

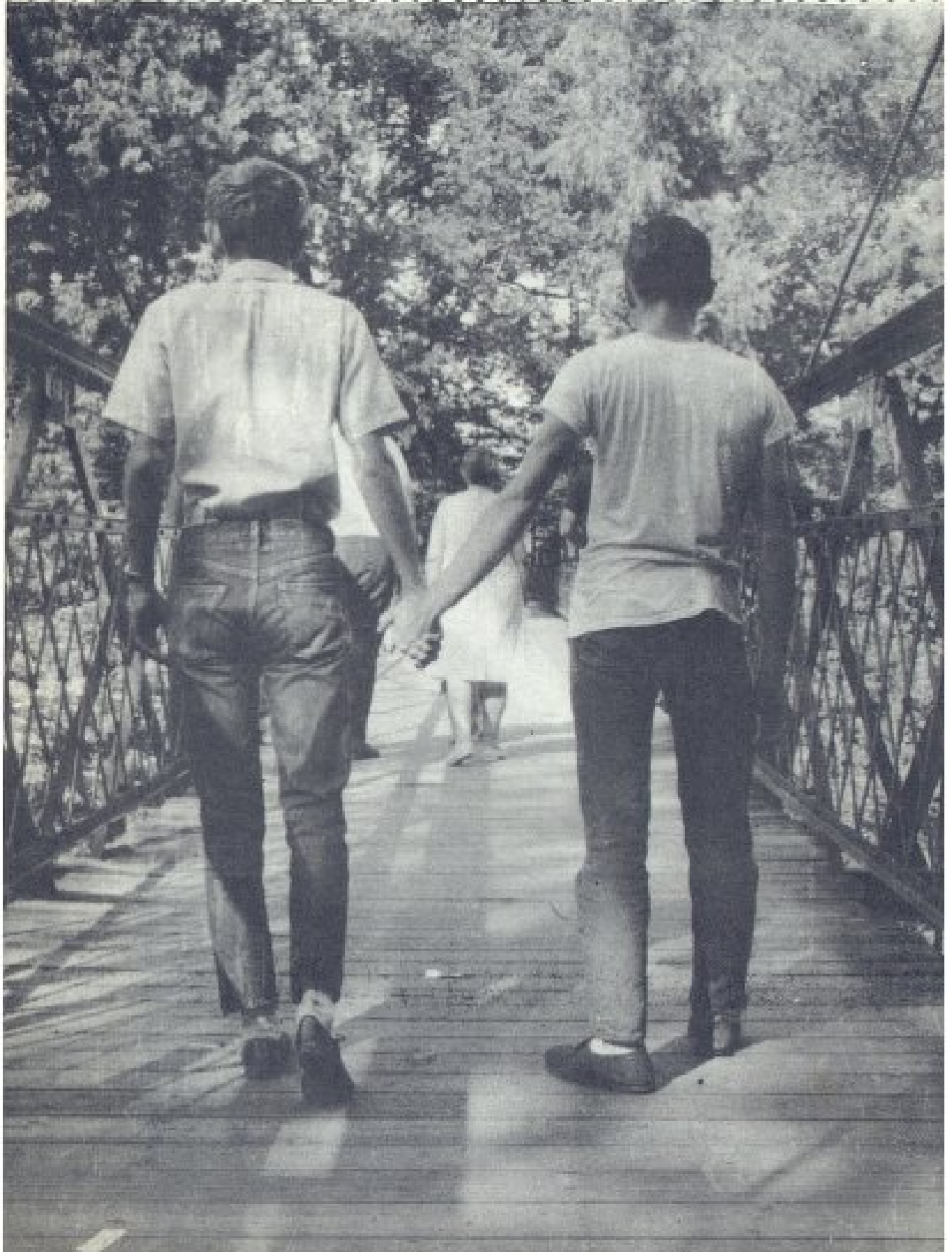
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Around Town Out Of Town

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The big news on the Around Town scene this month is the new Gaslight Coffee House, located in the same building, but quite separate, from the Gaslight Lounge. Espresso and Turkish coffee, cokes, plus sandwiches are being served. Dancing? Of course, plus special entertainment on week-ends. Open Sundays 8 P.M.-1 A.M. Alcoholic beverages strictly off limits here, of course. If the size and liveliness of the crowd on opening night, June 16, is an indication of things to come, all we can say is GRRREAT!

AT THE NIGHT SPOTS

At the Colony, femme-mimics Joe Miller and Ricky Kerr, and company entertain. Joe Vera at the piano.

A new face at the Gaslight, but quite familiar to local bar-goers is Lee Allen at the organ. Welcome back to K.C., Lee! The Rail Runners as popular as ever at the Rail Room.

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The Colony is again planning a bang-up Fourth of July celebration with free food all day and dancing.

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Now at the Starlight Theatre, "My Fair Lady", with Michael Allinson and Dorothy Coulter (July 3-16) beginning July 17 to the 23rd, it's Shirley Jones in "On A Clear Day You Can See Forever". The Serendipity Singers and Karen Morrow open in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" July 24 for a 2 week run.

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On our friendly Social Affairs Director's latest excursion, he had the good fortune to visit Oklahoma, Kansas, and his home state of Texas. His findings include the following that are recommended for the enjoyment of the traveling person seeking fun and entertainment:

HOUSTON, TEX.- Houston is one of the most open and fun cities in the nation. There are over a dozen bars which appeal to various tastes; however, space availability limits us to the ones listed below.

The Athena on Jefferson St. is a relatively new, very large, well-decorated, and fairly popular bar. It has recently installed go-go boxes which the patrons utilize for go-go dancing individually when they get the urge to dance, and also some new psychedelic lighting equipment which makes for a fun atmosphere.

The Red Room, Smith at Hadley, is one of the older bars in Houston and is currently probably the most popular. It is slightly smaller than the Athena, but is very friendly and is definitely recommended to the carefree traveler.

The Plantation Club (1940 West Gray) is a new after hours coffee-club. It features dancing to live music, a tasteful decor, friendly patrons, and late hours.

Austin - Besides being the state capitol, Austin is the home of over 25,000 University of Texas students which makes for a lively atmosphere.

The Cabaret on Guadalupe St. is THE bar in Austin. The crowd is mostly collegiate and a warm relaxed atmosphere pervades.

SAN ANTONIO - A city roughly the size of Kansas City, San Antonio has several downtown bars (e.g. The Top Hat), but it is chiefly noted for its night spots located just outside the city. Chief among these are Paul's Grove (The Country) and the Ponderosa. Paul's Grove is an extremely large bar featuring dancing and 200-300 lively patrons on week-ends. It is highly recommended. To reach it, go out Calebra Blvd. until it ends, turn left and drive 2 or 3 miles and you will see it on the left. It is my understanding that the Ponderosa is open after hours.

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