

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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