lemke Loft of Eureka, Wis., and Kings from Harold Voster of Neenah, Wis."

J. A. Uliburri of Albuquerque, New Mexico, writes: "The past year I have enjoyed the APJ so much, a great magazine with so much to offer and enjoy for such a low price. As a kid I raised pigeons for many years then quit, but now at 30 the past two years I have them again and really love them. A hobby with all races and colors, but where all men talk pigeon talk and so close together. Again thank you for the greatest magazine for all of us pigeon lovers in the hobby."

Tom Rood of Marine, Ill., writes: "Since February I have been involved with the St. Clair Pigeon Club Junior Program which I designed and organized. I feel that the Juniors are one of the most important, if not the most important, parts of the whole Pigeon Fancy. I feel they should have an equal chance to get started right in the Fancy. I have never had a more rewarding experience than to become involved with the Juniors of our club. We quickly jumped from 5 to 18 members in a matter of four months."

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Gerrit P. Kulicamp of Muskegon, Mich., writes: "I enjoyed the German Toy Breeds Special very much, especially the articles by Dr. L. E. Hummel and Cal Breadhoff."

Marvin White of Inman, S.C., writes: "I would like very much to see more in the APJ about Modenas since I raise them for my hobby. It is the only magazine I take that I don't get tired of looking at over and over. I don't see anything you could do to improve it."

James F. Fonseca of Medford, Mass., writes: "The German Toy Special Issue opens us a new front for the Pigeon Fancy. It shows pictures of pigeons seldom seen at shows. This issue gave the American Pigeon Journal a giant step forward."

D. J. Morris of Chana, Ill., sends this letter: "I just thought I would write and let you know how much I enjoy the APJ. A few days ago I was put in the hospital because I hurt my back. Well when I came in I didn't have anything to read, so my wife said take a couple of APJ's with you. Well I did. I really didn't know what it was like to read them from cover to cover and to tell the truth, I didn't know what I was missing. So now I truly know how wonderful the APJ is. As everyone says, keep up the good work because they are great."

Frank Selvaggi of Parsippany, N.J., writes: "I have seen other magazines but none compare with the excellent articles in your Journal. I am especially interested in articles on Flying Tiplers because I am just getting started with these great flyers. I raised Racing Homers for the past four years and other Fancy breeds when I was a kid, so I know a good pigeon magazine when I see one. I am married, 26 years old and have four children. I am just starting to get my son, who is six, interested in the hobby and I feel the American Pigeon Journal will help me along these lines."

John E. Painter Jr. of Afton, Okla., writes: "Today, I saw the first APJ that I have seen in over eight years. Until about a year ago, I had been out of pigeon raising hobby for over eight years. I am the first to say that a pigeon fancier in a rural area is completely out of touch without the APJ. I had to leave my hobby behind when I joined the service. At that time I raised Archangels, Rollers, Oriental Frills, Turbits and Modenas. I never realized how much I missed it until I found a non-banded Oriental Frill and a non-banded Fantail at our local grain elevator. I am now as enthusiastic as ever and need your Journal."

Michael First of Lowell, Ind., writes: "I wish to congratulate you on a magazine that is helpful as well as interesting. I've raised pigeons for the last nine years and through the pigeon world my list of friends has doubled. I raised a variety of breeds before service consisting of Modenas, Fantails, Racing Homers and some nice English Trumpeters. Though I never found time to show birds during my four years in the Navy, I visited many fanciers in the Far East. Hong Kong has many, many pigeon fanciers and I found a fair share in the Philippines too. I've tried to stop my hobby, but just seeing a bird winging across the sky brings back the 'deep down love' that is now an important part of my life."

William J. Shields of Corona, N.Y., writes: "Congratulations on having Wendell M. Levi continue his Question and Answer column as he was just getting warmed up. Now we can find out if he was fooling around in his first 45 years as he tries for another 45. May we all live to see it. Would miss the column as I have gained much knowledge from it. Have used his yeast and cod-liver oil treatment for the past 27 years or since my wife gave me the book 'The Pigeon' for Christmas and can say it really works if you use it right. A droopy bird treated today O.K. not tomorrow because tomorrow never comes. Most pigeon men with medication are like an elderly lady who wants a pill or bottle of medicine. Two days trial and then they are off on another binge of try this or that always looking for a fast cure for the bird and a return to age 30 for the lady. Treat a bird as soon as you notice it is not acting right. In other words look at your birds not just one or two."

Roger Heywood of Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "The English Pouter Association sure appreciates the publicity we have gotten from your magazine. To date we have over 15 members. I consider this extra good."

If you want extra copies of the August German Toy Breeds Special, order now while they are still available. We also have copies left of some of the other Special issues. Price 50c per copy while the supply lasts.

W. M. Hannon, of Charlotte, N.C., Secretary of the Piedmont Pigeon Association, published the following comment in their November club bulletin "Flying Feathers:" "We have just worked our way through an excellent edition of the August issue of the American Pigeon Journal, the German Toy Breed Special. We continually are surprised by the beauty and unusual appearance of these marvellous birds. Makes us wonder how so many fans think they can get along without the APJ."

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Dr. John L. Skinner of Madison, Wis., writes: "Our trip to Great Britain was a most enjoyable one. John Tucker is a real joy to meet. He has some of the very rare varieties of pigeons and is extremely knowledgeable about pigeon literature. We attended two shows, met several fanciers and spent time with some top flight researchers."

John M. Quinn of Bristol, Wis., writes: "I was very pleased with the results of my ads in the Journal. I am sold out of Nuns and Baldhead Rollers and the only remaining colors left in Jacobins are reds and yellows. I have received letters of satisfaction from all the breeders who received my birds which has made me doubly happy. Keep up the excellent work on the Journal!"

Al Nowakowski of Emmett, Mich., writes: "My son and I have begun working together with pigeons, he as a 4-H project and I because I find it so interesting, relaxing, and fascinating. I will also act as project 4-H leader here in our county. I have been reading articles in the Journal and find I cannot continue unless I, too, have my own copies. So, therefore, I'm enclosing my fees for the coming year's subscription."

Keith Carriker of Litchfield, Ill., writes: "I am interested in pigeon genetics and read everything I can lay my hands on concerning the subject. I'm wondering how many chromosomes pigeons have. I can't seem to find this out. I really enjoy your magazine but I wish less space was given to these people who use your magazine to stab each other in the back. I'm referring in particular to all the informationally useless Roller articles. I believe most people prefer articles that give concrete facts and instructions that have come from research and experience."

Ray Kirchen of Manitowoc, Wis., writes: "I recently ran across some old issues of the American Pigeon Keeper from the early 1920's when E. J. W. Dietz of Chicago was the Editor, later Tom Norton took over, and now its present editor Frank H. Hollmann. I have been reading this most valuable magazine for over 50 years and 1973 will mark my 55th year in the Tumbler Fancy and I enjoyed every minute of it. The highlight for me is the annual Tumbler Classic Shows where the best in the world are shown and hundreds of great friends you meet annually to talk over old times. It can't be beat for keeping a fellow young."

James R. Johnson of Kingman, Ariz., writes: "I have really enjoyed every issue of the APJ. I have obtained a much broader understanding of the care of pigeons. I guess that I have been lucky up until now, I have had no problems of any kind with my birds. And I must thank the APJ for much of this success. Another is, I think, because most of my birds fly free. I let them free because I enjoy watching them fly. They never land anywhere except on my property. But at times they can be a pest. Whenever I'm working outside they follow me everywhere I go. And I have a pair that will slip in the house if the door is left open. No matter, I really enjoy having them around. I just want to let you know I really enjoy the APJ and to say, keep up the good work."

Ted Williams of Manhattan, Kans., writes: "As a Junior majoring in Horticulture at Kansas State University, I've come up with a very peculiar interest. The other night one of my college friends started talking pigeons, and it brought back memories for both of us. While we were talking we came up with a very crazy idea. 'How about producing a bird similar to the Passenger Pigeon?' I have discussed our idea with many professors here on campus and have received interest and encouragement from all. Up to this point we know that it is impossible to reproduce anything of yesteryears. Regression in history and genetics is impossible. But we do know that it is theoretically possible to produce a bird with some similarities of the Passenger Pigeons, through selecting certain colors and qualities out of numerous birds. We also realize the problems that hybridization causes, such as sterility. But we still would like to tackle our little challenge."

Thomas Malone of Ferndale, N.Y., writes: "I have been raising and flying pigeons for the past ten years. In those ten years I thought I knew just about everything there was to know about pigeons. But I guess I was wrong. Because ever since I started receiving the APJ I learned a great deal more about pigeons. Your Journal is a great pleasure to any and all pigeon lovers."

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