

The Swinger

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THINK of a better way of ending the Society season than dancing it away? Can't, can you? Neither could the board of governors. So, on Saturday evening, June 4 (at 8 o'clock), Bobby Johnson and his ouaintet, which had even Joe Jewel doing a Suzy-Q at last year's final meeting, will swing again. Note that date well: Saturday, not Sunday. The place, as usual will be Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue.

THE ONLY BUSINESS to be transacted will be the installation of the newly elected officers: President -- Sammy Johnson, vice presidents -- Joe Jewel and George Malcolm-Smith, corresponding secretary -- Annette Cohen, recording secretary -- Charon Clark, and treasurer -- George S. Cohen.

SATURDAY 8 PM .

JUNE 🐬

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JAKI BYARD did it again. His performance at the May meeting was even more enjoyable than his previous appearance before the HJS. With him was Tenorist-flautist Joe Farrell, Bassist Fred Tinsley and Drummer Nick Vasquez. At midnight, however, Kenny Burrell's rhythm section (Oliver Jackson, Richard Wyands and Martin Revaro) burst into the Temple and joined the Byard group (with Jaki switching from piano to tenor sax) — and blistered the acoustical tiles. A memorable evening.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Jazz Cruise down the beautiful Connecticut is already being planned. Art Fine has been prevailed on to be chairman. Volunteers are being sought to fulfill the numerous odd jobs connected with this traditional wingding. You'll enjoy working with the committee — always a jolly group. The date, as customary, will be the Sunday after labor Day, when the river's at its best. And we'll sail this year again from Hartford, not Middletown.

ODDS & ENDS: Tony Romano is owed much gratitude for bringing to his Hofbrau such names as Kenny Burrell, Sonny Rollins, Horace Silver, Clark-Terry & Bob Brookmeyer, Dizzy Gillespie, et al...Jerry and Teddy Smith are grandparents again...Ralph and Jo Sturges, who are filthy rich, have returned after a vacation at Williamsburg, Virginia...Gene Rodgers is playing at the Corner House, Farmington...Kirby Malcolm-Smith at Stonehaven, Farmington...Paul Schmanska enjoyed a company-paid boondoggle at Atlanta...Marian McPartland says of HJS emeritus, Ronny McClure, in "Down Beat": "He is a fast-maturing musician of enormous talent."...Mr. and Mrs. Danny Blume have bought a home in West Hartford...Phyllis Gordon leaves shortly to join Jerry in Sacramento.

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