

Jazz: an orgasm of sound

By DAN JAMIESON

It was fantastic.

It was old-time jazz and it was great.

It was real jazz and you could feel it right down to the soles of your shoes, and you knew that they had felt it because they wanted to dance, and you wanted to clap and sing and follow this Pied Piper group all the way back to New Orleans.

And it wouldn't have been

too difficult to do. With that horn you could walk down Basin Street from end to end, and never move a foot.

You couldn't expect much from them. They were all over 60 and they had been on the road since September. I went feeling glad they'd made it this far.

But they fooled me.

I've been listening to solid jazz for years, but I can't say I've heard or seen a better performance.

They had more than enough life left in them, enough to breathe life into the more than 1,000 people who came to listen in Dinwoodie last Friday night.

People danced and sang, they jumped up on chairs and clapped until their hands were sore, and then they kept right on clapping.

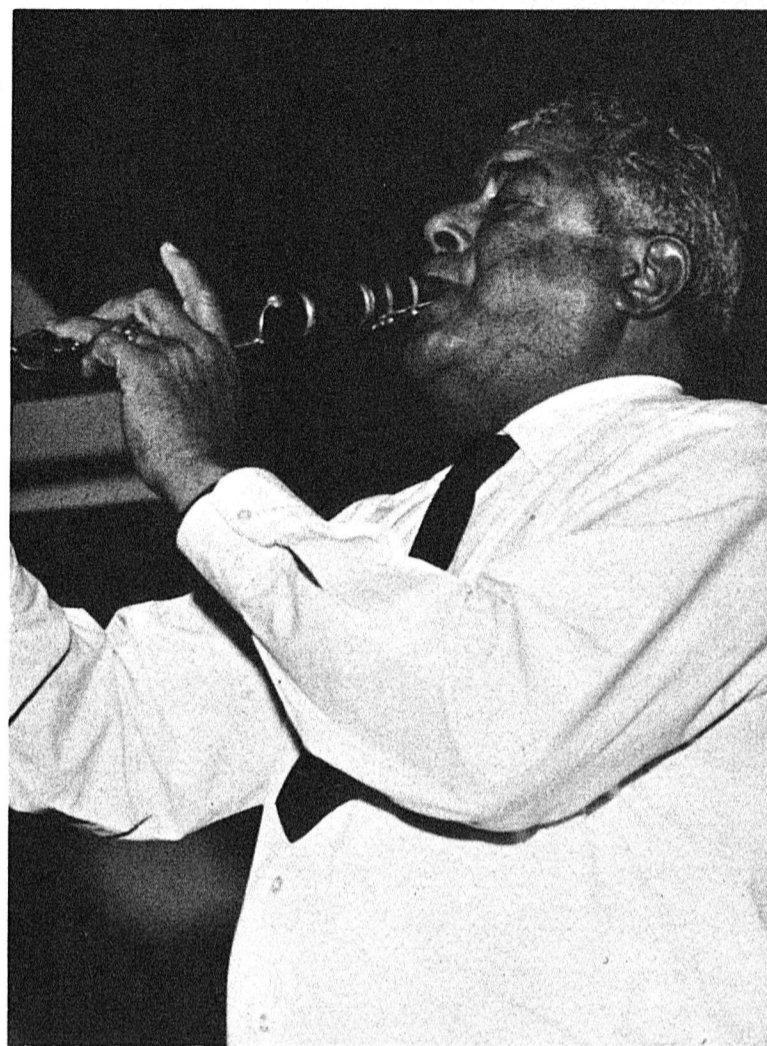
The last number was "The Saints Go Marchin' In," and everybody marched. The clarinetist led the march and everyone followed him around the room.

In Preservation Hall in New Orleans there is a sign which reads: "Requests 25 cents, Saints Go Marchin' In, \$5."

"It only hurt for the first verse," said one of the band members after. "When you got a crowd like that you'll play anything for them."

People reached out to touch them as they passed through the crowd.

People liked it, because it was real jazz, jazz that ruptured the mind in an orgasm of sound.



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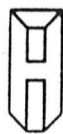
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