

## 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 Stainess 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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