



The Swinger

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TOSHIKO, the sweetheart of the Hartford Jazz Society, returns Sunday evening, May 4. What's more, the Japanese Doll brings with her the fast-rising tenor saxman, Lou Tabackin. Her rhythm section casts sparks, too, for it consists of Mickey Roker on percussion and Ron Carter on bass. The place, as usual, is Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue.

CLARK TERRY and his quartet did it again at the April meeting, which was taped by EEN (Eastern Educational Network) for national distribution and will be televised within the next few weeks (watch for dates). A delightful showman as well as a virtuoso trumpeter, Clark held the record audience in constant amusement. With him were Pianist Don Freedman (an HJS favorite), Bassist Larry Ridley and Drummer Dave Bailey. After the TV crew had packed its gear and departed ("Good show," said Peter Lee Anderson of Channel 24, ETV) things became a bit more informal, with local singers, Bessye Proffit and Kitty Kathryn, joining the band. Stanley Dance, "Down Beat" and "New York Times" jazz critic, who participated in the TV segment (John Birchard served as MC), said, "This club is one of the best things happening to jazz."

TWO BUSLOADS of HJS members and friends roared out of Hartford on Sunday, April 13, bound for Manhattan to attend the birthday party of Jazz Interactions, Inc., held at The Scene on 46th Street. The HJS delegation was by far the largest representation (83 Hartfordites) from any jazz club of the Eastern Seaboard. Old acquaintances of HJS were on the stand, as well as a number who haven't yet played at an HJS meeting:

Joe Newman	Frank Wess	Larry Willis	Joe Farrell
Frank Foster	Dexter Gordon	Jimmy Heath	Kenny Baron
Jaki Byard	Al Dailey	Pepper Adams	Ruth Brisbane
Lou Tabackin	Jimmy Owens	Sonny Red	Steve Grossman
Roland Hanna	Junior Mance	Eddie Williams	Alfred Stetson
Milt Jackson	Earl May	Criss White	Jazz Samaritans

A SLATE OF OFFICERS for the Year 1969-70 has been named by the nominating committee, of which Sammy Johnson is chairman. The nominees, as suggested by the committee, will be voted upon at the HJS annual meeting, the date and place to be announced by mail to all members. The nominees: Harry Lichtenbaum, president; Lucy Marsters and Joey Stevenson, vice presidents; George Cohen, treasurer; Annette Cohen, corresponding secretary; Peggy Mills, recording secretary. Other nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

JOTTINGS ON A FRAYED CUFF: HJS voted a contribution to the Martin Luther King Youth Fund...Remember that the June meeting will be the second Sunday of the month, not the first...A frequent guest of the Rockinghorse on Franklin Avenue is "Wild Bill" Davidson, famed Dixieland trumpeter, who enjoys sitting in with Hartford jazzmen... The Traditional Jazz Society of Connecticut will present Barry Martin's Band from England at the Holiday Inn in Meriden, Friday, May 23... Hartford members of the Coon-Sanders Nighthawks Club are attending the second annual meeting of the national organization May 16 and 17 at Charleston, West Virginia...Among personalities at the Jazz Interactions birthday party in Manhattan was a friend of Barbara Curry, who now, because of his charm, is also an idol of Florence Cohen and Inez LaJoy. He is Ed Power, the "Steve" of television's "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing."

WELCOME these new members: Stanley Cicero...Alvin Diedricksen... Wade F. Foote, Jr...James A. Greenberg...Ronald V. Georgeff...James E. Harrison...Carrie Reedom...Alvin T. Robinson...Nathan Shear...Jessie Wedgeworth...David R. West...William R. White-Bey.

"THEY PUT HINGES on chimneys for the stars to pass by." (Old Refrain)

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