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THE HOWARD MCGHEE QUINTET, with Blues Singer Joe Carroll, will enliven the meeting of the Society scheduled for Sunday evening, November 15th. The group comes fresh from an engagement at the Club Baron in The Great City. Several times a "Down Beat" winner, famed for his performances with Charlie Parker on the historic Dial records and an alumnus of such bands as Basie's, Lionel Hampton's and Charlie Barnett's, he is enjoying a rousing comeback. The reasons will be manifest when he arrives in Hartford with his new band.

THE MEETING PLACE deserves a note pasted inside your glasses. It's The Loft at 495½ Farmington Avenue, Hartford, immediately opposite the Cinerama Theater. It's an ideal spot of HJS sessions -- conveniently located, well furnished and with excellent acoustical equipment...Again, the next meeting will be at The Loft, opposite the Cinerama on Farmington Avenue. Be there.

"GREATLY UNDERRATED" was the verdict passed on the Harold Vick Quartet, which pleased members and guests of HJS at the October meeting. Vick, they decided, is one of the truly stellar saxmen of the younger set, and Pianist Joe Bonner made himself a number of admirers. Drummer Freddy Waits and Bassist Sam Joes, who have appeared at HJS meetings before, demonstrated their usual competence. The return to Jonathan Hall was like old times.

THE HJS SCHOLARSHIP to a deserving local musician has been awarded this year to young Raymond Corbell. The scholarship affords \$150 toward tuition at the Berkelee School of Music. Raymond, a trumpeter who performed with the Newington High School Band and became a member of the Down Beats, the Governor's Foot Guard Band and Joseph Palone's Jazz workshop, is majoring in music education.

ODDMENTS & SUNDRIES: Randy Weston, HJS favorite, returned to the States last week from Morocco, where his African Rhythm Club is a success. He'll be here several weeks, during which, if he and HJS members have their way, he'll appear at an HJS session...If you're seeking jazz between HJS meetings, there's the Famous Door in Springfield (opposite the railway station), which presents some of the best jazzmen from Tuesday through Saturday. Then there's



Joey's Club on Maple Avenue, Hartford, where the cream of local jazzmen hold sessions between 5 and 9 on Sundays...The memorial benefit for the late Booker Erwin's family, held in New York, netted \$2400, which included \$25 mailed by HJS, plus a subsequent \$60 contributed by members and guests who attended the recent Harold Vick concert.

REMINDERS: Badges are provided to identify members to one another at meetings and hence promote a larger personal acquaintance-ship. Passing them out at each meeting would cause inconvenience and confusion, so please hold onto your badge and remember to bring it to each meeting...Dues are due. If you haven't paid yours by this time, you're delinquent. You wouldn't want to be delinquent -- now, would you?

WELCOME these new members: Linda L. Chatfield...Lillian Harrison ...Mary Ann Jackson...Ronald Mink...Albert L. Orciari...Harold O. Posselt...Robert L. Ray.

"It must be jelly, 'cause jam don't shake like that."
(Old Refrain)