

David C. Liu, of Taipei, Taiwan, writes: "For your information, pigeon racing in this area goes crescendo and, at this moment, with about 16 million people, nearly 200,000 are members of the Taiwan Racing Association. Nevertheless, it is lack of information concerning breeding as well as preparing pigeons for the races."

Sam Peavey, of Louisville, Ky., writes: "It was indeed an honor and pleasure to have you With us again in Louisville for the National Young Bird Show. Your presence always reminds us of the status and world dimensions of our beloved Pigeon Fancy. We do hope you enjoyed the show and your visit with us. Do plan to be with us again in 1978."

Alan Watts of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Australia renews his subscription with this comment: "I'd like to take this opportunity to say just how much I enjoy reading your magazine. [t keeps us down here informed on what's going on in other parts of the world. Keep up the good work."

Henry Franks, Jr., of Kingsland, Texas, renews his subscription with this comment: "I still remember the fun we had back years ago in organizing the National Modena Club, and you played no small part in your willingness to publish most of what we sent you. Both the APJ and the NMC have come a long way, and I hope that both have a long way to go. My very best wishes to you and to APJ."

Robert Roche of Ceres, Calif., writes: "Thank you very much for helping to promote the Parlor Roller. Your publication is the only source of promotion for this breed. As usual, I read your magazine from cover to cover several times each month. I am fortunate to have a friend who has a few copies of the Journal that are older than I am. They are extremely interesting to read and compare with the modern issues."

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "This year has gone by terribly fast. But it has been an exceptionally interesting one. Dayton had the honor to put on a Grand National on a scale that will be hard to surpass. Louisville had the highest National Young Bird Show ever in a brand new exhibition hall at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds; but the local Miami Valley Pigeon Club did suffer a tremendous blow in the passing so suddenly of Clarence Lewber. In my entire teaching span of over 40 years, he was the peppiest lad I ever had in my class. The local club will never be the same."

David Macrow of Sealcliff, South Australia, writes: "I am still breeding a few Pigmy Pouters and having some success in the various shows. This breeding season has been a disappointing one with most local fanciers. We have had very changeable weather with no really hot spells yet, today being the first day of summer and pouring with rain. The interest in breeding and showing Fancy Pigeons is slipping back with not enough younger fanciers joining the Fancy to replace the older members we are losing. Perhaps this is a world wide problem, but I feel if more Australian fanciers were to subscribe to the APJ and lend their old copies to the young fanciers coming on they could help to generate more interest."

"Hap" Beattie of Tulsa, Okla, writes: "We had a great Futurity Show in Norman, Okla., Dec. 10-11. Over 500 young Giants were entered and it took a day and a half to get them all judged. One class of Blue or Silver Bar Young Hens had 5 birds entered in it. Our old friend Tom Frye, from Billings, Mont., was on hand and honored us with one of his famous marksmanship exhibitions. Tom also had the Champion Giant Homer, along with Best Display Points. Denby Williamson came along from Casper, Wyo., as he was the chief judge, with Fred Langridoe working about half of the classes. At the conclusion of the judging on Sunday, we held the final auction of the birds that exhibitors wanted to sell. You should have been there to see Harold Fischer from Swea City, Ia., auction off over 80 birds..."

A letter from Erwin Meyer of Minden, West Germany, tells us that the European Barb Pigeon Show is being planned for January 14-15 at Wels, Austria. This club now has a total membership of 90.

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Gary Severe of Ft. Smith, Ark., writes: "You sure put out a super publication. It's a media the pigeon world could not get along without. The great friends I've met over the years through your magazine is worth much more than the cost of the subscription."

Dan Radulescu of Bramaiea, Ont., Canada, writes: "Your publication is of great value to breeders around the world as it seems to be a 'Forum for the Pigeon Fancy'. I have noticed more and more international editorial contributions and even more advertisements. I always look forward to getting my monthly copy of APJ."

E. B. Garrett of Pisgah Forest, N.C., writes: "May I tell you. Mr. Hollmann, that I am amazed each month at the continuously wonderful publication you edit. I have taken the APJ for many, many years and never fail to get good information that is not only interesting but helpful in the enjoyment of OUF hobby."

John Edwards of Blauvelt, N.Y., writes: "In the November LSSUE was an article, 'Helping the Nrice with Giant Homers'. I myself am a novice, and although I den't breed Giant Homers, I obtained many good ideas. I wish more of your articles could be this plain spoken and getting right to the point with plain facts. Also wish you could have a Special on lofts, management and techniques."

Willie Pace of Represa, Calif., writes: "I am writing this letter in regards to my monthly issues of your magazine, American Pigeon Journal, which I have been receiving promptly for two years. I do appreciate it very much because it is indeed a wonderful magazine. I would like to say, Frank Hollmann and the American Pigeon Journal is the greatest thing that ever happened to the Pigeon Fancy."

Bill Henderson of Tucker, Ga., writes: "Atlanta was once a hotbed of pigeon activity but died out for sometime, but with formation of our new club we are quickly rebuilding the area to a top notch 'pigeon place'. Again I must thank you for the fine work that you do with the publication of your fine magazine. Because of your efforts the hobby is more enjoyable to all of us."

Robert Burdon of Greenock, South Australia, writes: "I really had to admire the photo of the terrific Jacobin of Ken Walling's in the September issue, especially as it is a yellow f r here in Australia they are the poorest of the standard colours. It is good to see the occasional article by the Australian fanciers. I only wish I had more experience and knowledge to be able to contribute some articles. Again I must congratulate you on such a great magazine."

T. A. Nieman of Brookfield, Wis., writes: "Tried to think of a way in which we fanciers could thank you in some small way for the wonderful job you and the APJ have helped the Pigeon Fancy. At one National Show I talked to the NPA president about having some university award you an honorary degree in animal husbandry or some similar degree. While he sh wed some interest and I followed up with a letter to a university that might handle it, he apparently never did or couldn't d anything for me. I it, so you will have to be satisfied with my personal thanks."

George A. Te of Am Arbor, Mich., writes: "I am presently completing my graduate degree in biology at the University of Michigan. More truly, I am a pigeon lover at heart. When I was a kid I raised and raced pigeons, but over the years, school has taken over much of my attention. Nevertheless I am still obsessed by the thought and dream that someday I will resume my love affair with Racing Homers. They are the loveliest and most sensible preoccupation to have. My heart jumps sky high to see them fly, over yonder, there behind the cloud; now, here they come. Gee, what a sight to behold."

James Mullan of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, writes: "Keep up the good work on the Journal. We all look forward to the APJ dropping through the letterbox each month."

Jack D. Houseman, of Altoona, Pa., writes: "The Fantail Special was just great. You and those responsible are to be commended for such an excellent issue."

A. K. Mitchell of Campbeltown, Argyll, England: "I enjoy the APJ very much and find the whole contents very educational and wonderful value for the price."

Walter Teskey of Blue Earth, Minn., writes: "Congratulations on a job well done. The Giant Homer Special for November was a masterpiece. Everybody did a wonderful job."

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John Manctia of Hopewell, Va., writes: "Please let the subscribers know that Jim Dayton, the former writer of the APJ's 'Looking Around' column, has relocated in California. Jim will be sorely missed as a judge at many shows here on the East Coast. Keep up the terrific job the APJ is doing."

Steve Yerich of Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I have only been a subscriber to the Journal since September 1977, and I would like to express my appreciation for all the good information. I have received through reading the various articles. As a beginner in this sport of raising pigeons, I need to learn a lot, and the Journal has been a tremendous source of information."

Robert Gullege, Sr., of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "You do edit and manage the most outstanding pigeon magazine! Others are interesting and they have their place but the APJ is the 'Front Runner'. You give most everyone space to express themselves; not many editors will be that fair. If two people think alike, one of them is unnecessary! Where everyone thinks alike, no one thinks very much!"

David Chi of Oxon Hill, Md., writes: "While I have the chance I would like to tell you how much I enjoy your magazine. I'm sure you hear a lot of the same compliments but that just proves how much you (and your staff) deserve them. In my opinion it is really the best pigeon publication printed and it is so interesting and informative that it has shown me parts of the pigeon world I would have never known existed. Keep up the good work; you're a real credit to the Fancy."

Louis Friedman of Flushing, L.I., N.Y., writes: "I want to say how much the Pigeon Journal is enjoyed at our house. We look forward to receiving our copy each month, and read it with much pleasure from cover to cover. We especially enjoy the articles by Alex Rawson, and the wonderfully interesting stories and informative pieces by all of your contributors. We want to congratulate you and your staff for the great job you are doing for the entire Pigeon Fancy."

Don Buhr of Cresco, Iowa, writes: "I wish to thank you on behalf of myself and all the members of the Mid-America Fantail Club for the fine publicity you have given our club. We certainly appreciate all the cooperation you have given us. I am working on a series of articles which I feel will be of great interest to the Fantail breeders, and the entire Pigeon Fancy. They will cover the topics of Judges, Club Officers, Club Members and Shows. I am looking forward to serving the Fancy for another year."

Prof. Luis Hurtado Castellanos of Jacona, Mich., Mexico, makes this interesting comment: "In the February issue of the APJ Dr. Anril Stone of Sandy, Utah, made mention about 'Gliders - A New Breed.' Dr. Stone wants any suggestions for breeds to use in the development program of a gliding pigeon. I have raised Spanish Thief Pouters for about 40 years. They are inclined to glide a good percentage of the time that they fly gracefully and slowly. This breed could possibly be used in Dr. Stone's program."

Carl Naether of Encino, Calif., writes: "Not a week goes by that I do not receive quite a number of inquiries concerning pigeons and squab raising. While I answer all inquiries on the day of their receipt, I regret to report that practically no inquirer encloses return postage as a matter of simple business courtesy. May I suggest that you publish in each issue of your magazine a brief notice urging fanciers asking for free information always to enclose return postage. I am confident that such a suggestion if followed would prove mutually beneficial."

Jeffrey McGrady of Troutdale, Va., writes: "This magazine is the best magazine I have ever read on a specific subject. I would like to thank you for helping me to get in touch with some very nice people like, Eckhard, Bauer, Dr. Hollander, Herman Mesimore, Steve Bliszcz, and Robert Kremer. This magazine is the best."

Prof. Giancarlo Labia of Rovigo, Italy, renews his subscription for three years with this comment: "A great National Pigeon Show was held in Mondovi, Cuneo, by the Italian National Fancier's Association. The show was very good with Italian Mondains and Fancy breeds of Europe and U.S.A. including Kings and Texan Pioneers. The great European Bi-Annual Pigeon and Poultry Show was held at January 12-15 at Wels, Austria."

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Hoger Baker of Rose Bud Ark., writes: "During the long cold months of this winter, I had lots of time to do a lot of reading. So I read what I liked the best, the APJ."

Frank German of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "I really look forward to my APJ each month. My only regret is that it's not a weekly. Thank you Mr. Hollmann for this great magazine."

Dennis Sylvester, Port Angeles, Wash., writes: "I've in the American Helmet Association appreciate the opportunity to reach the Fancy in general through the APJ. Without it the Pigeon Fancy would not be where it is today."

Don Showen, of Lincoln, Nebr., writes: "Your magazine is the best instrument in the country to reach the pigeon fanciers and also the best to find your needs and information. I personally enjoy the advertising and articles on pigeon health and care the most."

Cl. Halper of North Hollywood, Calif., well known Fantail breeder, died February 25. He had been ill failing health for some time, but always maintained an active interest in his hobby of breeding Fantails. He was an active exhibitor of Fantails all his life and has many friends who mourn his passing.

We have just learned of the sudden death of Vaughn L. Jones, well known Oriental Frill breeder of Salt Lake City, Utah. He died April 4th of a heart attack as he was working on the lawn of his front yard. He was an outstanding breeder of Oriental Frills, wrote articles for the APP from time to time, attended many shows, and often served as a judge for his breed. He will be greatly missed by the pigeon fraternity. We extend our sympathy to his wife Berniece, and other members of his family.

At the present time the APJ goes to approximately 75 foreign countries which is definite proof that the Pigeon Fancy is world-wide. We welcome these fanciers as part of our growing list of subscribers, and many comment most favorably on the information they received from the APJ. We suggest that fanciers in foreign countries send bank draft in payment of new or renewal subscriptions, as same can be cashed upon receipt, whereas an International Money Order goes to Washington, D.C. to be exchanged into American dollars, and sent to us.

Urian Pogue, of Guelph, Ont., Canada, writes: "I think the Canadian Fantail Club has finally realized that it must take more advantage of such a fine publication as the APJ so you can expect to get more support from them both in the way of articles and ads. I always enjoy seeing articles on either Fantails or genetics in the APJ. I'm surprised that you don't receive more articles from such places as South Africa and Australia. It seems that the only time we hear from the Fantail fanciers of these countries is when a Fantail Special is put out. Thank you for the fine vehicle in the way of your magazine to reach other fanciers."

R. Koeniger of NOLth Solomon Prov., Papua, New Guinea, writes: "I would like some information on some flying pigeons, at least I think they are. I have seen them in ads only a few times and they do not seem to be common. One is called 'Sharpshooters' and the other name is 'Skycutters'. I would appreciate very much if you or someone would tell me about these pigeons. Last year in Germany on leave, I visited several Birmingham Roller men. Some of these men showed me some new birds which are terrific flyers and performers. They are known as 'Stursflug Taube' or in English it would be 'Diver' or something similar. Perhaps you have them and call them Sharpshooters and Skycutters."

Glenn Motzkus, of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I wait to thank you for the opportunity of being able to share ideas and information with other fanciers all over the world. It is a super magazine, and you should be congratulated on a job well done."

Kim Milne, of Malda Vale, Western Australia writes: "I really enjoy your magazine and look forward to receiving each month's issue. I find the articles are very readable and informative and give good insight to the Fancy in America for us 'outsiders'. Though I do not breed Kings, I especially enjoy the 'Kings 'n Things' column by Tanner S. Chrisler. He makes very easy reading, and it seems, good common sense. This view is held by many of my friends too. All, I might add, are non-breeders of Kings. I think it's essential that there be contact and exchange of knowledge and ideas and the APJ really hits that spot. So keep up the good work. You can be assured of my continuing interest and support."

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Rick Blacke of Cheltenham East, Victoria, Australia, writes: "Keep up the good work. The APJ is keeping the whole world of pigeon fanciers in contact."

Frank Catli, Publicity Director of HIHC. Warwick, H.I., writes: "Our news reports appearing in the APJ have generated a great deal of interest in our Roller Club and on behalf of the members I thank you for giving us space in your fine Journal."

Dr. Jack Horn of Fort Worth, Texas, Secretary-Treasurer of the American King Club submitted to major surgery in April. According to latest reports he is recuperating satisfactorily. Our best wishes to you Jack, for a complete recovery.

Dr. Wm. M. Lynch of Richardson, Texas, writes: "I look forward to seeing you at the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention in St. Louis this summer. That convention is sure well worth the time and money. The fact that the ladies have their time so well planned for them is really a plus factor."

Edwin B. Garrett of Pisgah Forest, N.C., writes: "I would like to express to you the gratitude of the members of our International Holler Association for your wonderful co-operation you have given us. Your publication is a very important factor on keeping our organization, and many others, a healthy and growing activity and we thank you for it."

David W. Selvage of Sciotoville, Ohio, writes: "Several years ago I came across a magazine in our Public Library, the American Pigeon Journal. Little did I realize that I would be reading that magazine monthly for years to come. Through the APJ I have been brought into the fascinating and challenging sport of the Binningham Roller, which has given me more friends and acquaintances than I am able to number."

Richard Atwell of Edithville, Victoria, Australia, writes: "Please find enclosed payment being a renewal of eight, plus one new subscriber, making a new total of nine to the Group Subscription Plan. Over the past 12 months we have found the APJ articles very informative which can only lead to enhancing the Fancy in Australia. We're very appreciative of the Group Subscription Plan and look forward to a long and happy association with the APJ."

Virgil N. Smith, Clinton, Okla., writes: "The pigeon club here in Clinton, Okla., known as the Oklahoma Pigeon COITaI was formed in October 1977. We held a December all-age show and just finished our first show of 1978 held May 27th and as some junior boys wanted the APJ, I have taken it upon myself to send in eight new subscribers to your pigeon journal. Six are young boys just starting in to raise pigeons and I hope they will continue with them. The other two are senior members."

Alex Ryan of New Plymouth, New Zealand, writes: "The Fancy out here is quite stable. In fact it seems to be growing a little. Cost of feed keeps rising but I think our hobby is as cheap as any, especially when one considers that we can curtail it to suit our pockets. Quite a lot of pleasure can be had by keeping only three or four pairs of birds and the cost of keeping these would not be embarrassing to many people in New Zealand. Also you will have realized when out here, that owing to not being so built up as some countries, we naturally would have less neighbour resistance to the keeping of pigeons. An interesting point is that I feel quite a lot of parents today are not opposing the keeping of a pigeon or two by their children, realizing that a good hobby plays a big part in the better development of their families."

Gary Fitzsimmons of Warsaw, Ind., writes: "I have taken the Journal on and off for many years and really enjoy the many readings it offers. I raise Hollers, lee Pigeons, English Trumpeters, and Bokhara Trumpeters."

C. G. Whitley of Keysborough, Victoria, Australia, writes: "I look forward to your Journal each month and find most articles printed very interesting. I am a breeder and exhibitor of Fairy Swallows."

G. F. Francis of Baltimore, Md., writes: "In regard to April issue of APJ article, 'Garden Weeds Useful to the Pigeon Breeder' by James Piepenbrok. My father, John Francis, has had Fantails ever since I can remember. He has a patch of peppermint growing along the fly pen. The Fantails pull the leaves off and reach through the fence to eat the leaves until there is nothing left but sticks. They really enjoy it. Sometimes he cuts it up with his knife and puts it in the pen. They fly down on the floor and eat it all just like eating candy."

Terry Banfield of High Wycombe, Western Australia, writes: "It is with pleasure I enclose a bank draft for the sum of \$18 U.S. for a further three years subscription to the APJ. Once again both myself and brothers thank you for the wonderful Pigeon Journal that comes our way. Here in Western Australia, we are still keeping up our large studs of birds of some 1,000 in many breeds even though pigeon clubs in W.A. are in short supply. How about a Special one day on Carriers, Dragoons, Barbs (all in one). One never hears much of these in this Colliltry."

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R. \. Bohman of Janesville, Wis., writes: "I really enjoy your magazine. It has been extremely helpful to me. I have gleaned many excellent ideas from all types of articles."

Tom Jennische of Baytown, Texas, writes. "I have raised pigeons for several years and have had to learn much about the care of them on my OWI. It has been a great help and enjoyment to me to read your magazine."

Carl Naether of Encino, Calif., writes: "Not a week goes by that I do not receive quite a number of inquiries concerning pigeons and club raising. While I answer all inquiries on the day of their receipt, I regret to report that practically 110 inquirer enclosed return postage as a matter of simple business courtesy. May I suggest that you publish in each issue of your magazine a brief notice urging fanciers asking for free information always to enclose postage. I am confident that such a suggestion if followed would prove mutually beneficial."

Herbert Wilson of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I, along with every member of the UJPC, would like to thank you for printing our past articles in your excellent Journal. You don't have no idea of how greatly it has helped us. We soon are planning on hosting a show of which we hope to be the largest junior pigeon show ever in history. This show will be dedicated to the man who has probably done more for us juniors than anyone, Tom Hood. We hope to have twice the size of the old record as we need 300 birds to break even. So I hope soon to be writing some articles for this show. Thanks again for all the help you have given us on behalf of me and the rest of the UJPC members."

John E. Nelson, of St. Joseph, Mich., writes: "My congratulations to you on continuing your services with each issue of the APJ. I recently returned from overseas. I taught high school in Victoria, Australia, for 3 1/2 years and I know that the APJ really helps out many fanciers 'down under'. I purchased pigeons two months after arriving in Australia, traveled to every state visiting pigeon fanciers and exhibited my pigeons in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, as well as country shows. I visited 15 other countries the past nine months seeing some pigeons. Now I am off to Sweden for summer school working in the I.A. so hope to visit fanciers in Scandinavia, Germany, Belgium and Holland after school is over. It will be good to show birds again this fall in the states; My partner has bred many young during my absence,

Rickey Teems, of Oak Harbor, Wash., writes: "I started subscribing to the APJ only this year, my first issue being the one for Feb. '78. I really regret missing out on this outstanding magazine for as long as I have. My love for pigeons started when I was just a kid in grade school because a few of the older boys that lived nearby enjoyed this exciting hobby and I enjoyed watching their birds flying high over our houses. I grew even fonder of our feathered friends when I built my first loft at the age of 13 and acquired some Tumblers, Rollers, Puffs, Fantails, Parlors and a few Commons. Rollers turned out to be my favorite because I really got a kick out of watching them perform. I don't have any now but hopefully someone has a good pair or two for sale, as that's all I have room for living in government housing. I couldn't make a big loft but had to settle for something smaller (my pen can hold about 10 birds). I'm 24 years old, married, and have a son and am expecting another child. I'm in the United States Navy, I've always managed to have a pair of birds wherever I went, living in apartments, even! I'll always have birds and I intend to always subscribe to APJ. After seeing what the APJ is all about, I feel everyone who has something to do with it are beautiful people."

Howard Angevine of Attleboro, Mass" writes: "I enjoy many hours of reading from each issue, particularly like articles pertaining to color breeding and genetics."

Webb Laetz of Saginaw, Mich., writes: "Do enjoy the Pigeon Journal and have been reading it for many years but did not note that in the April 1978 issue you accepted as fact the statement made by Dr. Sam Varghese that this is the first time MSU has hosted a pigeon show. As many oldtimers will remember the MSU was host to a National Show and there were well over 500 Kings on display. That also was the year that Edgar Ball cleaned up at the National with a yellow Clean Leg Tumbler Hen."

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please send only clear and distinct pictures for publication. Quite often we receive kodak pictures that are too dark, and when an engraving is made they will be less clear. Unfortunately some breeders think that we can "clean up pictures", which is impossible.

Jerry Tom of Stanton, Iowa, writes. "I just received my July 1978 copy of the APJ. Just saw the rate increase. So here is \$15 for three more years. I really enjoy your Journal. I have had pigeons since I was 5 years old and none while I was in the Air Force, but I had birds at home. I am getting my allergy under control. I hope to raise a few more Rollers and Homers. Have helped a lot of young people in my science classes with pigeons. Do keep up the good work."

Gene Pardini of Bohemia, N.Y., writes: "I received a telephone call from the foreman who manages the Shoreham Squah Farm, and he thanked me for putting the article in the APJ. (Page 322 June issue.) He said he never thought of it, and was happy someone did. He told me he doesn't think the owner will build again as the man is in his 80's and just doesn't have the heart to start all over again. So after 29 years of working for the squab farm he will have to look for a job."

David Clifford of Kingscote, South Australia, writes: "Please find enclosed a cheque for the renewal of my subscription to APJ for three years. I receive my copy of the Journal up to 3 months late and I thoroughly enjoy reading it from cover to cover. I live on an island off the South Australian Coast where there are only a few pigeon fanciers compared with the mainland of this state. We organized a pigeon club here on Knagaroo Island last year, and we held our first show on May 28, 1978. I would like to thank you for an excellent magazine and long may you continue with it."

Abe Gershbein of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes: "I have enjoyed your wonderful magazine for over 30 years. Your July issue was one of the best I have ever read. The picture of the pair of Budapests of Rudy Strnad are the best I have ever seen. Mr. Strnad must be mighty proud to have bred a pair as beautiful as this pair of birds. He is to be congratulated. Alex Rawson in my opinion is a wonderful writer and all of the articles he has written are the greatest. He has truly educated me in the breeding of the beautiful Flight? I do hope that these two great men continue to devote much of their time and effort to the Pigeon Fancy. We will all benefit from their experiences. I have never had the pleasure of meeting either of these men. Perhaps some day soon I will have that good fortune."

Joe A. Gaydos of Northampton, Mass., writes: "I can't express the value that the APJ has been to me this past year. I have returned back to raising pigeons after a lapse of 25 years. I can only say that I have learned more about pigeons in my first year's subscription, than now I depend on it for the answers to many things. I went into the service and gave up 12 years of raising pigeons, but I realize today that I was haphazard and was nothing more than a pigeon keeper. Also through your wonderful magazine I have met several top breeders and managed to purchase top quality birds. Attended several shows that you listed, and met lots of nice people. Started back with the purchase of two pair of white German Saxon Pouters. Then at one of the shows I purchased several Raldhead Westies. Then this past April I met and spent a beautiful Sunday with one of the great Roller men, Stan Plona. It was a thrill to watch his flock perform. Also my lucky day as I managed to purchase four of these great little Rollers. Am on my way to breeding and flying the Plona RoUer."

Excessive Shipping Charges

We call your attention to the article by H. P. Macklin on Page 468 of this issue entitled "Replies Concerning High Transportation Costs." If you have had to pay excessive transportation charges in shipping pigeons by Air Freight, send us a letter giving complete information. In co-operation with Mr. Macklin, we intend to present this information to the proper authorities for complete investigation and hopefully an adjustment of rates.

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Howard Edwin Gibbs, Windsor, N.J. will celebrate his 50th birthday on September 30th. Mr. Gibbs is a heart patient on total disability. He has been a pigeon fancier for more than 40 years, Racing Homers being his favorite.

E. G. Garrett of Pisgah Forest, N.C., writes: "The rapid growth of our organization and the increasing interest in the Flying HoUer is due in large part to your assistance to the sport through the APJ. Again, we thank you for it."

Melanie J. Swope of Carson, Calif., writes: "I'm only 15 and I've learned quite a bit by reading the informative articles in your magazine. My mom and I were able to hand-raise a squab that had been rejected by its parents - following the formula given by a FriJlback breeder who wrote an article for your magazine. Thank you for giving 'Close Call, my Homer, a chance."

Hugh C. Watt of Dillon, S.C., writes: "I raise white Carneaux, Giant Homers, Silver Kings, Giant Runts, Fantails and Jacobins. What a mess. I have only one suggestion. In the past year I have noticed only one recipe on cooking pigeons. I did see where Mr. Chrisler in Kings 'n Things' asked for special recipes in his column. Please don't let him hoard all the goodies. Have him put a few in his column or better yet talk him out of them and add a couple each month.

Craig Hamilton of Glendora, Calif., writes: "I note in last month's editorial (July) you noted that postal service was not likely to improve although the rates were going up. Recently I have been receiving my Journal quite late never sooner than the 22nd and sometimes clear into the following month. This month, however, 10 and behold, I picked up my mail today and there was the August issue! If this continues (which I will have to see to believe) that will mean we are getting about the same service as about three or four years ago, which ain't too hot but at least it's a tad bit better than the past year or two which have been unbelievable."

Al Hansen of Wausau, Wis., writes: "The Wausau, Wis. area is very anti-pigeons. The city definitely has a problem with the common pigeon. Many letters to the editor appear in our newspaper. All against pigeons. To say the least. I was delighted to have the opportunity to show the people of this area a hobby which many people never knew existed. (See article on page 535 of this issue.) I think Miss Lundquist who wrote the article did an excellent job, considering that she knew absolutely nothing about the hobby of raising pigeons. Since the article has appeared, I have received many favorable comments. I ha've been asked to talk and show my birds to several groups, and probably the best thing that has happened is that I've been able to clarify many misconceptions about pigeons particularly in the area of diseases."

Lloyd M. Raiford, Jr., of Pasadena, Texas, writes: "Mr. Hollmann. it was a great pleasure in meeting you at the 78 Grand National at San Diego, and hope to see you again soon, at the 79 National. All of us in the Houston, Texas, area are looking forward to one of the largest pigeon shows ever and to seeing and meeting all the old and many new friends. The committees for National 79 is making every effort to insure everyone having a pleasant time and accommodations. Also, all birds coming in by air will be picked up and returned by myself. These birds shall be placed in show coops, fed and watered within the hour of arrival by that committee. Again the Houston Area Variety Pigeon Club members and members of other clubs extend a hardy invitation to all for '79."

Frank B. Urea of Fairmont, W. Va., writes: "Have been a subscriber since 1949. You have made great improvements in the APJ in recent years. I always look forward in receiving my copy each month. Keep up the good work. The Fancy would be lost without the APJ."

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Mrs. Lewis M. Bird of Liberia, Guanacaste, Costa Rica, writes: "Our family moved to Ranchos Maricosta more than two years ago. Our children (two teenagers) enjoy freedom they never could have known in the States because there is so little violent crime and no 'drug scene' in our area. We have made many friends, and have been welcomed into the community. We do have pigeons. Fantails, not many but a start. Along with a pig, a calf, chickens, two dogs, a cat and even a monkey, they were gifts from friends. We also have a parakeet, brought in by one of the ranch workers when he was so young he was 'naked as a jaybird.' He is bi-lingual but *only* swears in Spanish. In fact, we have acquired so many animals our place has been referred to as the Dird Sanctuary."

Warren D. Staggs of Caldwell, Idaho, writes: "I took the APJ magazine in the early and through the 1950's up to about 1960, when I was in the squab pigeon business in California. I found your magazine to be a must if you have one pair or 100,000 pairs. I find it to be a magazine that fits the nine year old beginner or the 90 year old still wanting to learn more about pigeons. My brother Dale Staggs, who lives at Ceres, Calif., used to raise pigeons in Stockton, Calif. in 1950. I wrote him and encouraged him to go back in pigeons. He called me, told me he was thinking about going back into pigeons. He says he will be on his way now. I would like to hear from fanciers far and wide. Please write to me at: Box 156, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605. We pigeon breeders here in Idaho are having real good results with our 1978 squab crop. Thanks to you Mr. Hollmann and your fine staff, and the fine job you all are doing."

Mel Theurer of Union, N.J., writes: "The first thing I would like to say, thank you very much for your generosity of putting a Jr. fancier's picture on the front of your magazine. I hope that it will help to get a lot of youngsters in pigeons and off the streets. Also as you know we have lost three great Frill breeders this year, namely Clarence Lewber, Vaughn Jones and Jim Rattigan. I never had the pleasure of meeting Clarence or Vaughn but I started Jim with Frills. If we do not try to get youngsters started, Frills in time to come could land on the endangered list. Some fanciers might say, impossible. Well maybe not in your or my time. But they also said that about the Passenger Pigeon, but out of millions there is only one left and that will never breed. There are nowhere millions of Frills, so in years I think it could happen if the oldtimers pass on and no youngsters come along to take their place, plus Frills are not the easiest pigeon to breed. I have had them for 50 years. I should know."

William F. Niederjohn of California, Mo., writes: "Even though I am close to being 82 years old, am betting with myself that I will live to enjoy 3 more years of your fine Journal, so am enclosing remittance to cover those three years. My interest in Fancy Pigeons started about 1912 but never was a continuous breeder, was an inner and outer a number of times over the past years. By the same token my subscription to your magazine followed the same pattern. It has been my pleasure to follow your magazine from the Squab Journal your purchased in 1915 to your purchase of the American Pigeon Keeper and merger with your Squab Journal and form the present American Pigeon Journal, also your purchase of Naether's "Pigeons". Having been a printer for all or part of 59 years on a county weekly, I enjoy your magazine for its good printing and editorially (or the news content. Am sure the Pigeon Fancy appreciates the fine work you are doing to make the American Pigeon Journal the fine breed publication that it is. I wish you continued success in this venture."

When you change address, be sure to send your new address as soon as possible in order to avoid missing copies of the APJ.

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Otto Meyer of Madison Heights, Va., writes: "It was really nice to visit with you at the St. Louis Convention. As a Master of Ceremonies you are a genius of the trade. The American Pigeon Fanciers Convention was a great success."

Bob Watkins of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "I sure appreciate the hard work that you and your staff put into the fine Journal you send out each month. It seems impossible but the Journal seems to get better each year. I look forward to getting my Journal each month and constantly look over the old Journals. It sure keeps the pigeon people (if the world in touch with each other."

H. G. Polach of Chicago, Ill., has the following printed on his envelopes: "Penal Code of Illinois: Section 110 of Chapter 8: of the Smith-Howard 1933. Revised Statutes: Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly; that any person other than the owner thereof who shall shoot, kill, maim or injure any Antwerp or HOLLING Pigeon, commonly called Carrier Pigeon; or shall entrap, catch, detain or shall remove any mark, band or other means of identification from such pigeon, shall be fined for each offense not more than \$25 nor less than \$10."

Eleanora ("Nonie") Hancock of Fallbrook, Calif., writes: "Want to thank you for the poem you printed in the August '78 issue. Much thanks to Paul Gomez for 'The Roller Man'. Having been around my father and his Rollers as long as I can remember, it said a lot to me. Since my Dad, (William ("Bill") Hagan passed away, miss seeing his birds fly, and when I see a kit flying somewhere as I drive around, am sorry I didn't spend more time with Dad and his birds. Thank you again, Paul Gomez. Will keep this poem with my Dad's trophies and enjoy it always."

Clair Hetland, Golden Valley, Minn., writes: "Fox's Pigeon Supplies has no connection with the World Pigeon Magazine. We do like the magazine and hope it survives. We feel there is a need for a bi-monthly quality color pictorial magazine. But we do want our customers to know that this magazine is on its own. Not ours. We feel very strongly that the American Pigeon Journal is the backbone of the Pigeon Fancier and no one should quit the Pigeon Journal to buy the World Pigeon Happenings. If you have the money it would be better to subscribe to both."

Eugene Hochlan Jr. of Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "It is hard to believe but as I think back. I have subscribed to your magazine, on and off, for 20 years. It doesn't seem possible. You have heard it many times before but it won't hurt to hear it again. The American Pigeon Journal is an outstanding publication and as far as I'm concerned, it alone is the backbone of the American Pigeon Fancy for no club or organization can equal its achievements; past, present or future. We fanciers are a far-flung lot but the APJ makes us kind of a loose knit family. May you carry on for many years to come Mr. Hoffmann."

Theo. J. D. Fawcett of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, writes: "Once again I enclose my subscription to your wonderful Journal. I now celebrate 50 years in the Modena Fancy. Although I keep most colors, GAZZI and Schiatti, have concentrated this year with the Argent, which has suffered a decline in the last few years, but now there seems to be a revival. I have bred several new colors, Silver, Dun Russet, Bronze, Sulphur and Indigo, including the GAZZI Argent, so should be able to start several new fanciers from the many inquiries I have had. I always recommend your Journal to other fanciers here in England. You do a great job."

T. J. Darling of Poochera, South Australia, writes: "Please find enclosed bank draft for three years subscription. Keep up the good work, it is a wonderful magazine."

Mario Fenech of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, writes: "I wish to say how much I have enjoyed reading your magazine this last year and a half. I look forward to each copy in anticipation as we are several months behind in getting it in Australia. I breed Australian LF Tumblers, Australian Performing Tumblers, and now I have come across a new breed of pigeons to Australia called Spanish Thief Pouters. My club the Pigeon Fanciers Society and I have confirmed them through the Encyclopedia of Pigeon Breeds. I have been breeding these birds for about a year now and have them in various colors. Am trying to get other breeders started with this breed, but first must get a Standard for them. I hope one of your writers could put a Standard together and send it to me or publish it in the APJ, also some photos."

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