



The Swinger

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7 is the date of the next meeting. The place: Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue. The time: 8 P.M. A feature will be the movie, "The Music of Miles Davis." You can also expect a record auction, refreshments, and, naturally, a touch of live jazz by whoever might pop in. (Remember the night Randy Weston showed up with the great bass player, Peck Morrison? Anything can happen.)

A BIT OF BUSINESS to be discharged at this meeting will be the appointment of a nominating committee to name a slate of officers for the Year 1963-'64. Elections will take place at the May meeting. Present officers are: Art Fine, president; George Malcolm-Smith, vice president; Bill Rathbun, treasurer; Anne Ferriera, recording secretary; Barbara Hurwit, corresponding secretary. Committeemen for the year have been Danny Blume, Dan Canter, Sammy Johnson, Pete Karagheusian, Joe Parcaro and Elaine Shlomborg.

IN RETROSPECT, this has been for HJS a year of fairly satisfactory progress. Its three concerts have been undeniably artistic, if not financial, successes: Al Lepak's big band (Trinity College in November); the Toshkiko-Mariano Quartet with Sadao Watanabe (King Philip School in January); and the Oliver Jackson Trio, with Maurice Nanton (Hotel Bond in February).

Memorable, too, are the meetings which have featured such enjoyable entertainment as the panel discussion by Randy Weston, Dan Morgenstern (editor of "Jazz"), Creed Taylor (Verve records), Dave Kidd (WGY), John Birchard (WCCC), Hal Cook (WBMI) and Moderator Danny Blume; the session in which Horace Parlan's Trio was joined by no less than five saxophones; and the well-tempered blast Oliver Nelson gave jazz critics, followed on the same evening by music by the Al Abreu Quartet. Nor shall we forget such visitors as Toshkiko (now with her husband, Charlie Mariano, in Japan), Gene Rodgers (presently on an extended engagement in Schenectady), Sadao Watanabe (exquisite flutist and altoist who is the fond charge of HJS during his stay in America), Bob Thiele (whose Impulse records are making jazz history), Pauline Rivelli (an ornament to the "Jazz" staff), and that incredible, grand old man of ragtime and stride piano, Lucky Roberts.

HARTFORD MUSICIANS to whom HJS is greatly indebted deserve a hand. They include Buddy Brown, Count Dixon, Matt Emerzian, Cliff Gunn, Bobby Johnson, Norm Macklin, Don Mast, Ronny McClure, Jack O'Connor, Joe Porcaro, Nick Stevens, Fred Tinsley, Ed Quinn and Lindsey Wallace.

BY-LAWS authorizing HJS to add "Inc" to its name and thus enjoy certain advantages have been submitted to state officials by Attorney Danny Blume, a handy man to have about ... You ask, will there be a jazz cruise down the Connecticut River this year? Yes, Seymour, you'll be safe in buying that yachting jacket ... It's been a rough year physically for Ruth Cheffet, Art Hurwit, Mabel Macklin and Nikki Thibodeau, but they're mending fast ...

Incidentally, whatever happened to Dave Sherwood? Ken O'Brien? Harry Lewis? Bob Vater? And for that matter, Clyde McCoy? ... Bring along any LP's of which you have duplicates, or of which you're tired, and put them up for auction. Somebody else will be pleased to have them, and the coins they earn will swell HJS exchequer ... Thanks go to Dan Canter, Boy Artist, for the heading of "The Swinger." ... Good jazz is being aired on local radio by John Birchard (WCCC), Jerry Gordon (WINF) and Danny Blume (WBMI) ... Join the Ban The Shlompers From Florida movement ... Another romance of interest to HJS members culminated in the marriage a few days ago of Bruce Martin and Page Bovee. (Bruce, having finished an engagement at the Heublein, is now playing in The Great City. (His playing on the latest Mike Mainiere LP for Argo won Bruce high praise in "Down Beat." Incidentally our Joe Porcaro is the percussionist on this same record.) ... Dave McKay and wife Nikki Price, were a substantial hit in their engagements at the Village Vanguard and Kelly's Stables. They're now in Seattle ... Wanted: a copy of Cozy Cole's "Topsy." ... From Marjaglia in northern Italy comes the question, "Cerco an che fotografie dell 'Orchestra di Ellington e del complesso di Armstrong ne avete voi?" (I'm looking for photographs of Ellington and Armstrong. Do you have them, and would you send them to me?) ... Things to Think About: Could HJS bring Horace Silver, local boy and international favorite, to Hartford? Would an HJS dance (the Bond has offered its ballroom) be a success? How about a spring concert at the new Diplomat (the management are friends of HJS)? Is it true what they say about Dixie? ... See you Sunday, April 7. Bring your own damask mapkin if paper chafes you... Dixie who?