

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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