



# The Swinger

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ILLINOIS JACQUET and his quartet, including Milt Buckner, will hold the stage Sunday evening, June 16. This one you'll enjoy. You remember Illinois -- Lionel Hampton's "Flying Home" star, veteran of the Cab Calloway and Count Basie bands and favorite of the "Jazz at the Philharmonic" troupe. You may not remember Milt Buckner so well, and more's the pity for you, because he's the old "lock-hands" piano virtuoso of the Hampton band and stellar alumnus of the historic McKinney's Cotton Pickers. Jot it on your calendar: 8 PM, Sunday, June 16, Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue.

MAY was an extremely active month for HJS. First, there was Frank Foster's band, which loosened some bricks in Teferes Hall with a rousing repertory. Frank, as always, was a pleasing soloist, and this time proved a warm personality as a director and master of ceremonies. Two unexpected pleasures: the great Benny Green appeared with his superior trombone, and Richard Wyands, Kenny Burrell's fine pianist, showed up as one of the rhythm section. Others of the band were Ed Pazant (who played the lead in ballads on, of all things, an oboe), Randy Becker and Lou Soloff, trumpets, Bassist Bob Cunningham and Drummer Sonny Brown, both hard but tasty pushers of the beat.

ALSO IN MAY, HJS, in collaboration with the University of Hartford, presented at the University the impressive jazz worship service, "Bless You" conducted by "Broadway's Jazz Pastor," Rev. John G. Gensel, teamed with Howard McGhee's band. The story of how Samuel, afflicted by "an evil spirit," found peace in the music provided by his son, David, lent itself beautifully to music composed by McGhee and Cliff Jordan, along with snatches from Ellington and other jazzmen. The band, which was generous with a concert after the worship service, included: McGhee, Lou Soloff (again), Eddie Preston and Steve Furtado, trumpets; Donald Cole and Jim Morris, trombones; Fred Capi, Paul Jeffries, Chris Woods and Billy Torrance, reeds; Billy Green, piano; Jimmy Orr, bass; and Butch Tooker, drums. (The entire evening was taped by Channel 24, Educational TV, for presentation on the air in the fall.)

OFFICERS for the Year 1968-69, elected at the annual meeting April 30 are: President -- Curtis Gamble; 1st Vice President -- Jack Haynes; 2nd Vice President -- Paul Schmanska; Corresponding Secretary -- Annette Cohen; Recording Secretary -- Marion Haynes; Membership Secretaries -- Jackie Anderson, Barbara Giuffre; and Millie Mercier; Treasurer -- George Cohen. (The nominating committee, whose slate was

unanimously accepted, consisted of Arthur Fine, Sam Johnson, Lucy Marsters and Jean Mounds.) Music was part of the meeting, the performers having been Spider Martin, tenor; Dick Taylor, Jr., organ; and Cliff Gunn, bass.

THE INSTALLATION DINNER is scheduled for Friday evening, June 21, at Manero's on the Wilbur Cross Highway in Berlin. Diners will select their own menus (\$5.50 to \$6.25, which includes music for dancing and tips). Reservations will be taken at the June 16 Illinois Jacquet meeting. At that meeting, too, arrangements can be made for transportation by those who require it. This should prove a memorable bash.

NEWS OF YOUSE: Lucy Marsters has been hospitalized, but is home again (98 Garden Street, in the probable event you wish to write). Incidentally, Station WRHM picked her as "Miss Secretary of 1968." She's with J. Bicey King adv. agency...Danny and Joanne Blume are taking turns walking their bundle-from-heaven, a boy...Sharon Clark and Reedman Jack O'Connell, HJS members, will be married June 29 in Syracuse, Sharon's home town. Another HJS marriage...New HJS members include: Mrs. Carol Coppi, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard T. Dunn, David E. Harper, Harry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and Major Quinton.

MUSIC HERE & THERE: CRT (the Community Renewal Team) offers this summer program -- Muddy Waters, July 1, Dillon Stadium; Clark Terry and Roberta Peck, July 8, Keney Park; Donald Byrd, July 15, Wish School; Freddie Hubbard, July 22, Prince Tech; Horace Silver, July 29, Wish School; and Art Blakey, August 5, Prince Tech...Rial Ogden's FEJB (Fiercely Enthusiastic Jazz Band) will combine with a string quartet of the Hartford Symphony (Maestro Arthur Winograd on cello) in a concert at the Connecticut General Life in Bloomfield, Friday evening, June 14. Tickets available at Symphony office 278-1450...Harry Belafonte fans who wish to attend his Newport appearance July 20 may obtain tickets and bus transportation by calling Miss MacMahon, 242-5511.

AN ANNUAL DIXIELAND SESSION with some of the finest of the medium has been conducted 16 straight years by Insurance Man John Dobbin. This year's, held May 26, offered this personnel: Maxie Kaminsky, trumpet; Cutty Cutshall, trombone; Kenny Davern, clarinet; Dick Wellstood, piano; Cliff Leeman, drums; Jack Lesberg, bass. Several HJS members attended.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL JAZZ CRUISE will be held this year on Sunday, September 8. Preparatory details pertaining to this event -- the most ambitious and most widely known of HJS enterprises -- require the efforts of many people. You could be helpful. Please volunteer for a job. Art Fine has been chosen as chairman of the cruise committee. Let him know at the Illinois Jacquet June 16 meeting that you'd like to be of assistance. There can't be too many cooks for this broth.

WHY walk in the shade with those blues on parade? Walk on the sunny side of the street. (Old Refrain)