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IF YOU MISSED the October meeting...sorry for your trouble, Cyril. It came on like the overture to "The Last Day of Pompeii." No less than three trios took turns to keep instruments warm: Lenny LaCroix, piano; Russ Elliott, bass and Joe Porcaro, drums...Gene Rodgers, piano; Cliff Gunn, bass and Joe Porcaro, drums...Norm Macklin, piano; Russ Elliott, bass and Lenny LaCroix, drums...Then Gene Rodgers and Bessye Proffitt took turns at the blues, in solo and in duets. Thirty members and 33 guests had a bouncing ball.

NEXT? The date is Sunday evening, November 1. The place is Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue. The talent: Stephen J. Nicholas, III, the extremely versatile member of the New Breed Quartet, in an informative chat on jazz music; and music by the Bob Lawson-Mike Duquette-Ed Rossie Trio.

WATCH the papers for an announcement of a free jazz concert (probably by the splendid Al LePak Concert Jazz Band), to be presented during November at Trinity College under the sponsorship of Local 400, AM Fed Musicians, and the Hartford Jazz Society. (Incidentally, congratulations to Local 400, which, having been founded in 1904, is this year sixty years of age.)

MEANWHILE, here are two programs to catch on Channel 24 (Educational TV): Woody Herman and his present Herd in rehearsal, scheduled for 9:30 PM, Thursday, October 24 and also 9:00 PM, Friday, October 30... and "Villanova Jazz Festival," featuring leading college jazz bands in competition, scheduled for 9:30 PM, Friday, October 30. (Sick of commercial TV? Try Educational TV, the only source of jazz on television.)

CURRENT EVENTS: The Upstairs Downstairs Club on Trumbull Street is giving with the jazz -- and good -- on Sundays, 9:00 PM to 1 AM. Last week the talent included Wayne Andre, Joe Petrone, Bobby Johnson, Dickie Meyers, Paul Brown and Singer Kitty Kathryn... Jack Dobbin's gang last Sunday held a Dixieland binge at Wurdig's in Bloomfield, the players having been such Dixieland "names" as Johnny Windhurst, Cutty Cutshall, Cliff Lehman, Peanuts Hucko, Les Lesberg and Ross Tompkins... Gene Rodgers is playing beautifully at Stonehaven in Farmington (on Bristol Road). Incidentally, in the current "Down Beat," a fine old pianist, Art Hodes, pays Gene a warm compliment...HJS members are most welcome at the Yankee Silversmith Inn (Wilbur Cross Highway in Wallingford), where the Easy Riders Jazz Band is featured...The New Breed

Quartet is giving out whole-heartedly at D'Amato's on the Berlin Turnpike (near open air movie theater)...and the Oakdale Tavern in Wallingford is being enlivened by the Paul Brown Trio. (What's this poop about a dearth of jazz in the area? Let's hear no more of it.)

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with the December meeting, all dues must be paid. (Lucy Marsters, dear girl, is mailing out the bills, so make her happy.) This means that, beginning with the December meeting, guests will be welcome only if accompanied by a member. To remain a member, pay the dues. Goodness sakes, you can't conduct meetings -- with talent to be paid, hall to be rented, postage to be bought and setups to buy -- without money. Now, can you? So dig down, give out and ease your conscience.

JUST IN CASE you don't give a pooh about being a member, listen to what's lined up for the December meeting: Two great movies: "A Date with Dizzy," and the classic Djon Mili film with Lester Young, "Jammin' the Blues," also pictures of the three annual jazz cruises down the Connecticut, and music to be announced at the November meeting.

MISCELLANY: Mike Lawless, formerly of WJAZ, is now at WCCC, where he is featured in a jazz broadcast Sunday evenings...John Birchard's nightly WCCC jazz show is now in its fourth year, but sounding fresher than when it began...Jerry Gordon, on WINF, Manchester, is doing a nightly controversy with listeners entitled "Speak Up, Greater Hartford"...Dave MacKay, returned from Hawaii, is now playing at the Piccadilly on Long Island...Billy Taylor has relinquished his WNEW jazz broadcasts and is playing at the Village Vanguard in The Great City...Our Sardao Watanabe, studying at Berklee in Boston, is featured in "Berklee 1964," the annual record produced by Berklee students. Copies are available from the school (284 Newbury Street, Boston 19, Massachusetts).

RECOMMENDED: By Dave Waid, friend of HJS in Milwaukee --- Clark ~~and~~ Terry with the Oscar Peterson Trip in a new Verve issue...by Phyllis Gordon -- "Bill's Bag" by Billy May on Capitol label...Babser Hurwit -- Ramsey Lewis' "Barefoot Sunday Blues" by Ramsey Lewis, an Argot record...by George Malcolm-Smith -- Bill Evans and Jim Hall, "Undercurrent."

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