

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-

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