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A CONFLICT IN ENGAGEMENTS will deny us the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis concert which was to have been held Saturday the 28th. This is unfortunate and is a disappointment to admirers of this great band. If you are hoping for some one to blame, you're in for another disappointment, for it's just one of those things that happen -- and not often, thank goodness. Thad and Mel, who have several times favored HJS in the past, are regretful and promise that amends will be made.

GARY BURTON, No. One vibraphonist according to the 1973 "Down Beat" poll and No. One as a jazz soloist according to the Emmy Awards, will be the guest of HJS at its 12th anniversary concert scheduled for Sunday, May 27. The concert will be held at Roberts Hall, the handsome new home of the Mark Twain Masquers in West Hartford. More on that anon.

HORACE SILVER, at the HJS concert last month gave himself and the Society a rousing home-coming (he used to play at Hartford's Sundown Club). Said Ron Georgeff of "The Times": "He and a sterling quartet of young players performed a brilliant concert. The house was packed and the music cooked. Silver showed not only that familiar funkiness, but also his sure touch on ballads and up-tempo tunes." Victor Sasson of "The Courant" said: "Silver's attack during solo efforts and his enormous rhythmic contributions during ensemble work and behind the solos of his hornmen were unflagging." The group included Randy Brecker, trumpet; Michael Brecker, tenor and flute; Will Lee, bass; and Alvin Queen, drums.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held Wednesday evening, May 9 (8 o'clock) at the Community Room of the Society of Savings, 255 Barbour Street. The proposed slate of officers: Dick Taylor for President...Thom Harris for vice president...Helen Smothers for second vice president... Betty Ector for recording secretary...Annette Cohen for corresponding secretary...George Cohen for treasurer.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON holds an event which sounds promising. Tom Sarubbi's Hartford All Stars are presenting a concert (3 to 5 O'clock) for the benefit of Catholic Family Services. The place: The Robinson School, 17 Highland Street, West Hartford. Contribution: \$5.00 per person.

BITS & PIECES: Buddy De Franco and the Glenn Miller Orchestra appear at the Hilton Monday evening, April 30 under the auspices of the Conn. Big Band Society (\$6.50)...The Teddy Wilson-Gene Krupa Sextet is scheduled for Waterbury, Monday evening, May 7, sponsored by the Mattatuck Community College Jazz Club at Kennedy High School (\$1.00)...Annette and George Cohen, representing HJS, presented Sarah Vaughn honorary membership in the Society during the Sarah Vaughn testimonial at the annual Quinnipiac Jazz Festival the weekend of April 15...The Board of Directors have voted to call the annual HJS scholarship Fund the Besseye Proffitt-Hartford Jazz Society Scholarship Fund...Lake Compounce will again present a series of big band dances this spring, the first to feature Harry James' new aggregation.

A "HISTORY OF JAZZ" will be part of the Newton (Mass.) centennial celebration. Performers will be Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonius Monk, Art Blakey, the Preservation Hall Band of New Orleans, Bobby Hackett and the Newport All Stars. The date: Saturday, May 12. The place: McHugh Forum at Boston College, Newton.

WELCOME these members: Joanne Bilotta...Eugene Bracey...John Carter... William R. Harris...Rosa Graham...Philip Henshaw...Albert L. Pertillar... Frank and Gerri A. Robacker...John Wanchek...William R. White-Bey.

" HEARD your conversation, heard every word you said.
"You got a twenty-dollar hair-do on a seven-fifty head." (Old Refrain)