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OSCAR PETERSON, who became ill and was unable to fulfill his engagement in Hartford on Tuesday, the 14th., will be with us on Saturday evening, June 1st. A sell-out house had anticipated his appearance. A frantic afternoon and evening of telephoning and announcements on radio and TV informed ticket holders, most of whom are pleased that the concert will be held on a Saturday instead of a week-day evening. So now, the new date: Saturday, June 1st., at 8:30 P.M., at the Roberts Center Theatre, Trout Brook Drive & the Boulevard, West Hartford, on the Kingswood-Oxford School Campus. The performance will be the last of the "Whole Man Series", sponsored by Kingswood School, in conjunction with the Hartford Jazz Society. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, don't wait too long since they are going very fast.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION of new officers of HJS will be held THURSDAY EVENING, May 30th., at the COPAGO COMMUNITY ROOM, 335 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. (Take the road to the right of the Copago Liquor Store and go around to the rear of the building.) The proposed slate of officers (as stated in our last Swinger) is: Lucy Marsters, President; Dick Taylor, first Vice-President; Norman Macklin, second Vice-President; Annette Cohen, Corresponding Secretary; Janet Fine, Recording Secretary; and George Cohen, Treasurer. The meeting will be enlivened by refreshments and by slides of HJS events presented by Harry Lichtenbaum. BYOB - so come and enjoy!

A BUSLOAD OF HJS members and friends (34 in all) journeyed joyfully to Manhattan Sunday, April 28th. to join Jazz Interactions at Pub Theatrical on Broadway in the celebration of its 9th anniversary. Among those who blew anniversary notes were Benny Goodman, Randy Weston, Junior Mance, Howard McGhee, Lee Konitz, Billy Taylor, Zoot Sims, Billy Watrous, Elvin Jones, the JPJ Quartet, Frank Foster, Pepper Adams, and, as they say, "others too numerous to mention". Pooped, but pleased, the busload arrived home in Hartford at 2:00 A.M.

RANDY WESTON has been chosen to present the Jazz Night which will be part of the annual Arts Festival on Constitution Plaza. The date will be Friday evening, June 7th., at 8:00 P.M. Randy, good friend of HJS for many years, will offer a tribute to Duke Ellington in observance of the Duke's 75th birthday. He brings with him a stellar personnel, and his concert is bound to be one of the biggest events of the Festival. Paint a reminder of this occasion on your bedroom mirror. (Incidentally, "Little Niles" Weston is drummer with Ahmed Jamal on the West Coast.)

THIS YEAR'S NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL-NEW YORK features more than 35 events in 10 days. The Festival will take place from June 28th through July 7th. A new service for jazz fans has been installed - a toll free telephone giving information about the Festival. It is - 800-543-7313.



THE NEW BY-LAWS OF HJS, labored over by a faithful committee for some months, are now available. Copies may be acquired by anyone asking for same. Call HJS, 242-6886, for your copy. ("Most exciting reading since 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm'" - The Hartford Times Book Review)

RANDOM JOTTINGS: A new jazz club, the Berkshire Jazz Society, has been organized in Pittsfield, Mass. It gives its first concert at Lenox on May 26th, presenting Dill Jones (Fats Waller's ghost), Mike Flanagan and his All Stars, with singer Pug Horton....The State of New York has allotted its Council of the Arts some 3 1/4 million dollars, more than twice the previous year. (Listening, Connecticut General Assembly??)....Duke Ellington has been confined to the Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan since early April, but word from HJS friend, Pastor John Gensel (the jazz minister of New York) and from Randy Weston (while in Hartford at a press conference relative to the Arts Festival) indicates that the Duke is not in mortal danger and is feeling better.... The Hartford Club on May 8th split its tuxedo pants at a party with music by "Wild Bill" Davison, Bob Wilbur, Dave Balaban and other Dixielanders.

TEN YEARS AGO in HJS history: Members and friends danced at old Jonathan Temple to the music of the Bud Larson Quartet (Bud, trombone; Paul Brown, bass; Phil Gallup, guitar; Mike Doucette piano)....Five years ago, Toshiko, the beloved Japanese doll, edified HJS members at Teferes Hall, bringing with her to accompany her piano, Drummer Mickey Roker; Bassist Ron Carter; and, as a special guest, Tenor Saxman, Lou Tabackin.

BEST BETS FROM YOUR LIBRARY: "Early Jazz" by Gunther Schuller...."Bessie" by Chris Albertson...."Toward Jazz" by Andre Hodeir...."The Street That Never Slept" by Arnold Shaw...."Such Sweet Thunder" and "Dinosaurs at Noon" by Whitney Balliett.

"HEAD for the roundhouse, Nellie, they'll never corner you there."
(Old Refrain)