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LEE MORGAN, his sextet and Andy Bley, blues singer, will be guests of the Society Sunday evening, May 9th at the new Teferes Hall in Bloomfield. Morgan, long prominent as a sideman in the better known bands, has come recently into his own as an individual star through his successful Blue Note recordings. He brings with him a truly all-star group comprised of Roland Hanna, pianist; Jimmy Heath, versatile reedman; Curtis Fuller, trombonist; Paul West, bassist; and Tooty Heath, drummer. HJS is fortunate to secure the Morgan troupe, which is available only because of a last-minute cancellation of an engagement in Manhattan. Be there. You'll hear some good music. Again, the new meeting place will be the new Teferes Hall. You'll find a map in the enclosed flyer.

OFF TO LENNY'S, renowned jazz spot on the Mass Turnpike, will go a busful of HJS members and friends on Saturday evening, May 22nd. If you'd like to visit this jazz mecca of New England and there hear Cannonball Adderly and his band, don't delay making a reservation. Bus accommodations and reservations at Lenny's are limited. The cost: \$6.00 per passenger and \$3.00 admission to Lenny's. The bus, with its merry passenger list, leaves Trailways Terminal at the railway station at 6:30. To enroll yourself and any guests for the trip, call Lucy Marsters after 6 PM (247-2691), but do it before Saturday, May 15th.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY party was perfection. The Kenny Burrell Quartet performed beautifully to a rapt audience -- genuinely appreciative, utterly talkless and coughless. The Jewish Community Center auditorium was ideal for a party of the sort. The champagne reception in the green room gave everybody an opportunity to chat with fellow members, with guests and with the musicians. By way of recapitulation, the personnel of the performing unit comprised Pianist Richard Wyant, Bassist Larry Ridley and Drummer Bill English. Of the music, Ron Georgeff of "The Times" wrote: "Have you ever had moments when you sit back, close your eyes and smile -- at peace? That's this quartet's music." Ken Cruikshank of "The Courant" wrote: "Kenny Burrell knows where he's going and stops off at every place he should along the way."

GRATITUDE for the success of the 10th anniversary part is due many members -- Sammy Johnson's committee, the girls who ushered and made the champagne reception a model of efficiency; Dick Taylor, who provided the excellent sound system; and particularly Harry Lichtenbaum, who designed and printed a handsome program, took charge of the stage lighting, and endangered the springs of his Stutz Bearcat by loading it with party supplies.



OUT-OF-TOWNERS who joined in the celebration of the HJS tenth anniversary included Jazz Pastor John Gensel of Manhattan; Richard Jennings, president of the United Nations Jazz Club of New York City; Anna Snead and Lloyd Sargent of the International Jazz Club of Long Island; Georgia Griggs, Bobby Brown, Charles Clinton and Efton Masters of Manhattan; Jerry and Phyllis Gordon of Boston.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT. - Found after 10th anniversary party: One woman's umbrella. Call HJS office 242-6886 if it's yours.

MUSIC ABOUT TOWN: Duke Ellington and Orchestra will be in Hartford Wednesday evening, May 7th, presenting a concert at Bushnell Memorial for the benefit of the child care center of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Gene Rodgers, HJS favorite since its beginnings, is playing the Post Riders Tavern at the Hilton (8:30 to 1 AM)...Joe's Place on Maple Avenue is the site of informal sessions each Sunday afternoon (5 to 9), with the best of local jazzmen, including Matt Emerzian, Fred Tinsdale, et al., having fun and giving fun.

TEFERES HALL will again be the scene of HJS affairs -- not the old one on Blue Hills Avenue, but the new one built at 27 Brown Street in Bloomfield. The accommodations -- more space, better sound equipment, more parking area -- are a welcome improvement over those of the old building. Waiting for the new building to be completed, HJS has met in a number of places, each one having disadvantages. The new Teferes Hall may well prove perfect.

THINGS TO COME: The annual HJS picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th at Wickham Park in Manchester...The annual Connecticut River cruise is slated for Sunday, September 26th...Annual election of officers will be held Monday evening, May 17th at Art Fine's business office, Talcott Road, West Hartford.

WELCOME these new members: Henry T. Becker...Mrs. Marie Becker...Edward Coarts...David S. Cohen...Rick Eberle...William E. Howell...Klondike Koehler...Jeff LePine...William Salinardi...Robert Starbach...Kenneth Taylor...Marion A. Wilson...Greg Yuska.

QUOTE from Ron Georgeff's Sunday "Times" feature story on HJS: "If you ask a member about the club's accomplishments, you don't get an expected answer, 'Well, it's kept jazz alive in Hartford.' Instead, you hear, 'Our greatest accomplishment is that we've created a social atmosphere where blacks and whites can socialize in such friendliness. We take that for granted.' Sam Johnson says, 'It's the most integrated group I know,' and Curtis Gamble says, 'I came in one Sunday night and joined on the spot.'"

"NEVER SPIT in a man's face unless his mustache is on fire."

(Old Refrain)