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H. Van Doorn of Middleburg, Zeeland, Netherlands, writes: "Keep up the good work in publishing such a good pigeon magazine."

Robert ("Bob") Nolan of Dana Point, Calif., writes: "I have enjoyed your article about your recent European trip. I thought the pictures were also very good. You should write more for the Journal."

John McDougall of Aromas, Calif., writes: "The German Toy Special was a masterpiece. Tom McCaig, the German Toy breeders, and yourself, are all to be congratulated. I first subscribed to the APJ in the early '40's and it has always been great. The growth and changes in recent years are most impressive."

LeRoy A. Traub of South Elgin, Ill., writes: "Have had many comments mostly good about the monthly column 'World of Jacobins'. Even had some letters from overseas. Keep up the good work with the Journal and thanks a lot for letting us write columns featuring our favorite breed. Have heard from some young fanciers who said they read my articles in the Journal at the school library."

Alex L. Phillips of East Cannington, Western Australia, writes: "It gives me pleasure to thank you for giving us such an interesting and informative Journal. Over here all our club and agricultural shows are over for this season. Probably just as well because six days out of this last fortnight the temperature hovered between 100 and 104 degrees Fah. and most of the other days in the high 90's, accompanied by very oppressive nights."

William Toy of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid publicity you have given the Greater Sacramento Pigeon Club in the APJ, and also for publishing the different articles I have sent in, not because of what I have written, but for helping to keep my breed and club before the public eye. Your magazine has always been a must with me, and now due to the co-operation I have received from you in the past even more so than ever."

Dave Cooper, of Pullman, Wash., writes: "Every once in a while there are some pictures of lofts in the background in various photos. For example, in the December 1968 issue of the APJ on page 474 is a picture of Ray Ostrander's loft; in the April 1970 issue on page 250 is a picture of Bob Cambell's loft; in the June 1971 issue on page 287 is Marvin Anderson's loft; and the August 1972 issue has a picture of E. E. Kistler's lofts. I wonder if there would be a lot of interest in a feature article each month of outstanding lofts — pictures from several angles and plans. I surely would like to see something like this developed."

Floyd W. Adair of Chicago Heights, Ill., writes: "We thank you for all past and any future considerations. Without the APJ I'm sure the pigeon hobby wouldn't be what it is today. You are to be highly commended for the personal interest you so readily show on the floor of the many shows you have attended. From the ones I've met you at, I always find you busy as a bee talking to anyone in all breeds. If more breeders would show even a bit of interest in the other guy's breed I'm sure it would soon prove contagious and be beneficial to all. The National French Mondain Ass'n appreciates your visits in the Mondain section of any show. We look forward to seeing you at Houston."

William Hart of Rochester, N.Y., writes: "I sold all the Rollers the first month my ad came out in the Journal. Isn't it funny I sold them all right around here in a radius of 100 miles. Did not ship a bird, and they all referred to the ad in the APJ as their introduction to these birds being for sale within traveling distance. Some came one day to see the birds fly and a few days later drove the 100 miles again to get their pick of the spinners they previously had seen fly. We just can't say words to express the value of the APJ not only for reading material we are interested in but also for an outlet for our valuable birds."

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## Mr. and Mrs. Jules de Brenni Visit APJ

We were delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Jules de Brenni of Broken Hill, N.S.W., Australia, as guests in our home for a period of four days, from Sunday, January 25 to Wednesday, January 28. They accompanied us home from the Pageant of Pigeons Show in California, where Mr. de Brenni served as one of the judges.

Mr. de Brenni is well informed on all breeds of pigeons and is very popular as an all-breed judge in Australia and New Zealand. It was our privilege to see him judge at both the Sydney and Christchurch, New Zealand Shows in May 1971. He comments on the birds as he judges them, and this was very educational to the exhibitors at both the National Show and the Pageant of Pigeons.

Unfortunately we did not have enough time to discuss the many phases of pigeon breeding, but we were glad to convey he and his wife to Bonne Terre, Mo., for a look at the 700 or more Saxon Swallows owned by Dr. L. E. Hummel. Mrs. Hollmann accompanied us, also James D. Masterson, of Wright City, Mo. who enjoyed seeing the Hummel loft of Swallows.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. de Brenni visit our APJ office and printing plant, and also to see our world-wide mailing list. We appreciated having Mr. de Brenni write the two articles about the National Show and the Pageant of Pigeons while at our home. Both articles appear in this issue. From here Mr. and Mrs. de Brenni went to Atwater, Ohio for a brief visit with Joe Quinn, the well known geneticist. We were sorry that our Australian friends could not stay longer, as we found them to be most delightful guests, and we hope they can come again.

## The Modern Modena Pigeon

This is the title of the revised edition of an excellent book on Modenas by James R. Lairmore. His first edition published in 1930 is out of print and therefore this revised edition will be most welcome for all persons interested in Modenas. It consists of 95 pages, including seven full page illustrations of the late Eric Buri's paintings of a Blue Schietti, a Red Schietti, an Indigo Schietti, a Bronze Tri Schietti, a Black Gazzi, a Bronze Magnani Schietti, and a Blue Argent Schietti.

The book gives the breed history, color matings, breeding hints and complete Modena Standards. Book size 5 1/2 x 8 inches. Price \$6 per copy. Copies may be had by sending orders direct to Mr. Lairmore, 2387 Flanders St., Orange, Calif., 92665.

## From the Editor's Desk

Bob Clarke of Cattai, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "The response to the APJ column has literally amazed me. The Australian boys are really pumping me news now which is what we want to make the column interesting. I have received letters from Canada, Singapore, Honolulu and U.S.A. as a result of this column."

E. A. LeCluse Staines of Carmarthenshire, Wales, writes: "Have recently received the November issue and envy your Editor's visit to Switzerland, Belgium and Germany. This together with other articles of such a diverse nature makes your Journal open up an extensive field of pigeon news which would be a closed book otherwise."

David J. Malan of Krugersdorp, South Africa, writes: "I really think the APJ is getting better and better. What I like is the international character it took on the last few months. This is what makes our hobby so fascinating. It brings people of different nationalities and beliefs together in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, something that politicians always fail to achieve."

Elbert A. Springs of San Antonio, Texas, writes: "We went to the Houston National Show on Sunday, January 21, as their ad said January 17 through 21. We were very disappointed as they had moved some of the birds on the 20th and almost all were crated Sunday morning by 9:30. I am sure others also went to the show on Sunday. The dates should be followed, otherwise it should not have stated show through Jan. 21."

John Fordon of Wenatchee, Wash., writes: "This area has a Homing Pigeon Club but I am alone with the Fancy Pigeons and the APJ is my pigeon company."

William J. Bonahoom of Great Falls, Mont., writes: "Thanks to your untiring efforts we keep receiving an APJ that keeps the love of our pigeon hobby alive and contact with many fine people in the bird loving world."

Charles H. Phelps of Hobe Sound, Fla., writes: "I wish to say that I have enjoyed very much the writings of Lawrence Craig of Georgia and Robert Prisco of New Jersey and, of course, any article about Rollers. They are very useful, especially to me, for what little I know about Rollers is information I have read from these two fanciers in the APJ."

Doug Shier of Port Credit, Ont., Canada, writes: "This is the first pigeon magazine that I have ever received and I am quite happy with it. It contains many interesting articles of both fancy and flying breeds. There are also many tips for inexperienced people like myself to improve birds, etc. As of now I only raise Racing Homers but I am thinking of getting into some strictly show birds but haven't decided on any breed yet. I was really enthused with the German Toy Special and am thinking along that kind. The only 'beef' that I really have is that no notice is really taken of our shows up here in Ontario as we have some good ones. The competition is good and there are lots of birds."

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Ed Maryon of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I am really impressed with the international flavor of the APJ these days. What a great asset to the Fancy."

Raymond H. Smith of Toledo, Ohio, writes: "I read each issue of this magazine forward and backward. It gets better with each issue. The printing is excellent. Hope you can continue with this fine Journal."

Irvin P. Heineman of Belleville, Ill., well-known pigeon breeder of the Midwest died suddenly as the result of a heart attack on January 15. He was 80 years of age. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

P. F. Wannemacher of Amityville, N.Y., died suddenly, March 7. We understand that he went out to feed his Tumblers, dropped dead, apparently the result of a heart attack. Several days previous he had renewed his classified ad in the APJ.

Dave Holderread of Aibonito, Puerto Rico, writes: "I found your magazine most interesting and informative. The boys here found it hard to believe that there was a magazine devoted completely to pigeons and even the ones who do not read English found the pictures of great interest."

Garnett L. Pettersen, Anoka, Minn., writes: "As President of the Pigeon Fanciers of America I should like to extend our thanks to you and your fine organization for the excellent work being done in the Pigeon Fancy. Where would the Pigeon World be if it wasn't for your efforts spent in its behalf. Mere words cannot possibly express our gratitude.

Lyle Miller of Waterloo, Ont., Canada, writes: "The APJ has found its way into every pigeon fancier's heart. If there are any improvements needed, write an article on the topic you like and in this way every person who writes will enjoy the world renowned APJ even more. The credit goes to Mr. Hollmann and to everyone who writes, for giving APJ the reputation it so richly deserves."

W. R. Brown, Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "On behalf of the Iowa State Pigeon Ass'n I want to express our appreciation for the excellent coverage given to the 47th Annual Show. Our President, Lloyd Thomas, has been plagued by illness of late, however, I spoke with him this week and he seemed to be in fine spirits and recovering very well. Both he and Mrs. Thomas have been dedicated workers for the Pigeon Fancy as you know."

Jack Lampman of El Cajon, Calif., writes: "I called my long time friend Bob North who lives in Hamilton, Canada, and found out he just got out of the hospital after eleven weeks of serious kidney trouble. He had to sell all of his prize stock as he was unable to take care of them. I surely hope he gets well soon and thought his many friends would like to drop him a card or letter or say a prayer for him. His address is 41 Inchbury St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada. By the way, Bob has had pigeons since he was eight years old and says if he gets well enough he will start all over again. This man is a real asset to us all in the Pigeon Fancy and we need him around for a long time to come. The APJ is not only the best pigeon magazine in the world, but it keeps us all in such close contact."

E. R. Ball of Stouffville, Ont., Canada, writes: "First let me say that I have been a reader of the APJ for 20 years or more and enjoy it as much today as ever, and I am always looking forward to the next copy. Although as a Flying Tippler man I would, naturally, like to see more articles on the flying Tippler and must say I enjoyed the latest one on Wilf Lovatt by Bob Funk and Perc Hagan very much indeed. Both of these gentlemen are deserving of a vote of thanks for the way they have taken the time to set this article up and their honesty in setting the facts before the fanciers at large and especially the flying Tippler men. I am sure they all enjoyed it the same as I and looked forward to the next installment patiently. Once again, many thanks to your magazine and the two gentlemen who composed this article."

George Zimmerman of Vernon, B.C., Canada writes: "On behalf of the Vernon Pigeon and Poultry Club, I would like to congratulate you on your Journal which is the most informative and interesting pigeon magazine published. I have received it for the past three years and intend to subscribe to it for many years to come."

Bill Henderson of Clarkston, Ga., writes: "I must say that the Journal is the backbone of the hobby and undoubtedly the most influential aspect of the Fancy. Without the dedication that the APJ staff puts out, the Pigeon Fancy would be without any unity or inspiration. My hat is off to you and to all you have managed to accomplish."

Joseph Koehler of Chicago, Ill., died suddenly as the result of a heart attack on March 11. He was 70 years of age. He was an outstanding pigeon fancier and had many friends from coast to coast. He was an active member of the Chicago Pigeon Club and a regular exhibitor at the Chicago shows.

Coy Richey of Tulsa, Okla., writes: "I would like to say that a day without orange juice may be a day without sunshine, but a month without the APJ is a lost month for pigeon breeders. Keep up the good work. I lost 50 good birds to some thieves two weeks ago. It almost wiped me out, but I haven't given up keeping and breeding, and I also haven't given up looking for my birds."

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W. C. Kile, Sweetwater, Tenn., writes: "My one-inch ad in the February issue brought 19 inquiries in the first 16 days of that month."

Joe Davin, Connellsville, Pa., writes: "Keep up that wonderful work on the Journal. Really, I don't know what the Fancy would do without you and your publication but I wonder how many stop to think of it that way. In my years I have seen so many pigeon publications come and go but the Journal just keeps on rolling and improving each month I must say."

Des Sanders of Old Toongabbie, N.S.W., Australia, sent 20 subscriptions, with this comment: "Still enjoying the APJ very much. Even when there is an issue such as the one on Komorner Tumblers, it still get read from cover to cover even though we do not have that breed out here. How we feel jealous of your fanciers who can delight themselves in those breeds which we have never seen only in photos."

Joe Youngheim of Wyandotte, Mich., writes: "Can't thank you enough for allowing the many breeders of pigeons to be promoted in your APJ. As my old grandmother always said, 'One hand washes another.' We need each other, the pigeon fanciers need a magazine and you need the advertising. We can work together to further the pigeon hobby. Too bad express rates are so high. It's really hurting the pigeon shows. We need a stronger voice with the REA."

It is quite unusual for a prize winning bird to appear on the cover page of the APJ for two consecutive issues. To our surprise this unusual incident took place when the Powdered Silver Fantail Hen, No. 411 owned by Gus Waldusky of West Covina, Calif., appeared on both the April and May issue cover pages. It was the Champion Fantail at the Central California Pigeon Club Show held November 4-5, 1972 at Turare, Calif. and Reserve Champion Fantail at the Pageant of Pigeons held January 25-28 at Pomona, Calif. Congratulations to Mr. Waldusky.

A letter from Peter R. Valentine, Islip Terrace, N.Y., informs us of the passing of his Grandfather, Louis ("Trust") Valentine on March 3, 1973 at the age of 86. He was a charter member of the Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Club and Ridgewood Pigeon Club. He bred Flights most of his years in the Fancy and was a top breeder in his chosen field. He was an avid reader of the APJ and an active fancier for many years. He continually mentioned how the American Pigeon Journal had improved and how much he enjoyed it.

John Tucker of Bridgwater, Somerset, England gives the following information about the death of Gerald Phillips: "I am sure many of your Muffed Tumbler men in U.S.A. will be very sorry to learn of the death of my good friend Gerald Phillips of Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, England. Gerald was one of the greatest breeders of Muffs here in U.K. and it was with the great help of Al. Westling, after his visit here some time back, that our fanciers first saw American stock, which Gerald bred into his own birds with great success. He will be greatly missed for not only was he a great supporter of our Classic Shows but a great writer when it came to Tumblers. Al Grace has often mentioned Gerald in his notes in APJ for Mr. Phillips has written about Muff Tumblers from way back in the 1920's."

Lewis Sitko of Pottstown, Pa., writes: "I want to let you know how much I enjoy the Pigeon Journal. I had a heart attack July 17 and still on the sick list. I have lots of time now to look and read all the back issues which I enjoy very much. I always raised pigeons as a hobby. My father was a Pouter man from early 1900 and I still raise some. In fact I like all the breeds of pigeons. They all look nice to me. Looking over my back issues, the front cover sure has nice pictures of different kinds of pigeons. Those are real pictures I like, not the ones made by an artist. Years ago I intended to cut them out and put them in an album with nothing but pigeons. But then I would spoil my copies. A few years ago I was in Germany and Poland I bought pigeon post cards, something I always wanted."

Charles R. Morrison of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on the improvement in the Journal over the past few years. I have especially enjoyed the Specials. Please keep up the excellent quality."

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F. Pienaar of Lichtenburg, Transvaal, South Africa, writes: "Keep up the good work in publishing such a good pigeon magazine."

J. M. van Alem of Sluiskil, Holland, writes: "Enclosed find remittance for three-year subscription to your very much appreciated APJ. In my opinion it is an excellent Journal, very well cared for, in short a jewel for each pigeon amateur."

Harriman A. Reardon of Hudson, Mass., writes: "The wonderful write-up of the Pageant Show each year in the APJ with the excellent pictures makes it possible for fanciers far and wide to benefit from the event. It's like the pebble which is thrown in the water that makes ripples that go on and on until they reach the shore."

Dinah Alexander of Waterford, Mich., writes: "I agree with Steve Nichols (April issue APJ) that a banding system should be found. I band on the right leg now also and right side up when the bird is standing, but I do like the idea of banding the bird upside-down when the bird is standing."

George Paton of Bolton, Lancashire, England, writes: "Recently I shifted from Australia to England. I haven't visited any fanciers here in England, but we have only just settled in. As you can imagine I am hoping to visit as many of the shows as possible. It is always good to receive the APJ and I'll look forward to seeing it in the letterbox."

Rob O'Donnell of LaPorte, Ind., writes: You are doing a great job with the APJ. It gets better all the time. I thought your Trumpeter Special and the German Toy Breeds Special were the best. I especially liked the Trumpeter Special because I raise Bokhara and Beak Crested Trumpeters along with Modenas, and I also like English Carriers and Pouters. I admire the German Toy breeds very much."

Mrs. Katona Andrasne of Barand, Hungary, writes: "I am diligently reading the 'Woman's Point of View' written by Diana Lamons, and the 'King Comments' by Mrs. Peggy Horn. Their articles are clear and understandable. They will be my ideals. In Hungary no woman is interested in writing about pigeons on such a high level as they do. I wish I knew them. In my opinion you are a good manager and editor."

Sam Peavey, Louisville, Ky., writes: "You and your staff continue to amaze us. There is our beloved old APJ alone and unchallenged by any competition in its field. It has outlived all other general journals in the American Pigeon Fancy. You could relax and rest on your laurels but every year you and your staff come forth with an even more exciting publication with new features, new writers, new ideas. You fellows work like you had at least six powerful competitors threatening to crowd you out of the business. But we know the pride and satisfaction you must feel for a job well done. We just want you to know that you have thousands of readers and friends who share that pride and satisfaction with you at every issue of the APJ."

William J. Shea of Belleville, Ill., writes: "I always look forward with pleasure to reading the APJ from cover to cover. I especially enjoyed the article by Art R. Modler in the September issue about 'The Common Pigeons of Turkey and Greece.' I thought it was very good. What a beautiful place it must be where people love and enjoy pigeons and where pigeons love and enjoy people. As Mr. Modler says it must be a nice place to live. I have always loved pigeons and have had them most of my life until somehow a few years ago I got sidetracked into an area where pigeons are strictly forbidden. Of course they have other conditions here which I could mention but won't that I am sure Emily Post would frown on but that's all right. As Art Linkletter says people are funny and they certainly are. Just wondering if there are any places in the United States where people and pigeons get along as good as they do in Turkey and Greece. If Mr. Modler or any of your readers know of such a place I would be pleased to know about it."

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## Visitor From Denmark

We were pleased to have a visitor from Denmark on Thursday, May 24. He was Torben Ostergard of Vallekilde, Denmark. He plans to start a squab farm in Denmark in connection with his poultry farm. He came to the United States to visit various squab plants in California and other sections of the country including the Palmetto Pigeon Plant at Sumter, S.C., where approximately 32,000 squab producing pigeons are maintained.

He was conveyed to Warrenton by Mrs. Esther McFarlane who has a small squab plant at Linn, Mo. He also visited with Mrs. Norman Jaeger of Bonnots Mill, Mo., owner of a turkey farm. We greatly enjoyed Mr. Ostergard's brief visit. We asked him to give a report for publication in the APJ of his visit after returning home.

## Death of Wayne E. Lewis

Pigeon fanciers will regret to learn of the death of Wayne E. Lewis of Marion, Ala. He died January 14 at the family residence after a long illness following a paralytic stroke in March 1964. He never walked again, a terrible suffering for an active fancier. When he realized his condition, he disposed of Rollers, Parlor Tumblers, Chinese Owls and Fantails. He is survived by his widow.

## French Mondain Special

Our October issue will be the French Mondain Special. Articles, pictures, and advertising have been received from Dan Davis of Beaumont, Texas, who is serving as Co-Ordinator. Remember, forms for that issue close September 1st.

## From the Editor's Desk

Recent visitors at the APJ office were Ira Bowles, Jr., of Livingston, Ill., Joe Polonius of Benld, Ill., and William R. Pollock of Hazelwood, Mo.

Tom Rood, of Marine, Ill., writes: "The St. Clair Junior Pigeon Club would like to thank you for everything you have done to help us. We hope you can attend one of our junior shows."

Ray Sanchez of Modesto, Calif., writes: "The Pigeon Fancy in Northern and Central California is growing fast. We have nearly a dozen lawn shows lined up within the next few months, but the increase in living is hurting the Fancy."

Jack Lampman of El Cajon, Calif., writes: "It is with a very sad heart that I tell you about the passing of my long-time friend Bob North, who died May 22, 1973. He will be missed by his many friends and loved ones. My deepest sympathy goes out to his dear wife."

Ernest E. Brown of San Jose, Calif., writes: "I raise Saddle Fantail Pigeons. I belong to the Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club. I have won lots of ribbons and 18 trophies. I enjoy the Journal very much. It has sure helped me out with all the good articles. I would like to hear from Saddle Fantail breeders. My address: 1571 Mt. Frazier Dr."

Joseph G. Liska of New Canaan, Conn., writes: "You're doing a marvelous job in getting out the world's greatest pigeon publication. The Fancy owes you a debt of gratitude. I would also like to thank you for giving the American Oriental Frill Club space for our monthly column. Without your fine publication I'm afraid the Fancy would wither and die."

Paul K. Doudican of Pasadena, Texas, writes: "We are extremely grateful for your support of our beloved Texan Pioneers. As you know we try hard. Progress is sometimes slow and a bit disheartening, but without you we'd be nowhere. Our column looks great and I'll try to keep a stream of printable material coming your way. In an attempt to nurture a Greater Houston Club, I have started raising the little Komorner Tumbler. We started a club a few weeks ago with an initial 21 members. Charlie Pearson and I have been elected Directors with others being elected President, etc. My job will include publicity."

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Al. Grace of Lackawanna, N.Y., writes: "I have subscribed to the APJ for many good years. But in the past three years, I believe the APJ has become so excitingly complete, you have doubled, perhaps tripled the total number of pigeon fanciers. And breeders in all varieties have more enthusiasm for accomplishment. Thanks to your wonderful efforts to put out the greatest pigeon magazine in the world."

Miss Eunice Raymond of Romoland, Calif., writes: "I have enjoyed reading articles about different lofts around the country and hope there will be more of these. I wish I had a loft that was good enough to send pictures to you but unfortunately I do not. I have been hoping to build one that could be taken apart and moved if necessary, but I'm not quite sure how to go about it. Do other readers have any suggestions about this?"

George Durando of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes: "I would like to thank the Editor and staff of the APJ for the happy hours and days given me from reading the Journal. I am a disabled pigeon fancier, confined to the house for the past seven years. But, once a pigeon buff, always a pigeon buff. I flew and bred pigeons for about 31 years. Now the best part of my time is spent in reading and reminiscing about the good old pigeon days gone by."

We were pleased to have the following visitors during the past month: Gordon E. Messinger, Boonville, Mo.; Joe Hemkens, Berkeley, Mo.; Connie Haefner, Florissant, Mo.; Tandy Chenault and son W. Tandy Chenault, of Mount Sterling, Ky. Mr. Chenault has been a subscriber to the APJ for more than 30 years, and it was a real pleasure to spend the entire evening talking "pigeons" and to have him attend the meeting of the Daniel Boone Pigeon Club held at Wright City, Mo.

Bill Toy of Sacramento, Calif., writes: "As a service to its members, the Greater Sacramento Pigeon Club occasionally offers the opportunity to subscribe to the 'bible' of pigeondom at the group price of \$2 per subscription per year. Thank you for making this offer available to all pigeon people. There is no reason that all fanciers should not be subscribing to your great magazine because of this terrific offer of yours. Wishing you all the best of continued success".

Al Pryor of Staunton, Va., writes: "Staunton has only about 26,000 people and five pigeon fanciers that I know about and they are scattered far and wide, so the APJ is really the only way I can learn from other fanciers to see their lofts and birds and to read about their likes and dislikes regarding the pigeon. I think the magazine is doing a great job of keeping the pigeon fanciers informed on show results, helpful articles, etc. As long as I raise pigeons I will never be without your magazine, and I hope the APJ has a long and interesting life."

Howard A. Boothroyd of Moorhead, Minn., writes: "I am enclosing my check for three more years of the Journal which I wouldn't be without. I still haven't been able to have pigeons since our famous city fathers passed the pigeon ordinance. The youngsters in Moorhead now have a clean hobby involving narcotics. It is now in the Junior High Schools pretty bad and some in the grades. I have spent the past six years as Juvenile Officer for the local police department and am now a Lieutenant in charge of the night shift. Hope to move out into the country in the near future and then will have pigeons again for a wonderful hobby."

John Valencia of La Puente, Calif., writes: "I have been subscribing to the APJ for over three years now and I must tell you how much I enjoy reading it. I especially enjoy reading articles on the various breeds of pigeons. The magazine is definitely getting more and more interesting. I am, however, disappointed in the small coverage given to West of England Tumblers. Each month when I receive the APJ I first look through it to see if there are any articles on W.O.E., and usually there aren't any. Outside of a few club reports, articles on W.O.E. are almost non-existent. I am hoping to see more articles in the future on my favorite breed, the West of England Tumbler."

Joe Zegar, Jr. of North Chicago, Ill., writes: "I would like to see the Tri-County Pigeon Club, which consisted of Lake and McHenry Counties of Illinois and Kenosha County of Wisconsin, come into existence again."

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George Babcock of Minneapolis, Minn., sent us a list of eight subscriptions, and also told of the passing of Gertrude Ring, she died early in the month of March. She served as Treasurer of the Minnesota State Pigeon Association.

John Bobinis, age 15, of Phillipsburg, N.J., sent us a picture some time ago of his pet pigeon "Trigger" that became quite tame. He takes his pet to school, for rides in the family car, and outside for walks. The pet bird has learned to pick grain out of his mouth.

Chuck Zeller of Rosemead, Calif., Secretary of the National West of England Club, writes: "Thank you so very much for the articles on our breed you have printed in the past. Your Journal has done more for our breed and our club than we could have ever hoped for, for that matter for every club and breed there is today."

Joseph A. Pigatti of Sauk Village, Ill., has completed his four-year service in the Navy having been stationed on the USS Pigeon, and is back in the Pigeon Fancy. He is anxious to know of anyone who might be raising the Syrian Fantail of the Kara-Kand variety. He has a cock but needs more of this breed. His address is 2111 East 218th St.

Victor Harris of St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies, writes: "I enjoy the magazine very much and I am looking forward to seeing some more Specials. I hope the Runt, Carneau, and Swiss Mondaine fanciers can find it possible to put out a Special this year. Keep up the good work among the pigeon fanciers, and I wish you many more years of publishing."

In publishing the picture of the Muff Baldhead Tumbler Cock on page 487 of the August issue, it stated that "Mike Brooks' Red Clean Leg is the grandson of his mother." This should read "Mike Brooks' Red Clean Leg Cock was the grand sire of this Saddle Muff's mother." The photo was from Al. L. Grace, Lackawanna, N.Y.

During the past month we were pleased to have the following visitors, Wendell Johnson, a White King breeder from Pittsfield, Ill.; John Yager of Dubuque, Iowa, a breeder of German Pouters, Fantails and Rollers, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Blaine of Hutchinson, Kans., Tumbler breeders. We enjoyed having these visitors and hope they will come again.

P. J. Kelsey of Withernsea, East Yorkshire, England, writes: "You are to be congratulated on producing such an interesting and informative Journal. It far exceeds any Journal of similar nature produced here in England in quality and content. May I make a comment here on a letter from Donald J. Klatt published on page 70 of the February issue, regarding mosaic hen not breeding its like. I have specialized in mosaics with Racing Homers and Show Racers and can state that it is impossible to produce a mosaic from a hen of this colour on its own unless the cock to which it is paired contains the mosaic factor genetically. A mosaic cock however can produce its like especially when paired to a hen having recessive colour factor. I have found however that the progeny are seldom as beautiful in their colouring from such a mating."

Gene Eaklor of Union, Mo., recently sent us a newspaper clipping stating that the City Council of Washington, Mo. had approved a contract with a pest control company of Florissant, Mo. to get rid of their street pigeons. It explained that material is applied to areas where pigeons alight, that it is absorbed through their feet, and then affects their nervous system. The birds usually die in flight due to an increase in the heart beat. It is claimed that the material is safe and that it has been used successfully in the St. Louis area. Mr. Eaklor comments: "Perhaps readers of the APJ have a better solution. If so they might write the City of Washington and let them know how other cities handled the problem. The APJ continues to be most enjoyable, particularly the Specials. Hope to see one on Rollers before long. I am now working on a portable flying loft with help and ideas through the APJ."

Dave W. Renard of Victoria, B.C., Canada, writes: "Please keep up the great work as there are undoubtedly many fanciers like myself who really appreciate the APJ but rarely ever stop to say so."

William F. Daugherty, Sr., writes: "Thank you for the wonderful work you are doing to distribute the wonderful aspects of raising pigeons. Keep up the good work. I really look forward to receiving the Journal every month."

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In our September issue, there appeared a picture on page 534 with the words "Prize Winning Roller". This was an error on our part as it should have read "Prize Winning Tippler." Our apologies to all concerned.

The May issue of Sports Afield carried the following item regarding pigeons: "Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, like many cities has a problem with their exploding pigeon population. They tried using chemically treated corn which contained a birth-control substance. The National Wildlife Federation's Conservation News carried a poem inspired by the move: 'Victoria pigeons, beware, of the corn that is fed in the Square! Don't fly in to get it, it's estrogenic, and soon there'll be none of you there.'"

Miss Ann Singer of Berkeley, Calif., writes: "In the past I have read the APJ regularly at the Agriculture Library of the University of California. What with all the furor and effluvia of modern life, the charm and good will of your magazine are a welcome tonic. Keep up the good work. I would like to see more articles on pigeon genetics and detailed accounts of breeding for specific characteristics, colors, etc. I am also interested in observations by fanciers interested in breeding new types, amalgamating characteristics of current breeds, etc."

Glen Blacksher, Mountain Grove, Mo., writes: "I will say the American Pigeon Journal is by far the best hobby publication I have ever seen. At one time or another I have received four different papers or magazines for the hobby and this one beats them all. I prefer Kings though I am just a beginner and am not doing too well with them. Hope I don't give up as I like them very much. The Special King issue had a wealth of good information in it. It was well worth the price of the subscription if one never got any but that one issue. Keep up the excellent job you are doing."

Allen B. Zitting, serving with the Air Force, writes: "I haven't raised pigeons for quite some time now, and the APJ is my only contact with the pigeon world. I can't wait to get back into them after I finish in the service and get settled down. I would like to thank you for the APJ. It has really done wonders for the Pigeon Fancy. If any of my old friends in the Fancy would like to contact me, they can write to my home in Florida, 7480 N.W. 6th Court, Plantation, Fla., 33313. It would really be great to hear from some of them. Komorner Tumblers are my favorite breed, and I really enjoyed the Komorner Tumbler Special, December 1972 issue. It really brought back memories and stirred up the bug in me."

Charles P. Partin, Nicholasville, Ky., sends this nice letter: "I have been reading the APJ since the early 1940's and certainly have found it to be an interesting and informative magazine. Recently, I believe you have surpassed prior years' performance by publishing articles on visits to foreign fanciers, together with good pictures of their birds, lofts and the fanciers themselves. Also, I greatly appreciate reading articles on pigeons written by fanciers of other countries. In my opinion, you have made the APJ an outstanding international pigeon magazine. In passing I might add that I am still breeding my old favorite, the Pheasant pigeon. Over the years we are seeing more of them around. As ever though, there appears to be some confusion as to what they should look like."

E. S. McSweny of Phoenix, Ariz., writes: "As one who has bred English Short Face Tumblers off and on for 35 years, the last 15 without a break, I found this Part Two article 'The Short-Faced Tumbler' in September issue one of the most interesting you have printed. It would be poor taste on my part to write you at all without complimenting you on the present Journal. I first started reading APJ in 1923 and have been a subscriber most of the time since then. I will remember the years of delayed delivery and skipped issues. Now you have a magazine of great excellence, both from the technical standpoint as well as editorial content, and I want to add my words of appreciation for the fine job you are doing for the Fancy. The Journal arrives promptly and every issue is interesting reading, adding a lot to the pleasure of keeping pigeons."

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William F. Daugherty of Portsmouth, Va. renews his subscription for three years with this comment: "Thank you for the wonderful work you are doing to distribute the wonderful aspects of raising pigeons. Keep up the good work. I really look forward to receiving my Journal every month."

Bob Voigt of Layton, Utah, writes: "We of the Norwich Cropper Club of America along with many other pigeon lovers applaud the work and efforts involved in your great publication. For information it's tops and we look forward to the variety it contains. Congratulations on your success."

Charles H. Phelps of Hobe Sound, Fla., writes: "I wish to thank you and the APJ for a very fine magazine. Here in Florida I feel all alone as far as the Roller Fancy is concerned, so I depend on some of the good Roller fanciers and their nice articles in the APJ. Again, keep up the good work."

Richard C. Strain of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, writes: "This is just a note to say how much I enjoy your periodical and the articles by Dr. W. F. Hollander, in particular. Whether he writes with 'tongue in cheek' or seriously, long or short, I still enjoy and appreciate his efforts. Do both of you, keep on with your fine efforts."

George and Norman Collie of East Linton, Scotland, comment as follows: "Our big charity show for war blinded had an entry of 1600 Fancy Pigeons. It took place in Edinburgh November 2 and 3. Food for our birds seems to be a problem right now. Prices have doubled the last few months. Maple peas are £9 for 100 lbs., very costly indeed, and the Short Face breeds need small feeding."

James E. Wallace of Maroubra, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I have just returned from Southeast Asia together with my wife and son. We found pigeon fanciers from the King of Siam's Palace to the smallest hamlets in Malaysia and Singapore. Wonderful people whom we are delighted to call our friends and neighbors. I enjoy each issue of the APJ especially Peggy Horn's King Comments. Keep up the good work."

Basil C. Jennings of Sandy, Beds., England, writes: "I must say I enjoy every issue of the APJ which I think is the finest of its kind in the world. The weather in England this year has been changeable to say the least. Most breeders report poor to indifferent breeding results. Now that our show season has started we'll soon find out how our youngsters compare with those of other breeders."

D. O'Keefe of Sydney, Australia, writes: "I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to you for your outstanding editorial work and to those wonderful fanciers who contribute those articles month after month which make the APJ so interesting. Old and young fanciers can gain so much knowledge for pigeon breeding. My thanks to Wendell M. Levi's Question and Answer page, Al Westling's Tumbler Talk, Dr. E. L. Zicker's Pouter Patter, Fred Smith's articles on Rare Breeds and Helmets, The Pigeon Fancy in Britain by George Drake, and the articles from New Zealand and Australia. These articles contain a wealth of information on our fascinating hobby, all of which make the APJ a stupendous pigeon publication."

Paul Hagerman of Port Hope, Ont., Canada, writes: "Wow, your APJ is really heavy. I've had as many as five publications on the Fancy coming into my home at one time, three of them from overseas, and the APJ is far away the leader. These other journals might try to follow the APJ format, but we know who the leader is, don't we? I have just received my 14th issue and each edition excels the preceding one if this is at all possible. I enjoy the wonderful reports from the foreign lands, and I am awed at how the 'King of Pigeondom', that grand development the White Show King is so popular in these countries. Names such as Don Andrews, Macklin, Levi, and many other great fanciers of the USA run constantly through my mind and thoughts. This is a wonderful world we pigeon fanatics enjoy, and it is with the help of your great APJ that makes it so."

Victor Harris of St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies, writes: "I have introduced the APJ to another pigeon fancier in our island of Barbados, namely Gerald Lewis of Christ Church, Barbados. Keep up the good work in the Fancy."

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