

Jim Reynolds, Sciotoville, Ohio, writes: "I would like to renew my subscription for the second year. APJ has been a real help to me. I've tried other magazines but this one is definitely the best. I don't know what I would do without it."

Warren Maurer of Franklin Square, N.Y., writes: "Your magazine is a most welcome pleasure each month and I look forward to Alex Rawson's articles that are so interesting. I plan to attend the National Show at Houston and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again."

We regret to learn of the passing of Homer Hamilton, age 65, of Charlotte, N.C. who died the latter part of November. He was a long time breeder of pigeons and judged many of them at the all-breed shows held in the Carolinas. In October he showed 20 young Voorburg Shield Croppers at Forsyth Show in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters?

Vicki Williams, Topeka, Kansas, writes: "Two summers ago, I raised two wild homeless pigeons, had no house for them and in a month they new off. Now thanks to some good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen. I have 22 Rollers which I enjoy and my American Pigeon Journal which has helped me so much. As a beginner, I needed to learn a lot which I have from your magazine."

Ray Collier of Gurley, Neb., writes: "Jud Appleby deserves another standing ovation for the super Seventh District Giant Homer Meet. Always enjoy the fellowship with Jud, Denby Williamson, Tom Frye, Marion Graham, John Severson, Harold Goodman, Leonard and Fred Schwaderer and Charles Stockstad. A major plain snowstorm however kept some of the boys at home this year. Carroll Cooper had something nice to say about everyone's birds and picked a Tom Frye bird as Champion."

Jerry Hines, Monroe, La., writes: "After breeding Chinese Owls for two years, and had wondered how to get other people interested here in Louisiana. Well two days after I received my November 1978 issue with my article in it, I received a call from Chet Williams of Shreveport, La. He and Dr. Jim Lake, also of Shreveport, have decided to raise the ever beautiful 'Fancy Pants'. Thank you and the APJ for the help in finding some interested people in this area. Good luck and hope to enjoy your fine publication for years to come."

M. K. "Skip" Campbell, Beamoke, Texas, writes: "I am just getting started raising Fantails after many years out of the hobby. The APJ has been a big help, especially the 1977 Fantail Special. I would like to thank Doc Lynch, John McCano!, William Diemer and Roel Hatcher for their help in getting me started. Although I am a newcomer, I recognize the retirement of Rod Hatcher is a great loss to the Fantail Fancy. We'll all miss 'The man that wrote the book.' Wishing everyone a great year in '79 and the APJ continued success as the Number One pigeon magazine in the world."

Dalton Davis, Richmond, Calif., writes: "You're not just kidding about the outrageous freight charge nowadays for shipping pigeons from place to place. In 1978, I purchased two white Pensom Rollers from Paul Platz in San Diego shipped to San Francisco. I live in Richmond, Calif. I picked up my 3 with two hires inside and it cost me \$23.15. I never paid for any shipping of birds before, so to me it seemed outrageous, but of course I paid it. I enjoy your magazine so much, I read from cover to cover the first day it comes. I think the disease articles you have from time to time is good to help the newcomer. But personally, I wish the whole book was about Rollers."

Jack Stobbart of Cumbria, England, writes: "I thank (or some interesting and knowledgeable hours I have spent reading the APJ, especially the articles on the Molenas which are my breed."

K. A. Muller, San Diego, Calif., writes: "I want to congratulate you on your excellent magazine and the promptness of its arrival. I used to live in Australia and the APJ was eagerly awaited by all the pigeon fanciers there. I'm sure it is the most important publication in the world for pigeons to help people know what is happening."

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mother and one sister. Survivors include his wife, Haze); one brother, Haymond Hollmann, Fredricktown, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Ernest Hoffmann, Jackson, Mo.; a number of cousins and many local, state, national and international friends.

Sincere Appreciation

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the final contribution in the and heart land, chwen and civic organizations as memorials to Frank H. Hollmann.

He was a very active businessman and loved to serve his friends and fellow fanciers. He began to publish the American Pigeon journal in October 1915. He devoted most of his life to his interest in pigeon breeding and raising. He always enjoyed having fanciers from all over the world visit in our home in Warenton and call at the home journal office.

Some of you may not be aware of the fact that Frank organized the National Pigeon Association in 1920, and in 1921 he was elected only one successor due to a snowstorm. He was planning to attend the National Convention in Houston on January 18, 1979.

I plan to continue as owner of the American Pigeon Journal with my brother, William L. ("Mike") Worley (who has been with Frank for thirteen years) as Editor and Manager. I appreciate your continued loyal support in this effort. - Hazel W. Hollmann.

Editor's Note

At this time, we want to thank all our subscribers, advertisers and those of you who were generous enough to take the time to write and submit articles for publication in the APJ. We know that Frank greatly appreciated your dedication to the Journal for the good of the Fancy.

We will continue to publish the APJ each month and try to improve it from month to month to make it as interesting and informative as possible. Your continued support with your fine articles, pictures, advertising and subscriptions will help make this possible. - William L. ("Mike") Worley, Editor and Manager.

National Pigeon Association Inc.

Jim Linnore, Sec. of NPA writes: "We of the NPA were surely sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I sincerely hope that the APJ will continue as the World's Outstanding Pigeon publication.

You may rest assured that as the Secretary of the NPA, I will continue to support you in every way." - Thank you Mr. Linnore.

Canadian Club Mourns Frank H. Hollmann

It came as a tremendous shock to members of the Canadian Fantail Club when we learned of Frank H. Hollmann's sudden death. His work with the American Pigeon Journal was a joy to each of us, especially his support of Special issues on the Fantail. We can only hope that the excellent work he started and nurtured in the APJ will be continued on for generations of fanciers yet to come. I believe one of my greatest pigeon breeders will be not having had the opportunity to meet Mr. Hollmann personally. The Canadian Fantail Club extends its deepest sympathies to Mr. Hollmann's family and has made a donation in his memory to the Canadian Heart Fund. - Michael M. Boyd, Pub. Dir.

Tumbler Club Express Sympathies

Johnnie L. Blaille, Hutchinson, Kansas, writes: "I would like to take this time to express the sorrow of the Tumbler Fancy on the passing of Frank H. Hollmann. I think I speak for the entire Tumbler Fancy in expressing our sorrow that Frank is gone. He will be remembered as the backbone of the entire business."

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Nick Chaveu, Lynwood, Wash.: "After about four years without pigeons, I'm back. I happened to see in the APJ a picture of the Indian Fantail. To see such a beautiful pigeon was lo'c at first sight. I hope to see more articles on the Indian Fantail in the Journal. Your magazine is the greatest."

Steven Smith of Coventry, R.I., writes: "I wish to tell you that I look forward to each upcoming issue of the APJ. I am 15 years old and raise Rollers and a few Homers. Articles in the Journal have taught me many things about these breeds and many others. I also benefit much by talking to all members of the Rhode Island Roller Club. Also I would like to hear from some young Roller Fanciers. My address is: Weaver Hill Road, Rt. 2, Coventry, R.I., 02816."

Lyle Caswell of Waterdown, Ont., Canada, writes: "I had disposed of my birds for a year that I spent in travel but I now have them back and need the Pigeon Journal again. I have just been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Chinese Owl Club and will be working very hard to try and bring this club back to where it was the first year of operating when we had over 30 members. Our membership has dropped off to just about half that number because of too little publicity and lack of information being given out. I hope to correct that. I should not close with telling you how much I enjoy the Journal and the information I get from it could not be had from any other source."

Michelle Saleen, Newark, Calif., writes: "I've enjoyed American Pigeon Journal over the past year, my father has been a long time subscriber to your Journal. The first time he subscribed was in the 1950s and now he has resumed since 1972. My father was forced to retire from work because of all congenital heart disease, so this way he has more time to spend with his birds. He receives 110 copies from the JOJ and, retirement until such as has been over his his buying the superior virus shell though he will never give up raising and showing pigeons. I am now very interested in I have one pair myself I start out with, I'll be sure for myself how show the rollers really is."

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jack D. Houseman, Altoona, Pa.: "May I congratulate you on continuing with Frank's work in publishing this wonderful magazine. Our sincere wishes to you in this noble adventure."

Richard jaconette, Spring Valley, Calif.: "May I encourage you to keep up the fine work of the Journal and I know it will continue to be tops in the pigeon family."

Rod Lysne, Ferryville, Wis., writes: "May I say that while there are other fine pigeon publications, it is certain that the APJ is the finest of them all. The diversity of articles is always interesting, yet there is usually something of special interest about one's favorite breed. Those of us in the Fantail fancy are always happy to see the many good articles on Fantails. Many of us were impressed with the quality of the Dun Fantail which you featured on the cover of the October issue. As the Sec. of the Mid-American Fantail Club, I am constantly reminded of the benefit of the APJ to our organization and others as well. I often hear comments or receive inquiries about our Club from interested fanciers who saw the Club's display ad in the Fantail Special. Several new members became acquainted with the club through the Fantail Special. Many thanks for your support in the past, present and in the future."

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Colin G. Jones of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, writes: "I was given some old 1970 issues by an old Fantail breeder, and the letters published in them from people all over the world are most interesting. I have Flying Tiplers and have read some good articles by Heinz KaupschacfcT from West Germany published in the Journal. The information gathered on other breeds which are mentioned in the Journal is first class, since you have some of the best breeders in the world writing these articles. I also fly Racing Homers! and have a big interest in any flying pigeon, especially the Flying Tumbler breeds of Europe, such as the Stettin and Prague Tumblers. I would be very interested to read any articles published on them in the APJ by any Americans who might be breeding them. I find it hard to believe that pigeons such as the Prague Tumbler is not more popular as a flying breed in America. It states in Levi's 'Encyclopedia of Pigeon Breeds' that these birds fly up to 8 hours a day at such incredible heights that they are completely out of sight. If ever the Australian Government allows pigeons to be imported. I would import a large number of these Tumblers, as I feel there is too much interest spent on exhibiting pigeons, and not enough time spent on flying them. I have an interest in every breed of pigeon that exists, but we must keep flying them, otherwise their wheeling and tumbling in our skies might become just a memory in the future of our overcrowded cities."

John B. Earscher of Kaakauna, Wis.: "May I congratulate you on continuing the fine work in publishing this great magazine. Our sincere wishes from all the members of the American Tumbler Club."

Ken Larrey, Santa Cruz, Calif: "Thank you for furnishing the Pigeon Fancy with the finest book or magazine in the entire world. Your magazine has supplied me with countless tips and health solutions. Keep up the great work."

James F. Smith, NorWich, Conn.: "The ITA thanks you and we very much appreciate the job you do for the Tipler fanciers and all pig on fanciers the world over. If it wasn't for the Journal, our hobby would be an obscure effort. We salute you."

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John P. Costa, Cranston, R.I.: "This letter is sent in reaction to the article written by J. D. Houseman (May issue) of APJ. To all the members of the APC, this club is not just about defunct". It is true that many of the officers and directors have been lax in the share of their duties and also the fact that no bulletins or financial reports have appeared in the last five years. (I stand to be corrected on this point.) But there are steps in progress to remedy this situation. For instance there are plans for a meeting of the APC to take place in Hershey, Pa. in Jan. 1980 to discuss the concerns of the club. If there are any members of the APC who share my views or voice other opinions, please feel free to write me, 1473 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I., 02920."

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