

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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