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NOTE of THANKS

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to the sponsors, advertisers, and supporters for making the first issue of THE ALBATROSS a reality and success. Enough space was not available to accommodate the many who wanted to be included which was regrettable to the entire staff. The deadline was difficult to meet because of inevitable delays which were solved as readily as busy minds and hands could work.

This issue and any future ones will improve with the support of all. More professional and talented persons are being added to our staff to fulfill expectations. Our staff functions without pay but their efforts are purely for the love and desire to create a successful publication. Trusting that our first effort was generally acceptable, WE welcome and anticipate your worthy contributions in materials of public human interest.

THE EDITOR

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HOT WIRE

Lounging around the Calcasieu at THE GAS-LIGHT with genial hostess, Georgia, and associates, Rene and Giselle doing a good Saturday biz. A new sponsor of THE ALBATROSS, The Gaslight bows into this issue with their ad and invites all of their friends of other towns and cities to stop in for hospitality cognizant of fair Lake Charles. Your reporter truly enjoyed the flavor of drinks... atmosphere...and well-rounded personalities who makeup THE GASLIGHT! Come see Georgia!

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WARMLY

WE thank our friends and supporters at the Fiesta Club for presenting a beautiful champagne party to introduce THE ALBATROSS to its sponsors, advertisers, and supporting friends. The entire staff appreciates their facilities to make our launching so complete.

HOT WIRE

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The bird cruised onto Galvez isle and anchored at Cal LeBlanc's LAFITTE. First trip to this well-known spot where everybody congregates every day... day after day. Saw lots of out-of-town bar patrons. Folks, etc., is the atmosphere of LaFitte's. Six feet or more of management in Joe Garcia is a tall order and Chic Mayville sparkles the front bar and makes you welcome. A trip to the isle isn't complete unless you wander into LaFitte's for a brew.

Next flight #69 to THE TWO B'S on 14th St. 'member The Stadium in Houston--swing open the door and there is "B & B," the two boys that hosted you there. Talk about decor; ponder--first thought was "Trader Horn" but no one was trading? Really, the trade is there, jes look around!

In Galveston, everyone seems to be ??coming health conscious. NO wonder, there's a new place called ZODIAC BATHS that is really great. We have yet to hear of anyone leaving not feeling a great deal better--so try it!

Just 40 miles from Houston on Interstate 45 is the familiar Ronnie's BAMBOO ROOM in Conroe. Ronnie has a place that jumps with gaiety. The Albatross is proud to have him as a new sponser..Our best to you and Bamboo Room, Ronnie.

Honky Tonk

Ever meet a real "honky tonk man," who opens the bar in the morning and is the last to go home at curfew? He is the faithful customer who is your friend to the end and needs a friend to the end and needs a friend when he goes "broke." His ability may be unknown to most, but his speech is spell-binding. The gift of gab is his specialty. Did it ever cross your mind how he became what he is? Where did he come from? Disillusionment--disappointment--mistrust--somewhere in life, he was knocked down in the dust and didn't recover the shock or just didn't care. So he found his crutch--drink--the first one was hard to choke down at 10 AM, but the second was a booster. Life is truly a jig-saw puzzle, but this man usually takes it in stride and accomplishes his purpose. By curfew, he is well fortified to go out into the darkness of night to battle his problems again. Whatever happens to this man? Sometimes he disappears and reappears unannounced. How does he function--ever ask a dyed-in-the wool "honky tonk man?" "Hey, Mary, buy ol' Sam another draft!"

A. D.

WHATEVER HAPPENED to The Wren?

Ask any bird that flies and it's money is acceptable for proper services. Too much competition, but good competition may be the answer. New places opening--same faces perhaps, but the treatment is different. The realization that people are people should be a key to any successful business. Mistreatment--mis-judgment--and intended bad service can be acknowledgment of poor management or pure indifference. Why do the paying people go elsewhere for attention and more consideration? Ask the losing bird--The Wren!



A BIT OF THE RUBAIYAT

And, as the Cock crew, those who stood before
The Tavern shouted.."Open then the Door!
You know how little while we have to stay,
And, once departed, may return no more."

HOT WIRE

New favorite elbow spot after the curfew on the local scene is Harry Grief's BACK-STAGE COFFEE BAR on lil' ole Taft Street. His chargrill does a constant turnover and food is just "delish!" Want to swing on a star? Jes' "sa-shay" into Harry's and choose yer pod...

Recently in town and interested in The Albatross was Mr. Bob Damron of Club Rendezvous Cocktail Lounge of San Francisco.

Jerry Pittman, SPOT-LIGHTED, in first edition of The Albatross, has returned to The Showboat. Jerry divides his time between The 'Boat and The Albatross since he joined our staff of workers. A welcomed and much needed addition to our publication is Jerry.

Want to be a HOT WIRE reporter in an area for The Albatross? Your time and effort is donated but recognition is duly acknowledged. Write to Jerry Pittman, c/o Albatross.

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TELL IT TO TIZZIE

FOR THE LOVELORN
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write TIZZIE for advice:
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Dear TIZZIE: Whatever do you do about a landlady who won't repair your refrigerator? It will either freeze your meat or thaw it! It's costly and I am stymied over the situation. Hard meat or spoiled meat is the menu. What's the answer? DISTRESSED.

Dear Distressed: You should explain to your landlady the trouble you're having with your meat. Tell her just because it's hard when you take it out, you're still leary about eating it.

Dear TIZZIE: I am a girl, 55, and married. This other girl, 43, has been hanging around me for a long time, and is always saying she wants to be like a sister to me, and wants to move in with my husband and me. What do you think my husband would say if I brought home a new sister to live with us? GIRL 55.

Dear Girl 55: You'd better watch it, Girl! If YOU take this Sister home to live with you, YOU might lose a husband. Good husbands are hard to find, but SISTERS are plentiful.

Dear TIZZIE: I went to a downtown theatre to see a real sexy movie and another patron on my left was sighing and carrying on about the story. All of a sudden a head was laying on my shoulder caressfully. I became excited and went to the lounge for relief. That person followed me but I did not quite understand why? Please advise if I should ever attend sexy movies again?

DISAPPOINTED

Dear Disappointed: If you made out--O. K. but if you didn't, I would attend a different theatre.

Dear TIZZIE: On a blue Monday, I went to a lounge and met a gorgeous lady sitting at a table alone--holding a baby. The woman was lovely--the baby was green--GREEN as grass. I was not as interested in the baby as much as the woman--so we saw each other regularly. Eventually, I asked her to marry me and she agreed, but only after the first frost. Now--is she stalling or do you think I should wait?

LONESOME

GOD BLESS HIM

HE can be homely or handsome, conceited or shy..underpaid or overpaid, but a good bartender is still quite a remarkable fellow. He can no longer be just a man who sells drinks across a bar. He must now be a many-sided individual including all of the following:

First: A Patriot - Loyal to his employer; a strict disciplinarian who upholds all laws.

Second: A Psychologist - One who has a sympathetic, understanding ear to problems.

Next: A Social Worker - One who knows and introduces his customers to each other.

Next: A Diplomat - One who can spot trouble before it erupts and settle arguments quietly and effectively.

Next: A Housekeeper - Clean in his personal appearance and in his operation of the bar.

And: A Comedian - A man who can tell a good joke with all the deftness and skill of a Hollywood comedian.

Then: A Waiter - One who provides good, fast service..making each customer feel like special people..HIS customers.

THINK about these things yourself..and the next time you see your favorite bartender, remember what I've said..then take another look at him. He's quite a remarkable fellow; HE has to be!

Cross the stile of self-denial, over the hill of Benevolence, cross the stream of purity, and just beyond the rock of resignation the nugget comes in view.



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A TOUCH OF TEX

TO A DEAR FRIEND

A dear, dear friend has gone away,
His weathered face so topped with gray;
His ever-present smiling face
Is bright'ning up another place;
A place he earned with noble deeds,
By planting many good-will seeds,
That those he met might understand
The meaning--of a helping hand.
He got a thrill from doing good,
The way all Christian people should;
Without rewards of any kind,
But missed by those he left behind.
He never knew an enemy
And never planned his Destiny,
Just did the things he thought were right;
To those he met, he was a Light;
A ray of hope that showed the way,
That God is with us every day.
He always had a cheerful word,
Or passed on stories that he'd heard,
But never seemed to mind that he
Was not as whole as you and me;
For though his legs were crippled bad.
He did not lose the Faith he had....
And this...I think...we should recall
The Legacy he left us all:
"Though Life is filled with strife and pain,
We cannot live this life....again,
So we should live it, being strong;
Endure the pains that come along....
Smiling through the cares we hide,
That no one sees the hurt....inside."
That's why I'm sure Wade wears a Crown,
And somewhere, There, is smiling down,
No longer cased beneath the sod,
But happy with his Friend....His GOD.

Tex Kennedy

(To Edgar Dumas Wade)
1900 - 1965

Our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our
poet laureate, Tex Kennedy of The Albatross,
for this beautiful expression of love for one
who truly loved his fellow-man.

Mary Antoinette Dumas Wade Eddy
Robert L. Eddy



Dear Lonesome: BE as
careful and wary of this
woman for collards and
turnips are more tasty,
but greener after the
first frost. How do you
think she got the GREEN
baby? (P. S. This is
one time that TIZZIE
will not be GREEN with
envy.) * IN FRISCO" see

CLUB RENDEZVOUS
567 SUTTER ST.

SIGN IN, SIGN OUT:

Tears, mel?....Bath,
benny?...Song, jerry?
Move, paul?...Chicken,
Lina?..Shave, don?...
Opera, jack?...Show,
Robert?..Dress, Wayne?
Trio, BUSTER?
Recent, ABOUT THE TOWN
census revealed:
Why haven't we been see
ing you for cocktails
any more, Thomas? It's
lunchtime at the BOAT--
that does me in! Is it
your husband, Geo.? No,
it's Goldilocks wonder
ing who slept in her..
bed! ARE you in love
AGAIN, Grace? Love..
shnov..live for the mo
ment, I always say.
HE digs the rugged, O-
type boy with a conver
tible! I've found out
one thing important a
bout you GIRLS... I
JUST can't afford you!
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GO G D with Grace

The last few weeks the "House of Stewart" has been entertaining a charming young man from New York named John. He will be leaving Friday and we'll all miss him.

I hear that Mr. Roger V. will be going into the hospital Thursday. We are all hoping for a speedy recovery. Flowers from your WRITER.

Don Mac is going to "Big D." We understand his father has been ill. We are trusting that by the time this goes to press all is "A--OK!"

Understand that some of the RED FEATHER Braves have been seen "BACKSTAGE"....Welcome!

Congrats to Mr. Bob K. for taking 2nd place at The Rice. Keep up the good work, Bobby!

There were some "heaven" leis floating around Houston last week. Hear dinner was fantastic.

Windy "Miss Betsy" blew someone new into town. A big Houston welcome to Mr. Larry B. (Pass the plate).

WHO is Miss Stella???

While sitting at The Joker I met a man from San Antonio by the name of Mr. Lee, who was telling about the Ponderosa. Understand its' givin' the Country a run for its' money--Com'on BIG HOSS

When in Corpus, try the Park Lounge. Heaven! Have you ever seen a wall swing???

Understand Miss Diller sang Happy Birthday to a Lou-Lu of a girl Monday night at The Cork--U made it P...Cork it...this time.

TO: "All the Sad Young Men" seen around town, Houston's hottest boy weeping over a sailing German vessel...Better luck "H. B."

CHAPTER 69:

It's here, Everywhere: If you don't want it printed, don't do it--"YOU" may be next.

Good night,

BYRON



WATCH THIS COLUMN! Everythink & Everyone was present for "swank" reception when the BOAT hosted and toasted great wed affair. May this champagne launching set sail a smoothe matrimonial success. DID you do another accident, Larry? No, I'm starting a new junk yard of my own! ARE you waving at someone, Moses? No, I'm just hitchhiking to the bathroom, Mr. B-tender, I've a cold, mix me a scotch and penicillin! & Woody CHASING new man--KOKIE!! TAP--SNAP: The best reason to stay at home in the evening is there isn't anyone around to insult or abuse you.

SPOTLIGHT



With pleasure Eddie Foster cordially hosts Houston's plush RED ROOM on Hadley. You'll find him quite a guy!

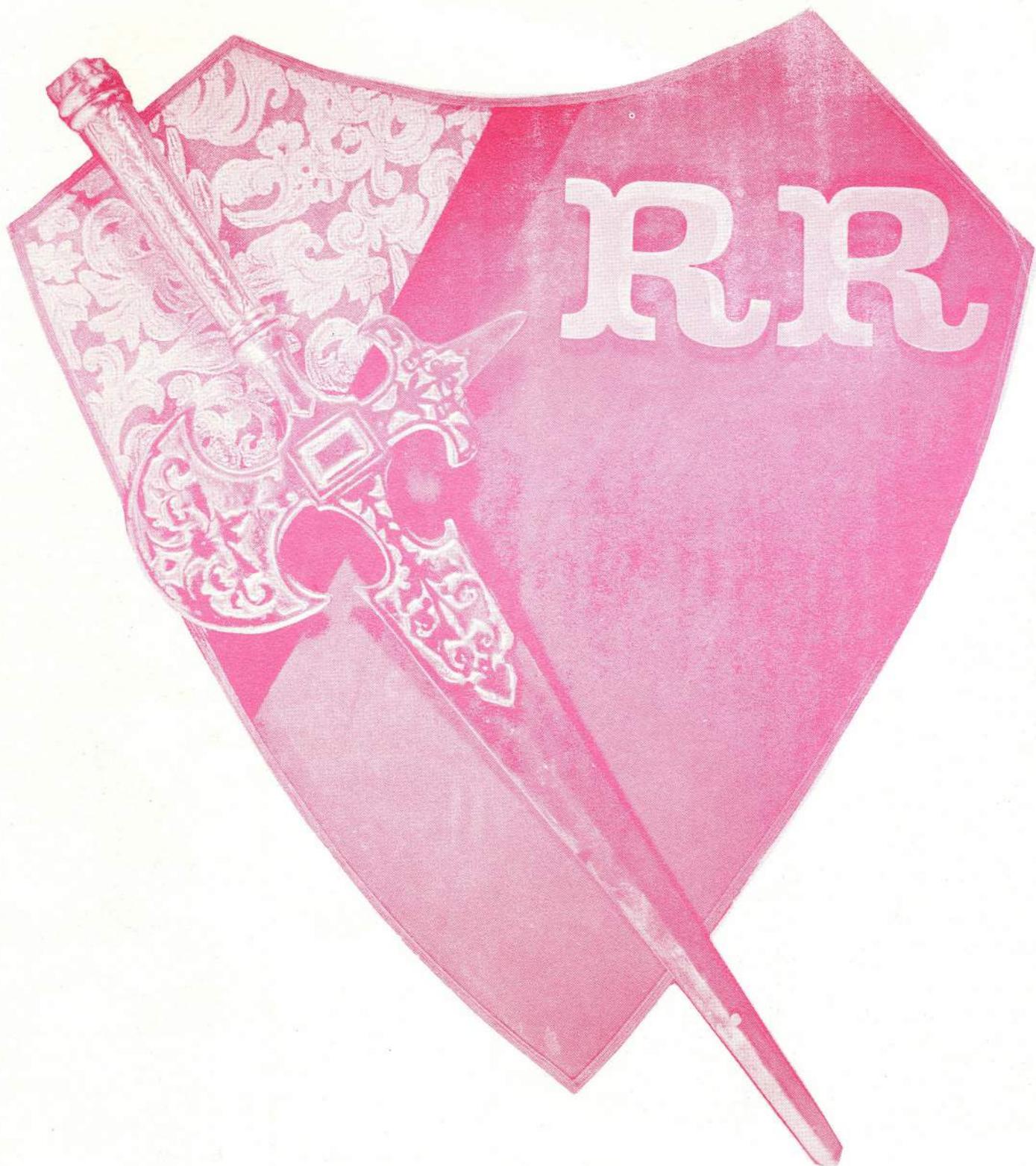


JOKER

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WILD

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612 Hadley

HOT WIRE

SIG and swingin' is THE RED FEATHER, one of the newest bars in the Circle. Entertainment is talk-of-town and so is that handsome young bartender called JIM. Matt is your host nitely. Good Luck to another fine sponser of THE ALBATROSS.

On the bird's long trip this month, it stopped by THE PLAYBOY at 485 Crockett in Beaumont and met the "Belle of the Ball," Bobbie. What a girl, in fact, what a bar. Some very nice DECOR, so when you're in the area why not stop by and see!

HAVE you heard? THE STADIUM is open under new management--a fellow named DALE is on hand to give you a hearty welcome. THE STADIUM provides lively atmosphere that you're sure to enjoy.

Periodic changes in entertainment fare is always on menu at THE FIESTA CLUB. Janice really wows with her "GO-GO" gyrations. Newly featured Fiesta Nite (Wed.) has proved popular, tasty--Too!

NEW WRINKLE—at THE NUGGET, Keg Party at 8-10 aym, every Saturday morn. Wonder if we'll see "Double (2) Shift Gracie" there??

HENRY CUNDIFF
EXPERT
PIANO TUNING

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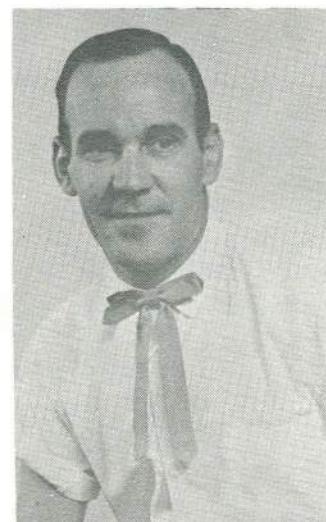
A TOUCH OF TEX

THE TREE

It reaches upward, tall and high,
With golden fingers toward the sky,
And plays a rustling serenade
To lovers sitting in its shade.
That's how it was on that first night
Beneath its boughs, by candlelight,
We found we had so much to say,
We talked and talked the hours away,
Until, at last, we had to go;
Reluctantly.....But do you know...
This thing I'd taken you to see
Was but a Golden Tallow tree...
Yet when we left...I think it knew
That you'd love me and I'd love you!

Tex Kennedy

HEARTY-HO!



A bartender who is New Orleans style, who stayed on the job despite the ruthlessness of Betsy.. where his family is. Certainly concerned about their safety and yours is KEN LANDRY at the Boat!

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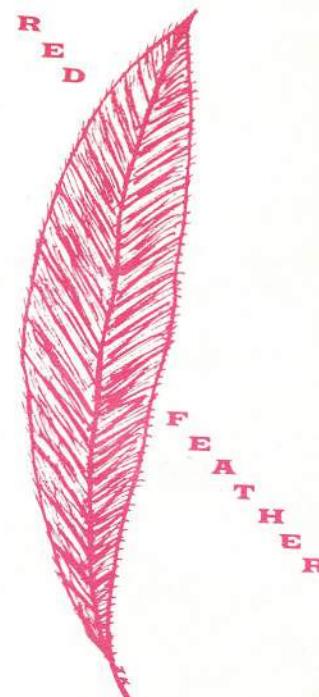
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(CONTINUED)

The Changing Scene:

It's about those new... but..old bars in our neighboring "Sister City," San Antonio..once the RITZ now EL JARDIN being run by Mr. Calison.

The Aztec Theatre Bldg. will not be the same since the opening of EL MATADOR..Ole... Drop out to see the new wild spot in the shadows of the college and glance at the OLD SPANISH VILLAGE that has become the swinging "CO-ED" spot called the TIGER'S TANK.

Speaking of the out-of-town set..it's nice to see you in Houston to 3012 Guadalupe, Austin, Tex. hurry back!

IT'S OUTS FROM THE "IN CROWD":

Has everyone met ALICE? seen frequenting the Red Room and the Nugget.

Mr. B. H. is finding it increasingly difficult to take silent refuge in any hideaway these days. The phone just keeps ringing.

Jerry finally scored a good one..have you ever heard the PAROQUEET?

QUOTE: If you are going to sit there, I insist you have ice in your glass.

When you are ready to BERRY PICKING drop in at 2802 Austin.....

Congrats and good luck to a contract signed MR. J....autograph the first record for this writer, Please.

CLEAN UP or BACK OUT..the street of TAFT is the street we love; but a little quieter, PLEZ-Z!

THE SURF lost it's "Spotlight" boy, OPENING for the right "Swinging Sheppard" the BO-PEEP Crowd is hungry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 61 REISNER...Early to bed, earlier to rise..The Nugget taps a breakfast keg to help "Liquid-date" your fluid week-end..... BOTTOMS UP, early birds.

THE HOUSE OF STEWART looses a "Boy" congrats: Happy Honeymoon..SHORT, SHORT..but how WAS L. A.?

Flash, Flash...CHRONICLE article soon forthcoming: We may all be EXILED...Salutations "Golden Circle."

PREMIERE PERFORMANCES:

Famous last words for "Mistress MARY".."quote: I waited, Where were you. It was a lovely but lonely honeymoon. See you at the NUGGET where they serve the coldest beer to match the coldest customers..wake up "BIG P", light your heaters for cold weather is near.

Flashlights on at the SHOWBOAT. Who was that man at your side, Jerry? Breakfast talk at the FIESTA finally took precedent over chicken.

The Nugget looses another GLO, Mr. Dean..we love you. Have a COKE on the house. (Cont. P.10)

RONNIE'S
BAMBOO
ROOM

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CONROE

THE

GASLIGHT

316 PUJO

LAKE CHARLES

LA

I WANT to SELL

PREMIERE PERFORMANCES: (Continued)

Isn't it wonderful to marry the boy that you have been chasing all these months: Happy landing, Bill!

HUSH, HUSH...Sweet "Jay"...who said that a sober drunk couldn't smash a fender?

Miss Bobbie was overheard in Galveston on her last trip as saying to one of her closest sisters "Shall we go in the water and look helpless or sit here on the beach and look lonesome..Or was it hungry? Oh, Well!

Enjoyed a performance at the RED FEATHER. Mr. R. M. turned the heads of a table of LADIES? Mr. P. S. was it fire that I saw? SHOWMANSHIP is "urned" ...not given.

Mr. Mike? seemed to have a satisfied smile on his face this week as he hosted an evening for Houston visitors, Bill and Charlie, from North Carolina. It seems they were Army "buddies" and we all know the definition of a "BUDDY." Come back to Houston B and C when the fun can be passed among the natives.

THE QUIT QUOTE: HAPPINESS comes in many many SHAPES!

One Electric Iron, kinda old, but works like a.... charm, make any offer.... c/o Drawer B, ALBATROSS.

Remember Issue I in August? Never did sell my li'l red wagon as advertised. Whatever happened to "Samuel" who called at 3 AYEM one morn... wanting to SEE it???

Small collection of 78 rpm records, classical, semi, etc. good condition. Write Drawer d, ALBATROSS

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