

Darbie L. Doerge of Everett, Wash., writes: "I enjoy reading your magazine. The articles are very informative and bring me much enjoyment. Also have met some very nice people who have been very helpful. I'd like to thank you and keep up the good work."

James W. Bower of Williamsport, Pa., writes: "I have been a reader of the Journal since the '40's so have been reading it for 30 years. Enjoy the articles very much and think it is improving all the time. Thanks again for putting out such a fine publication."

Sandra Bock of Fort Worth, Texas, writes: "I enjoy the American Pigeon Journal immensely and as soon as I receive it I sit down to read it. I enjoy my hobby and am thankful there is a magazine such as this to keep the fanciers informed as to the methods of other fanciers."

Mark Roberts of Coop Rapids, Minn., writes: "I would like to commend you again on such a fine job you do on the APJ. I also would like to thank you for publishing the articles that I have sent to you. I look forward each month to reading the APJ."

Bill Anderson of Tucker, Ga., writes: "It never ceases to amaze me when I pull out the old, old copies of the Journal, from the early sixties, the tremendous growth that the magazine has experienced in both size and overall quality. The first thing I do when a new-comer approaches me about raising pigeons, is to show him the Journal and make sure he leaves with the address and the strongest suggestions to subscribe. Undoubtedly, the strongest foothold that the Pigeon Fancy has in our society, is the constant and consistent quality that the APJ represents. I personally thank both you and the entire staff for a superb job."

Bret Eborn of Orem, Utah, writes: "I just moved to Utah from Idaho not too long ago. The pigeon world doesn't seem to be as strong here and since I've been here I have been taking your magazine and think it's the best. I started myself in the pigeon hobby but the APJ has been the biggest help to me. I especially like the articles on genetics, crossbreeding and others. There are always several articles in each issue which give excellent information on the kinds of birds I specialize in such as Muff Tumblers. I would just like to say, congratulations on a fine magazine and I recommend it to all fanciers and those interested in the Fancy. Keep up the great work because the APJ has great influence on the Pigeon Fancy."

G. Patton of Highett, Victoria, Australia, writes: "I was recently in the U.S. on a short business trip and although it was very hectic I was able to get about on the two week-ends I was there and met many of the Tumbler fanciers in northern Mid-West region. There were two lawn shows, one at Don Zimmermann's residence and the other at Don Livengood's. On top of this I was able to spend a very enjoyable week-end in the Manitowoc area, staying with Joe Pozorski and his very hospitable family. When I look back now it was all very rushed and I didn't use the time to the best advantage but it was a great opportunity to meet the fellow Tumbler fanciers in one part of the country. I can't thank you chaps enough for looking after me so well over there. I only hope to make it again sometime so that I can see one of the really large shows. I must say that it was through the APJ that I came to see the names and addresses of all the fanciers I visited. Without it I wouldn't have been able to correspond with them or visit them. Thank you very much for the fine effort you put into the APJ, Mr. Hollmann. The APJ provides us overseas fanciers with one of the main joys of the Fancy and that is communication with fellow fanciers."

Garland Warren of Springtown, Texas, writes: "I look forward to every issue of the Journal. The Pigeon Fancy would not be the same without it."

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Charles Piehler of West Covina, Calif., writes: "Keep up the good work with the APJ. The Fancy would be lost without it."

Basil L. Jennings of Sandy, Bedfordshire, England, writes: "I'm looking forward very much to receiving the APJ which is a truly international publication, and keeps me in touch with what's going on in the world of pigeons all around the globe."

William Moore of Spring Valley, Calif., writes: "It barely seems possible than another three years has gone by so quickly. I always enjoy reading not only about Rollers, but all the breeds. Especially enjoy loft management articles."

Frank P. Catri of Warwick, R.I., writes: "With shipping problems becoming greater each year many pigeon breeders are organizing local pigeon clubs and are sponsoring local pigeon shows for their enjoyment with pigeons. We are grateful to have such a fine national pigeon publication as the APJ to publish the activities of local pigeon clubs to the Pigeon Fancy."

Alan Payne of Owensboro, Ky., writes: "You are to be congratulated for the magnificent joy you and your staff are doing. I am very well pleased with the contents of each issue and find it rewarding to sit and relax with an APJ after a days work. Through the APJ I have obtained some very good quality Parlor Tumblers from Jim Rees of Arizona. Keep up the good work."

Jack D. Houseman of Altoona, Pa., writes: "One who has pigeons for a hobby certainly can't afford to be without the APJ. I look forward to seeing it around the first of each month and usually read it from cover to cover. Thank you for doing such a grand job and hope you will be able to keep up the good work for a long time to come."

Robert O'Donnell of Ft. Hood, Texas, writes: "I would like to compliment you on your magazine. You have been getting better every month. The articles are the best thing for every breeder to keep up with the progress and standard of his breed. All I can say is it has helped me in every way possible. Keep up the great work."

William R. Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I am raising white headed Starlings and recently a question has arisen concerning the marking located at the tip of each primary flight feather. I have always thought this marking should appear only on marble or silver laced Starlings but never on the plain white barred variety. Recently I have been informed that the marking is proper for white barred also. Perhaps some of our readers can clarify this question for me."

S. B. Claeskens of Tamines, Belgium, writes: "Glad to hear that my fellow Carneau breeders in America enjoyed my article in the October issue. If the circulation of the APJ is still increasing this is especially due, in my opinion, to the fact that its contents is well up to the taste of so many pigeon loving men and women all over the world, to the familiar way and style of writing with which the informations are presented, and above all, to the clear view by Editor Hollmann and his staff, of the exact and real needs of this hobby, for which I want to congratulate them with best personal regards."

R. Kurschner of Terrigal, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "May I say how much I have enjoyed reading your magazine these few years. I look forward to each copy in anticipation as we are several months behind in Australia. I hope my renewal reaches you in time so that I do not miss an issue. I breed English Carriers, Dragoons and Australian performing Tumblers. This season I have bred mainly Carriers and this has been my best season in three years breeding. May I congratulate your many regular writers, particularly Alex Rawson, and Melvin Ziehl for his genetics column. Your breeders are so far advanced of our own, both with the birds they breed, and in understanding and outlook towards breeding, that we need all the tips we can get. Thank you once again."

Edward J. Fisher of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes: "I think you have the finest pigeon magazine on the market today. I started getting the Journal in the late 50's while stationed in Germany. Keep up the good work."

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Wendell M. Levi Dies at 84

Wendell M. Levi, the world's outstanding pigeon authority, died February 11, at the age of 84. His death brings to a close a most successful career as a lawyer, author, and naturalist. He was a great man, a beloved citizen, and the Editor of our Question and Answer Dept. for more than 48 years, his last installment appearing on page 437 of our June 1975 issue. He incorporated the Palmetto Pigeon Plant in 1923, with the controlling interest being owned by Harold Moise.

Pigeon breeders throughout the world will be shocked to learn of his passing, and all of us greatly mourn his departure. He was our personal friend of more than 50 years. His obituary, in the Sumter newspaper on February 11th, read as follows:

Wendell Mitchell Levi, noted Sumter lawyer, naturalist and author, died early this morning at The Tuomey Hospital. He was 84 years old.

A native of Sumter, Levi practiced law here for 60 years following his admission to the bar in 1915 and served for a time as President of the Sumter County Bar association.

He was one of the organizers of the Palmetto Pigeon Plant in Sumter and served as its president from 1923 to 1956, after which he served as Chairman of the Board. Levi also served as president of Wen-Le Corporation and Levi Publishing Company.

Levi was a noted authority on pigeons and camellias, writing numerous books and articles about the two subjects.

Levi was born in Sumter Sept. 28, 1891, the son of Mitchell and Estella D'Ancona Levi. After attending the College of Charleston and the University of Chicago Law School, he served as an officer in charge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He organized the 321st Labor Battalion and was Captain and Commanding Officer of Company L of the 323rd Infantry, 81st division, participating in the Vosges and Meuse-Argonne campaigns in 1918. The United Daughters of the Confederacy honored him with the Cross of Military Service in 1920.

He was a member of several scientific organizations and a past president of the National Pigeon Association, from which he received the Hall of Fame Award in 1958 and the Service Award in 1967. He was named as well First Man of the Year of the International Federation of American Homing Pigeons, recipient of the Testimonial of the Los Angeles Pigeon Club, and had been President of the American Carneau Association.

He served as Commander of the Sumter County Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was South Carolina Department Commander in 1948-1949, gaining the honor for the State to lead the parade of States, and was Chairman of the National Membership Committee of that organization.

Levi has gained fame as the author of many publications on pigeons, being best known for his definitive work *The Pigeon*; as well as *Encyclopedia of Pigeon Breeds*; *Making Pigeons Pay*; and *The Visible Pigeon. An Introduction To The World of Birds*. In addition, he was the editor of the Question and Answer Department of the American Pigeon Journal from 1927 to 1975.

Levi was a naturalist who also pursued an active study of camellias, doing research and contributing articles on this subject to several journals. He served as President of the South Carolina Camellia Society.

Levi was active in the Boy Scouts, writing the Merit Badge Pamphlet on Pigeon Raising, was one of the founding members of the Sumter Kiwanis Club from which he received the Legion of Honor in 1972, a member of the American Legion, Life Member of the Alumni Association of the College of Charleston, a Mason (320) and a Shriner.

He was very active in the affairs of Congregation Sinai, of which he had been President for many years, as well as having served on its Board of Trustees on numerous occasions.

In 1921 Levi married Bertha London of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition to his widow, he leaves three children, Mrs. Robert P. (Estella) Kirchheimer, Mrs. Henry D. (Patricia) Barnett, and Dr. Wendell Mitchell Levi, Jr., nine grandchildren, and two great grandsons.

In 1968, Levi was honored by his alma mater, the College of Charleston, with a Doctor of Literature degree and in 1975 the College dedicated a wing of the library in his name.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 o'clock Thursday, afternoon, February 12, 1976, from Temple Sinai by Rabbi Avshalom Macleodovitch. Interment in the Jewish Cemetery.

Levi had been in the hospital for about four weeks after he was stricken with illness.

We express our sympathy to the Max Sacks family of Omaha, Nebr., in the loss of Max's brother Louis Sacks. We had been given the wrong information at the Fresno National Show when we stated in our February issue that Max Sacks had died. We are more than glad to correct the information, and our apology to Max.

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "I must say the January issue of the APJ was about as interesting an issue as you have ever put out, and I am not saying this facetiously! I certainly enjoyed the wide range of articles, most of which concerned different pigeons and quite informative as well as instructive to those who were or are not familiar with other breeds. Specials seem to fill the needs of the few, but the January issue certainly contained I feel what the average fancier is looking for in a pigeon publication. Hope we can have more of the same in the years to come."

Rev. Joseph O. Polster of New Haven, Mo., writes: "I still have about 150 pigeons, about ten varieties. As long as I can take care of my pigeons, I will have them. The Journal is getting better month by month. So many pigeon lovers write many good articles. Of course without you the Journal would not be what it is today. I hope you can keep it up for many years to come."

Jim Rice of Piqua, Ohio, writes: "I hope you have a good show season and can come home and rest up a couple months before you start all over for 1976. I would like to say "Thank you" for making my past year an enjoyable one. It is through your eyes and the APJ that I know what is going on in the pigeon world. Your efforts are really of prime importance in making the Pigeon Fancy in the USA the greatest in the world."

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A Note From The Co-Ordinator

By BOB AUSTIN, Miami, Fla.

Many times while reading the various special issues of the APJ, my mind wandered to the thought that it would be great to put out a Special Issue devoted just to Swallows. As a Swallow breeder I guess this was only natural. This idea was quickly put away with a reminder to myself, that there was just not a large number of Swallow breeders. Also there was probably no one out there that might share my enthusiasm for such an undertaking.

Well I was wrong. While talking Swallows with Judine Nelson at the Louisville Young Bird Show he asked the magic question "What do you think of doing a Swallow Special for the APJ?" Needless to say my answer was an enthusiastic yes! Thus the seed had been planted for this issue, which I'm sure all Swallow fanciers and we hope breeders of other types of birds will enjoy.

It has been a labor of love to be connected with this Special, and a great source of satisfaction in knowing that it will help promote the Swallow Pigeon which I love so dearly. Needless to say, it could not have materialized without the support of the many people who so generously contributed to make this Special a reality. To all of you many thanks and to Frank H. Hollmann a special thanks for providing us, the pigeon fanciers, with such a fine publication.

We hope that as you turn the final page of this special, you will have gained a bit more insight and knowledge of the Swallow Pigeon. If you have, then it is a total success.

Tim Kvidera of Anoka, Minn., writes: "Keep up the good work. The APJ keeps getting better and better every month."

J. E. Carmack of Tuscumbia, Ala., writes: "The January '76 Issue was top drawer quality. There was a wealth of excellent articles, of which, those pertaining to genetics and performing Rollers interested me most; with a number of other informative and entertaining articles round out the issue. If the rest of the '76 issues are of like quality, 1976 is certainly going to be a very good year. I would like also to congratulate Frank H. Hollmann on his decades spanning editorship of the APJ, and wish him good health and much luck with the APJ in the years ahead."

Dr. Gail B. Peterson of Burnsville, Minn., writes: "The APJ continues to be the principal life support system of the Pigeon Fancy. I shudder to think of what would happen to the Pigeon Fancy if it no longer had the APJ to hold it together. The cohesiveness you provide for fanciers scattered all over the globe is absolutely indispensable. Here's wishing you continued success in the New Year and all the years to come. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for publishing the results of the kit contests of the Minnesota Flying Roller Group. National coverage, such as that the APJ provides, not only promotes flying contests all over the country but also encourages our local fanciers who are already involved. There is nothing more inspirational to most pigeon men than seeing their names and a few kind words in the APJ."

William L. Nelson of Buffalo, Mo., writes: "I am familiar with several hobby and fancy magazines, rabbits, game birds, tropical fish, etc., but APJ surely must be the biggest and best of all. And it covers every level of skill, from rank beginner to advanced professional breeder. Not all magazines in the fancier field seem to have such broad coverage. Like most Kansas farm boys several decades ago, I too had barnyard pigeons and I enjoyed them very much. It is fascinating to boys and girls to see what affectionate and devoted pets baby pigeons can become, if they are hand raised from infancy. I remember how mine used to follow me around the yard like puppies, flapping their wings and crying loudly for me to feel them. I used a baby squab raising procedure that I have never seen mentioned in print anywhere. It is very simple. If baby squabs, even though quite young, lose their parents through gunfire, predators, etc., they can be easily raised by feeding them mouth-to-mouth, just as their parents did. I used to teach them to put their beaks in my mouth to eat crushed grains such as wheat, corn, kafir, etc. of varying degrees of fineness, or, if they were quite young, a milky cereal such as oatmeal or crushed hominy. Sanitation? Germs? I never let them stand in the way of saving baby pigeons' lives."

James R. Harris of Buffalo, N.Y., writes: "I enjoy the APJ very much and have learned a lot from the very interesting articles about Rollers and loft management."

Don Naegeli of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "My thanks for a most informative and entertaining Journal. It's the backbone of the pigeon hobby."

Rev. Wayne Gordon of Mapleton, Minn., writes: "I thoroughly enjoy every issue, particularly those articles that have to do with research. Fortunately for our hobby there are those who derive a certain amount of pleasure from the research they do. I wish some of your contributors would do an article on 'finishing' birds in preparation for the showroom. To date it seems to me that this has been kept a rather closely guarded secret."

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J. W. Stewart of Walde, Texas, writes: "I look forward to receiving every issue, it is very informative and interesting. Occasionally I read an article that impresses me beyond the norm. One such article was written by Tom Rood (Junior News) in a recent issue. He must be a dedicated educator and pigeon fancier. We need more teachers that are as dedicated as Mr. Rood."

Dr. Wm. M. Lynch of Richardson, Texas, informs us of the accidental death of Jack Smith, age 33, of Arlington, Texas. He was killed in an automobile accident November 14. While on a hunting trip, his jeep overturned, and was killed. He was an active member of the Central Fantail Club, and won 1st in a class of 11 White Fantail Old Hens at the Houston Show last November.

David Adler of Ferndale, Mich., writes: "The APJ usually comes around the 10th of the month but this month it didn't come and must have gotten lost in the mail. Some of our mailmen think magazines are junk mail and they don't want to deliver it as they are heavy and the letter carriers are getting more and more lazy, then when the price of postage goes up the services goes down."

Robert H. Blass of Peru, Ill., writes: "I am sending you a notice of the passing of Anton Novlan of LaSalle, Ill., an ardent pigeon breeder and game bird fancier, who died March 20th. He had lost his right arm in the Battle of St. Lo. but this didn't stop his effort and enthusiasm for raising doves, pigeons, and game birds. He was the first enlistee from this area and first Commander of the VFW Post 4668. His presence will be missed at all the bird shows."

Tony W. Fante of Louisville, Ky., writes: "I have just rejoined the pigeon hobby after 4 years absence. As all can see your magazine is improving with each and every issue. After 4 years absence it helps refresh one's memory. I would like to see more articles on the showing of Racing Homers. This breed seems to be very popular with junior breeders. More articles on this breed would be very helpful to our many junior fanciers. These young fanciers need all the help they can get. This I know because it has been only a few years since I was a junior member straining to be recognized at the local shows. Keep up the excellent work on the best publication in print."

Ed Moore of Camp Hill, Pa., writes: "My wife and I have met you many times at such prominent shows as Louisville, Houston All-Variety and the past two Nationals. We would like to commend you on your interesting talks you provide us breeders with at all the banquets. We are astounded at your vast knowledge you have acquired through your world wide travels of the pigeon kingdom. The Journal you publish each month helps keep us in touch with those fanciers we would otherwise not know. We look forward to receiving it each month and quickly consume all of its articles."

Lou Mazzone of Elmwood Park, Ill., writes: "In my first year as a subscriber, I have met some wonderful people to name a few, such as the little German from Blue Island, Martin Bayer and his wonderful wife, Fred Maenpa on the West Coast, that 84-year young Earl Alschbach from Kansas City, who was instrumental for our winnings in our very first year of showing. There are several others too numerous to mention. This of course does not mean that I have not encountered some of the others. Some of those who took exception, due to the fact of my request for a reply. Others too took exception, because of my request for those meeting the Standard of the breed of which I had chosen, believing my expectation to be too great at such an early stage of the Fancy. This only because of the many many articles in the mentioned magazine advising time and time again, if one is to start on the right road then of course the best, or almost the best stock should be obtained. Totaling the balance sheet, the credit side of course would outweigh the debit side. I can only offer one word of advice to those of your advertisers, due to my own personal experience, answering correspondence is the core of a successful fancier."

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "The members of the Greater Miami Valley Pigeon Club are very devoted to their hobby and they put their best into it. Along with the men, many of the wives are ardent fanciers too. This makes for a good, active club, and there seems to be no reason why they won't do a good job on the First National Yearling Show October 9, and the Grand National Show in January 1977. Clarence Lewber is the Secretary of the club."

Paul J. Nelson of St. Louis Park, Minn., writes: "Suffice to say that the best news available in this wonderful hobby of the pigeon still comes through the pages of the American Pigeon Journal. Not necessarily in the subject of genetics, but all phases of the hobby are very well presented month after month. In closing, may I say that the pigeon world has suffered a great loss in the passing of Wendell M. Levi. My deepest sympathy to Mr. Levi's family. His contributions to the pigeon world will always be felt and remembered with gratitude by his fellow men, and most certainly and sincerely by this writer."

N. L. Burns of Melton, Victoria, Australia, writes: "People here in Australia are slowly realizing there are other things to eat besides chickens, ducks and turkeys, and so squabs are really catching on and, so are game birds, pheasants, partridge and quail. Victoria supplies just over 90% of Australia's squabs and, unlike the U.S.A. who have five squab sizes, we have educated the trade to accept two sizes only, small up to 12 ozs. and standard from 12 oz. to 16 oz. Prices here are \$4.50 to \$5.00 (Australian) wholesale and two or three are now getting \$6.00 wholesale per pair and I feel this will very soon be the standard price per pair."

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Turbit Special Next Month

Our July issue will be the Turbit Special and the August issue will be the African Owl Special.

Originally we had planned to make the July issue a Turbit-African Owl Special, but we have already received more than 60 articles on the two breeds and a sufficient amount of advertising to make a Special issue for each breed — namely July issue the Turbit Special and the August issue the African Owl Special.

We want to congratulate Phil Roof on the wonderful success he has had in getting such a wonderful response from both Turbit and African Owl breeders. Therefore, under the circumstance we believe it best for all concerned that we publish a Special issue for each breed. Articles and ads for African Owls will be held for our August issue, and fanciers who have both breeds should decide in what issue they want their advertising to appear. Forms for August issue will close July 1st.

November issue will be the Trumpeter Special, with Bob Nolan and Frank Barrachina serving as Co-ordinators. Forms for November issue close October 1st.

Terry Kay, of Roselle, Ill., Sec.-Treas., of the Nun Pigeon Fanciers Society writes: "I would like to thank you very much for printing our club news in your magazine."

Theodore J. D. Fawcett of Morley, Nr. Leeds, Yorkshire, England, writes: "It is one of the best pigeon journals I have ever read and you are to be congratulated on such a fine publication."

Robin Davis of Parndana, South Australia, writes: "As well as being an active fancier of show birds, I have become very interested in the aspect of commercial squab raising and intend to start up a plant on a small scale."

Tandy C. Chenault of Mt. Sterling, Ky., sent our office a clipping from the Lexington Herald of Lexington, Ky. announcing the death of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Riddell, widow of the late Dan Riddell. He and the late Arthur Seelbinder teamed up in raising some very fine White Kings back in the 30's.

Bill Henderson of Tucker, Ga., writes: "The International Roller Ass'n is growing in leaps and bounds; a tremendous success in the Roller Fancy. Many people have contributed to its success but few as much as the members of the APJ staff. I personally thank you for your aid in our struggle to get off the ground."

Arthur Rosen of Massapequa, N.Y., writes: "The APJ is a most important part of my life. Aside from taking you away from the daily problems of life, it allows you to make friends all over the world. This is not idle chatter. The most common question when two pigeon men meet is, did you get your copy of the APJ yet?"

John Schwanof of Ronkonkoma, N.Y., writes: "I enjoy receiving the APJ each month since I subscribed for it four years ago. It has many interesting articles to read and is very informative on pigeons in all areas of the world. Keep up the good work, the APJ is the best magazine published monthly on pigeons, these special issues on different breeds of pigeons which I enjoy also."

J. E. Brindamour of Green Brook, N.J., writes: "Having been working my lifetime as a printing pressman in the magazine publishing field, and thoroughly familiar with the trials and tribulations connected in achieving a satisfactory edition each time, I want to commend you in the superb job you have and are still achieving. As Dr. Hannaford Schaefer once mentioned about 20 years ago, you truly have been the spark plug keeping the constant intense interest which we are constantly experiencing all through the years. My favorite breed, Bokhara Trumpeters, a good example its mention in the pages of your magazine."

Bob Divelbiss of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "Keep up the good work in keeping our fine hobby together and putting out such a good quality magazine."

Andrew Kollar of Barberton, Ohio, renews his subscription and has this comment: "I have kept pigeons for 55 years. Have at present 250 pairs of heavy squabbing birds, Kings, Hungarians, also French Mondains. Just recently I have purchased 250 pairs mated breeders from your ads in the APJ. Most of them are real good pairs from California, Texas, Florida, Michigan, Maryland, North Carolina."

Charles P. Partin of Nicholasville, Ky., writes: "You are really putting out a fine magazine. I have been a subscriber for many years and have been amazed at your ability to maintain and improve its quality. I especially enjoy the many pictures you are including of fine pigeons both here and around the world. For your information, I would mention that the past couple months my copy of the APJ has arrived quite late in the month, and in somewhat of a ragged condition. It appears that the Postal Service is deteriorating as I am sure you are getting the magazine out around the 1st of the month, as usual. If you will remember, Pheasant pigeons are my favorite breed. I have been working with them for the better part of the last 25 years. I don't show birds anymore, keeping them and improving them for my own pleasure."

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Pete Henry of Sweet Home, Oregon, writes: "Thank you for your assistance. Without the help of the APJ the 1975-76 Fancy would surely not be as big as it is."

Robert H. Smith of Orange, Calif., writes: "I still for all these years look forward with relish to the monthly arrival of the APJ. It is the glue which keeps the Fancy together."

Dennis Sylvester of Port Angeles, Wash., writes: "I must comment on the recent Swallow Special. It is one of the finest Specials I have ever seen. I just received the Turbit Special and it too is a real dandy."

Carl Krueger of Brookfield, Ill., writes: "I was a subscriber to the former American Pigeon Keeper and now the American Pigeon Journal which I think is the best. Keep up the good work. Being a breeder of Nuns and Indian Fantails, I sure enjoy any articles on these two breeds."

Harry Hawkins of Elizabethtown, Ky., writes: "I really enjoy the APJ. I can hardly wait for each new issue. I always tell new fanciers about it. Last Sunday I secured in two new subscriptions and my renewal at the Louisville Pigeon Club meeting."

Joe Torio of Jersey City, N.J., writes: "I sure wish I had something so informative to read when I was a kid just starting in the hobby. Reading the Journal each month is not only enjoyable, but practical enough to save the very lives of your birds. The Journal brings together the wisdom of hundreds of experienced breeders. Thanks for a job well done."

Brent Schmutz of St. George, Utah renews his subscription with this note: "I'm 13 years old. The pigeon business would not be the same without the APJ. I'd really like to thank Dave Davidson for getting me started in pigeons. I'd also like to thank all the pigeon fanciers in Salt Lake City for helping me get some pigeons, especially Bruce Robinson."

George Kelly of Valles Mines, Mo., writes: "I want to say how much the Pigeon Journal is enjoyed at my home by all. My family, wife and children, enjoy the book a great deal for now we live out from the city and have more room for our birds. I raise White Homers and Doves, the wife raises canaries and small birds, so we rely a great deal on the Journal to bring us the information we need in keeping up our birds."

Sydney Nelson of Dell Rapids, S.D., writes: "I enjoy the APJ very much and wait each month for my copy to come which is read from cover to cover. I haven't been in the Fancy too long yet and I am getting a lot out of the magazine. I didn't know there was so much about pigeons and I enjoy learning all about them. So keep up the good work and keep the Journal coming. I like the mean leg Tumblers real well and am going to try those next."

Ernest Cervi of Port Chester, Ill., writes: "I'm writing to tell you I've received my first three issues of the APJ and am very happy to say it's the greatest publication on pigeons I've ever read. I'm just a novice in the sport of pigeons and I've already learned quite a few things from reading your fine magazine. I think it's a must for anyone especially the young just starting out as a fancier to subscribe to your APJ as well as the veteran. I can't thank you enough for getting me started in the right direction."

Joe Davin of Connellsville, Pa., writes: "Our show is over, and this no doubt was the best attended Roller show since the club started these summer events and I attribute much of it to our ad in the Journal. Even though we hold a closed show there were many fanciers who came just to look, chat and partake of our wonderful assortment of free food. We gave free food to all, presented 37 trophies, etc. on a two-bit entry fee and still ended up with more money than we started with and you can't do better than that. I for one think our rising entry fees are helping to kill many a show and slow down the small fanciers entry fee in others."

H. T. Braganca of Nazare, Portugal, writes: "Every month I read with much interest your Journal that I am sure is the best in the pigeon world."

Bill Hague of Fallbrook, Calif., writes: "Your Journal gets better all the time, and for most everyone that gets to see it enjoy the articles included by top authorities."

Rainer W. Wurz of Wetmore, Texas, writes: "The magazine gets better every month. I would pay a lot more to get it; it is a bargain. Try and print more articles on diseases."

David Garcia of Modesto, Calif., writes: "I would just like to take this time to say that you have the best magazine that I have ever read. If it wasn't for the APJ the Pigeon Fancy would fall apart. Keep up the good work."

Bill Conboy of Patchogue, N.Y., writes: "My ad in the APJ brought fantastic results as all my previous ads have. I sold all my surplus stock in the three months it was in the APJ. I would recommend the APJ for anyone buying or selling birds. Thanks again for a great Journal."

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James F. Fonseca, Medford, Mass., writes: "I commend the Editor for presenting picture windows of pigeon interest 12 months of the year."

J. D. Faith of Christchurch, New Zealand, writes: "I really enjoy the Journal and always look forward to its arrival with keen interest."

Willie English of Jacksonville, Texas, writes: "The Specials are great. Keep up the good work. Alex Rawson is most helpful to the SF Tumbler fans, not to mention his great work with the Flights."

Joseph G. Liska of New Canaan, Conn., writes: "I share the feeling of your subscribers throughout the pigeon world that you do a tremendous job of keeping us all together and in touch; wishing you could continue for another 50 years."

An announcement from Ralston Purina Co. of St. Louis, Mo. tells us that Brad J. Kerbs has been appointed Product Manager for Special Chows, a newly created position. He will assume his new position in St. Louis on October 1, and will report to A. V. L. Brokaw, Senior Product Director for Special Chows.

Reiner Fuchs of Sulmingen, Germany, renewed his subscription with this comment: "During the last years I received my copies of the APJ regularly and with it always a lot of pleasure. I also could improve my knowledge about pigeons through every issue. Especially I admire the high standard of the Pigeon Fancy in the U.S. which is documented in the APJ so well."

Ian Swaby of Hamilton, Victoria, Australia, writes: "Thank you for your most eagerly awaited monthly publication. My interest is in Rollers which are rare in Australia. However they have recently caught on in Melbourne so there is a likelihood that quality will improve with more breeders becoming involved. Roller breeders contributing to your Journal have been invaluable in stimulating and maintaining my interest for many years."

Bruce Matthis, of Mehama, Oregon, writes: "The APJ is truly an informative and friendly magazine. Since back in the '40's I have made a multitude of friends through your magazine both here and abroad. Through the ads in the APJ I have received some wonderful birds of top quality shipped with the utmost of care and patience which brings me to relate to you and your many, many readers an incident that just recently happened to me. After having to give up my pigeons about 12 years ago, I finally was able this year to again start raising them. I have always loved and worked with the rare breeds because of their beauty and challenge of raising top birds. I at one time raised Archangels in several colors, the dark bronze black winged monk marked being my favorite and most difficult to raise good specimens. Well I wrote quite a few letters about the country looking for some really good top notch white winged Archangels. I received a few replies one of which had colored pictures of the birds offered plus their history and background. This fancier and I wrote quite a few letters back and forth which resulted in me joining the Rare Breeds Club and sending for Archangels. We have received many shipments here from all over the U.S. and never have we received birds that were shipped with so much care involved in their comfort as well as a minimum freight charge to the purchaser. In all my years of raising pigeons I have raised nearly every breed known thanks to the help of Conrad Beaker, H. P. Macklin, Dr. L. E. Hummell, D. H. Andrews and others and have received from the most part top quality birds shipped with the utmost care. At best I believe that the majority of the true pigeon fanciers are fair, honest and men of their word. I know you receive letters now and then from irate fanciers that feel as though they were took or have been had but how many fanciers will write and let everyone else know where they can get their money's worth all the way from start to finish. The APJ has always brought out the good things and with the support of its many hundreds of subscribers will continue to do so. It would be pretty dark without it. As the good books says if you cover the candle with a basket it makes no light."

Larry E. Pruetter of Saginaw, Mich., writes: "Our club has over 100 members that enjoy and read the APJ faithfully. Keep up the good work."

Joe A. Russell of Kalispell, Mont., writes: "I just received my first issue of the APJ and just can't put it down. I have been out of the pigeon fancy for some 8 years and thus away from the Journal. The APJ has improved by leaps and bounds. It is just great."

J. E. Walton of High Point, N.C., writes: "I recommend this magazine to every one I come in contact with in the pigeon hobby. Raising pigeons without this magazine for me would be almost impossible, as I am trying to raise show Fantails and Jacobins. You have been a great help to me, and keep up the good work."

Deven Halter of Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia writes: "I would just like to say that I look forward to receiving the Journal every month. Have been receiving it for the last four years and I think that anybody who has pigeons and does not subscribe to it is really missing out on something. Here's hoping that everybody keeps up the good work and I look forward to many more interesting articles in the forthcoming years."

George Wilde of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, renews his subscription with this comment: "I have greatly enjoyed my first year and look forward to receiving my copies in the future. We have nothing in England to rival your magazine and the articles are bred from cover to cover by myself and a couple of my fellow fanciers. I have just received my first two pairs of Domestic Flights from C. Cummings in Scotland and as far as we know they are the first pairs into England. I have written to four fanciers in the USA and only had a reply from Mr. Rawson. If any fancier would like to write and offer any information I would be very pleased. My 15-year-old son would also be pleased to hear from any young fanciers. Although our loft is varied his main interest are Rollers and Danish Goldfinch Starlings."

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To The Readers Of The APJ

Six years have passed since the first Trumpeter Special was published. In that issue I wrote how we hoped to expose the breed to many readers for the first time, and to create new fanciers in sections of this country where they were virtually unknown.

Now, half a decade later, we can say our goal has partially been reached. The Trumpeter Fancy is much stronger and wider spread now than in 1970. We still have however, stubborn sections of this country where the breed has failed to take root, mainly along the Eastern seaboard. Perhaps in this Bi-Centennial year the Trumpeter Special will be the spark to get them started in those original 13 colonies.

Many people have spent long hours preparing this Special for you the reader. To make this issue possible thousands of dollars in advertising were secured. It is only fitting to thank all those who contributed articles, photographs, drawings, and ads. To the co-ordinator of the Bokhara section Frank Barrachina my congratulations on a job well done. The National and local specialty clubs for both English and Bokharas should be noted for their wonderful support. Not to be forgotten, our editor Frank H. Hollmann, a man I am lucky enough to count among my personal friends.

It is our hope that the Fancy appreciates and enjoys the pages that follow and that this issue aids in the continued growth and expansion of the Trumpeter pigeon across the nation.

Bob Nolan — Co-Ordinator Trumpeter Special

A Message To The Bokhara Breeders

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have pitched in to help with the Bokhara end of this Special. I can not begin to express my thanks for helping to put our beloved breed in the spotlight. Thanks again for making a dream come true.

Frank Barrachina — Co-Ordinator Trumpeter Special

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Jim Bush of Tempe, Ariz., writes: "Thank you again for your fine Journal and this fine service that you offer us in the Fancy."

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Ron Hampton of Cahokia, Ill., writes: "I am fairly new to the pigeon world so what I think may not be important but I love your magazine. Especially the column 'Kings 'n Things' by Mr. Chrisler. I think he is an excellent writer, especially his October article."

Ronald Meyer of Fresno, Calif., writes: "Like other readers, I look forward to each monthly issue of APJ. It is worth while to read from cover to cover. The modest cost is a real bargain. Tanner Chrisler's monthly Kings 'n Things has such broadly-applicable information that I read it avidly, even though I have never been interested in Kings per se. Photos included in articles are always interesting and appreciated. Thanks for making pigeon breeding more exciting by the stimulus your Journal gives us."

Wayne Laxdar of Quesnel, B.C., Canada, writes: "After having received the APJ now for approximately 2 1/2 years I would like to express my gratitude for receiving such an informative and helpful monthly magazine. The things a new hobbyist can learn from these monthly issues to apply to his particular part in the pigeon hobby is too numerous to mention. I hope the APJ can continue its monthly publication to the world's pigeon fanciers for generations to come and thus give all its subscribers a few hours of enjoyable reading and study each month."

Les Ungvary of South Perth, Western Australia, writes: "My idea about subscription for Link by American Long Face Tumbler breeders is, if they only want the Link without writing articles on LF Tumblers then the rate will be \$4 Australian, but their copies will be posted by surface mail. For those American breeders of LF Tumblers who are prepared to write articles, the subscription will still be \$4 Australian, but their copies will be posted by Air Mail. By the way, the Australian postal charges are much higher than USA, but it is a great pity because my original intention was to send all A.F. copies to overseas subscribers by Air Mail. Of course under the present system it would be a financial disaster."

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Dec. 10-11. — Western Michigan Pigeon Ass'n All-Breed Show, Bercolo Community Center, John Morren, Show Sec., 375 N. Woodward, Zeeland, Mich., 49464.

Dec. 11. — Fremont Pigeon Club Annual Winter Show, Sandusky County Fairground, Fremont, Ohio, Jim Feasel, Show Sec., Route 4, 988 East Clinton Twp. Rd. No. 122, Tiffin, Ohio, 44883

Dec. 11. — Kansas City Roller Club Annual Winter Show, Heart of America 4-H Bldg., 2820 S. M-291 Hwy, Independence, Mo., R. L. Schoonover, Show Sec., Route 5, Lee's Summit, Mo., 64063.

Dec. 11. — Pioneer Pigeon Club Annual Winter Show, Fort Zumwalt State Park, O'Fallon, Mo., Erv Bevrau, Show Sec., Route 2, Box 167, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366

Dec. 11-12. — Maryland Show Racing Pigeon Club Show, Hamilton Pigeon Club, 4810 Gunther Ave., Baltimore, Md., Manos Rieby, 1527 Weyburn Rd., Baltimore, Md., 21237

Dec. 11-12. — Iowa State Pigeon Associa-

tion 51st Annual All-Age Show, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa, Don Delaney, Show Sec., 1533 East 36th, Des Moines Iowa, 50317

Dec. 11-12. — Worcester Winter Classic, Burghardt Street, Worcester, Mass., Chester Shlipa, Sec., 11 Camp Hill Road, Oxford, Mass., 01540.

Dec. 11-12. — Port Huron Pigeon Ass'n All-Breed Winter Show, Perch Point Conservation Club, Russ McCormick, Show Sec., 1786 Wadham's Rd., Port Huron, Mich., 48060

Dec. 18-19. — Wisconsin Pigeon Ass'n Annual State Show, Sheboygan Falls Auditorium, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., Elroy Jaeger, Show Sec., 2504 N 8th St., Sheboygan, Wis., 53081

Dec. 19-20. — Old Dominion Roller Club with Tidewater Fancy Pigeon Club Winter Show, Fitzhugh City, N.C., R. D. Verastak, Sec., 5017 Evelyn Ct., Newport News, Va., 23605.

Jan. 5-8. — Central Fantail Club of America Show, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Neb., Vida and Bob Given, Show Sec., 2645 Hampshire Ave. So., St. Louis Park, Minn., 55426

Jan. 7-9. — Bay City Pigeon Fanciers All Bird Show, Bay County Fairgrounds, Paul Dabrowski, Show Sec., 2405 Fitzhugh St., Bay City, Mich., 48706

Jan. 7-8. — St. Louis Metropolitan Pigeon Fanciers Winter Show, Grant Pavilion,

Jefferson Barracks County Park, Don Naez, Sec., 4930 Bonita, St. Louis, Mo., 63109

Jan. 8-9. — New York Combine Domestic Flight Young and Old Bird Show, Moose Hall, 216th St. and Willott Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Angle Mangino, Show Supt., 93-39 215th Place, Hollis, N.Y., 11423

Jan. 9. — Greater Atlanta Pigeon and Dove Club Winter Show, Pat Medley, Show Sec., Box 153, Clarkston, Ga., 30021

Jan. 15. — Muskegon Pigeon Association 3rd Annual Pigeon Show, Polar Bear Hall, Muskegon, Mich., Dona Binckey, Show Sec., 3214 Evanston Ave., Muskegon, Mich., 49442.

Jan. 16. — Rhode Island Roller Club Winter Show, Nickerson House, 133 Delaine St., Providence, R.I., Edward Lafferty, Sec., 162 Norwood Ave., Cranston, R.I., 02905

Jan. 15-18. — Florida Gulf Coast Pigeon Club All Breed Show, Orange County Ag. Center, Michigan & Bumby, Orlando, Fla., Steve Olsen, Show Sec., 6023 48th Ave. Drive East, Bradenton, Fla., 33505.

Jan. 20-23, 1977. — 55th Annual Grand National Pigeon Show and Convention, Davton Convention Center, Davton, Ohio, Herb and Luella Haupt, Show Sec., 233 N. Lansdowne Ave., Davton, Ohio, 45427.

Jan. 29-30. — 1977 Numer Uno lecture, seminar and show on Show Racing Homers, Richmond, Ind., Laura Wong, Sec., Route 2, Lynn, Ind., 47355