

## Subscription Price Increase April 1

Due to the increased cost of paper, postage, ink, fuel oil, and other items that are required in the publication of good quality magazines such as the American Pigeon Journal, we are forced to increase our subscription price from \$4 to \$5 per year; three year subscription from \$10 to \$12. Foreign subscription 50c additional per year for postage. This new rate becomes effective April 1st, 1974.

In order to get the benefit of our present low rate of \$4 per year, three years for \$10, we urge our readers to renew their subscriptions before April 1st. This also applies to group subscriptions of 8 or more being allowed a discount of 50 per cent. After April 1st, group subscriptions will be on the basis of the new rate, namely \$5 per year, three years \$12, less the same discount of 50 per cent.

We are very reluctant to increase our subscription price, but we have no alternative if we are to continue publishing a first-class pigeon magazine. All of us are victims of the constant rise in prices as part of the inflation spiral. Up to the present time, we have been very fortunate in getting a supply of paper in spite of the existing shortage.

We trust that our readers can fully appreciate our efforts in publishing a first-class magazine for pigeon fanciers at the lowest possible cost. Therefore, kindly inform your friends to subscribe now, new or renewal, before the new price of \$5 per year becomes effective on April 1st.

## New Type For APJ

We are glad to announce that we have purchased a complete font of new 8 point type for the APJ. By carefully checking over the various pages, it will be noted that some of the articles are set in the new type which is very clear and distinct, and more easily read. Articles set in the old type are easily detected by the "hairlines" between the letters thus making it blurred and hard to read. We feel confident our readers will be pleased with the improvement in the type used in the APJ.

## Pageant of Pigeons Pictures

We are pleased to present in this issue a total of 27 pictures of Champion pigeons at the 60th Annual Pageant of Pigeons held November 15-18 at Pomona, Calif. Of this number six pictures appear on the cover of this issue. All of the pictures were made available through the courtesy of Ralph Sisson, President of the Los Angeles Pigeon Club. The show had a total of 4150 entries by 370 exhibitors. English Trumpeters set a new world's record of 804 birds, also 200 Bokhara Trumpeters, more than one-fourth of the show.

## From the Editor's Desk

Geoff Paton of Stuttgart, West Germany, writes: "I have enjoyed receiving the APJ during our year in England. Here in Germany it will be the light in the darkness because there are so few things in English for me to read. At the end of the year we will be moving about and staying for about three months in several different places before returning back to Australia."

William J. Shields, Secretary of the Maspeth Pigeon Fanciers, Corona, N.Y., sent in 37 subscriptions to the APJ with this comment: "The Journal is the best investment any club or individual can make that is interested in improving the pigeons of this world. We don't know it all as individuals, but joining together to keep the APJ going we sure can learn. Just think, when subscribing with a group of eight or more you can get twelve issues of the best pigeon Journal in the world for \$2. In one of the Journals you could find something that can help you in breeding, buying, or even building a loft. You can also find news of things that are happening in the pigeon world in this good old USA and news from foreign correspondents. In addition, through the advertising, it is possible to order medications that are not available in your area. Keep up the good work."

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