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GRADY TATE and his trio will be guests of the Society Sunday evening, March 12 -- and those attending will hear not only one of the most sought-after drummers of the day, but also one of the most sought-after jazz singers of tomorrow. Both are in the person of Grady Tate. His appearance on the 12th is more or less a return "by popular demand," for this will be his second visit to HJS. His first was a well remembered success. Again, HJS meets at St. George Hall, 433 Fairfield Avenue.

CLARK TERRY did it again at the HJS January concert. Wrote Victor Sasson of "The Courant": "Backed by a cooking rhythm section, Terry related completely to the more than 300 persons as he romped through a host of jazz standards and treated the crowd to a funky dose of his inimitable singing...Don Friedman brought roars from the audience with intricate piano solos." The "cooking rhythm section" comprised Friedman, Bassist Victor Sproles and Drummer "Mousie" Alexander. Local vocalists Al Wilson, Mary Ann Jackson and Tiny Joe joined in the fun near midnight.

BOUNTY has descended on HJS. It comes in the form of a federal grant of a bit less than \$1,000 from the National Endowment of the Arts, this amount matching a contribution by the Greater Hartford Arts Council. The purpose: to take jazz to school children. The first concert was at the Mark Twain School, where the Paul Brown Quartet performed early in February. Jackie McLean, noted altoist of the bop period, now on the Hartt School faculty, is serving as commentator.

NOTES TO YOU: Bessye Proffitt, beloved HJS member and its favorite blues singer, who is not enjoying the best of health, received substantial financial aid from a sum voted to be taken from the HJS treasury and also from generous contributions by individual HJS members. If you'd like to contribute, make your check out to the lady and mail it to the HJS address...Lucy Marsters has been appointed to organize another concert by local jazzmen for the inmates of Connecticut State Prison at Somers...Earl Long, HJS member, looking comely and sounding convincing, talked recently on TV concerning problems pertaining to the care of mentally retarded children...William Hall High School in West Hartford is conducting a drive for funds to finance a European visit by its jazz band as "jazz ambassadors"...Holiday Inn West in New Haven is presenting jazz sessions on Sunday, 6:30 to 10:30, with such performers as Zoot Sims, Al Cohn and Lou Soloff...A "rent party" to help finance Randy Weston's



proposed jazz festival at Tangier, Morocco this summer was held recently at their home by Art and Janet Fine. Musicians included Randy, Ray Bryant, Patty Bowen, Emery Smith, Ed Blackwell and "Little Niles" Weston...The enterprising Connecticut Traditional Jazz Club on Saturday, March 18 brings to Meriden (Holiday Inn) Hayes Alvis' New Orleans band, with a personnel including Doc Cheatham, Clyde Bernhardt, Herb Hall and others whose careers go back to King Oliver, Jellyroll Morton et al... Clark Terry and his big band (with Frank Wess, Lew Tabaken, Grady Tate, Don Friedman, et al.) are booked Sunday, March 12 at Quinnipiac College, the concert to be at Hamden High School Auditorium, Hamden...Circle this date: Thursday, April 6, when the Manchester Community College will present at Manchester High School Woody Herman and his current herd.

TEN YEARS AGO this month HJS at its monthly meeting was host to Oliver Nelson, reedman and prominent arranger; Sadao Watanabe, foremost altoist and flutist of Japan; and the Toshiko-Mariano Quartet. Present, too, was the late Dave Kidd, jazz commentator of WGY, Schenectady.

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WELCOME these new members: David Anderson...Dr. Hans O. Gerz...Douglas Larson...Tom McGovern.

"WHILE I was crying on your shoulder you were laughing up your sleeve."
(Old Refrain)

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