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HORACE SILVER and his quintet will be guests of the Hartford Jazz Society on Sunday evening, March 25th, thereby fulfilling a dream long held by Society members. Though now an international celebrity, Hartford regards him as one of its own, for local jazz fans remember him from the days when he was startling listeners at the old Sundown Club here in town. He was "discovered" there by Stan Getz, who snatched him up to become a member of his quintet. Subsequently, he played and recorded with Miles Davis, Coleman Hawkins, Art Blakey and other Big Names, ultimately achieving fame on his own as a champion of "funk." He comes to the Society from the Half Note in Manhattan, where his playing was praised last week in a "New York Times" review by John S. Wilson.

FOUNDERS: Horace Silver Quintet...Sunday, March 25th, 8 P.M....Les Gourmets Rendezvous, 404 Hartford Avenue, Newington... The public is invited...Special rate for students...For further information, call 242-6886.

THE VALENTINE DINNER DANCE will be an annual event if those who attended have their way. It was highly successful: excellent music by Houston Person's group, who kept the floor churning with enthusiastic and sometimes energetic dancers; good food and plenty of it, served buffet but without impatient queues; and door prizes worth the gamble. Withal, a jolly affair, for which thanks are due largely to Mrs. Tolbert Smothers and Mrs. George Cohen, the co-chairwomen. Others who helped: Johnnye James, Bette Ector, Rosie Isabell, Mattie Knighton, Linda Leonard, Gladys Dowdell.

BUSSIE PROFFITT, who sang the blues and gladdened hearts, died late in February. A cherished friend and enthusiastic supporter of the Hartford Jazz Society from its beginnings, she was made an honorary life-time member three years ago. She often shared the stage with bands brought to town by the Society, pleasing both the musicians and the audience, for she was an artist who, had she wished, might have gone on to national renown. She was a beautiful woman whose love of life spread joy everywhere among everybody.

JAZZ VESPERS continue at St. Peters in The Great City. If you're in New York at 5 o'clock any Sunday afternoon, drop in for prayers and music (also to give HJS regards to Rev. John Gensel). March 25 -- James Ware Band, April 1 -- Eddie Bonnemere Mass, April 8 -- Leigh Pazet Quartet, April 15 -- Joe Klee Group, April 22 -- Howard McGhee Quartet with Joe Carroll. (The address: 16 East 56th Street.)



WINNIPIAC COLLEGE has scheduled its 6th annual intercollegiate jazz festival for the April 13-15 weekend. This year's will honor Sarah Vaughn. Among the college bands will be the Towson State College Band of Maryland, winner of intercollegiate competitions throughout the country. Visiting professional jazzmen will include some of the biggest names, as occurred last year when Clark Terry was guest of honor and when the whole "Tonight" show band astonished him (and the audience) by suddenly appearing on stage.

NEW ORLEANS, ANYBODY? The fourth annual New Orleans Jazz Festival is scheduled for April 10-15. River boat cruises, fairground concerts and other affairs will present jazz groups ranging from the historical Olympia Brass Band to Benny Goodman's Sextet.

WELCOME these new members: Ella Hood...George Jenkins...Dorothy J. McAdoo...James Place...Mrs. Blanche L. Ward...Mrs. Lillian B. Williams.

OLD REFRAIN: "I'm building memories to enjoy when I'm old."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (March, April, May). Join this month and your benefits are:

- (1) Your dues are paid for one year and seven months (to October, 1974);
- (2) You save \$1.00 on the admission fee to any HJS concert;
- (3) You receive a new album of your choice;
- (4) You are invited to the free family picnic held in July at Wickham Park;
- (5) If, as a member in good standing, you enlist a new member, you get an album of your choice.

Furthermore, if you sign up at the Horace Silver concert, you get a Horace Silver album. Dues are \$10.00 per person per year. See Annette Cohen at the registration desk during the Horace Silver party.