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AN ALL STAR QUINTET awaits those who attend the next soiree of the Hartford Jazz Society. The date: Sunday, November 12. The place: Jonathan Hall, 700 Blue Hills Avenue. The stars:

Jerome Richardson, versatile reed man, renowned for his performances with Lionel Hampton, Earl Hines, Chico Hamilton et al.,

Roland Hanna, pianist who toured with Benny Goodman (Brussels Fair, Russia, Newport Festival and other important dates),

Grady Tate, drummer who has supported Billy Taylor during Billy's prolonged Hickory House engagement.

Garnett Brown, trombonist, voted by "Down Beat" readers as this year's best new young performer on his instrument, and

Richard Davis, bassist, who was also voted by "Down Beat" readers as this year's best new young performer on his instrument.

"BESSYE PROFFIT NIGHT," the HJS meeting of October, was one to remember fondly. Miss Proffitt, moved to tears, was truly grateful for the honors she received -- and deservedly. A more suitable guest performer for the evening than Willie "The Lion" Smith, the great Harlem stride pianist, couldn't have been chosen. Pleasures of the evening included a few blues by Bessye, solos by veteran trumpeter Dick Taylor, and of course The Lion's performance. (He was accompanied by veteran drummer Johnny Vine and favorite bassist Cliff Gunn.)

THE TOSHIKO TV SHOW, taped during the HJS meeting in September by Channel 24, will be transmitted over that channel and others at 10 PM, Monday, November 20. It will be repeated at 3 PM, Sunday, November 26. As you probably remember, Miss Toshiko was accompanied by Bassist Miroslav Vitous and Drummer Ronny Zito. (There will be more of the Toshiko show telecast during December. Dates to be announced.)

ALSO ON CHANNEL 24 this month: "Jazz on Westland Street," featuring a number of HJS favorites: Pianist Emery Smith, Tenor Bobby Johnson, Alto Norman Gage, Bassist Paul Brown, Drummer Mike Duquette, Singers Kitty Kathryn and Kenny August. The dates: 10 PM, Monday, November 6...3 PM Sunday, November 12...10 PM, Monday, November 13...3 PM, Sunday, November 19.

MUSIC, MUSIC: HJS Member Roberta Peck's latest Columbia record, "Extraordinary," was accorded a four-star review by "Down Beat." With her in the grooves are three other friends of HJS -- Clark Terry, Pat Rebillot and Richard Davis (the last mentioned will be with us at this month's meeting)...Lionel Hampton and his band come to New Britain Sunday evening, November 5, presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of its civic activities. The place: New Britain High School. Lively music for a worthy cause...Bill Doggett, organist of rhythm and blues fame, is booked into Tony Romano's Asylum Club (the old Hofbrau) through the week of November 6-11...The first concert staged by the Greater Hartford Jazz Association, Inc. is slated for Monday evening, November 13 at the Hartford Stage Company theater. Four others will be presented during 1968.

NEWS OF YOUSE: Robert W. McCurdy, program director of Gengras Campus Center, the University of Hartford, made an honorary member of HJS, writes: "I feel proud and privileged"...HJS has arranged (through Lucy Marsters and Sammy Johnson) to present a jazz show at the state prison in Enfield and at the Institute of Living in Hartford...The young musician to receive the HJS scholarship at Berkeley Music School in Boston has not yet been chosen...Rev. John G. Gensel of St. Peter's Church in Manhattan -- "pastor to the jazz community" -- has thanked HJS for a gift to his fund to aid jazzmen down on their luck...A raffle will be conducted by HJS during this month, December and January to bolster its treasury. The prizes: three-day all-accommodations trip to Bermuda for two; a personal portable TV set; and a Polaroid camera No. 220...If you've forgotten the identities of the HJS Council, which strives to make decisions; the members are: George and Annette Cohen, Art Fine, Curtis Gamble, Barbara Guiffre, Jack and Marion Haynes, Barbara Hurwit, Sammy Johnson, George Malcolm-Smith, Lucy Marsters, Jean Mounds and Carol Pfunder.

WELCOME these new HJS members: Raymond Bell, Helen Connell, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dickison, Margaret Girand, Elizabeth Noonan, Fred Oliver, Mrs. T. Graham Ralph and George Archer Sayre.

"TOUGH LUCK has struck me, and rats is sleeping in my hat."
(Old Refrain)