

# 200 Top Names for Jazz Event

Mahalia Jackson, Al Hirt, Pete Fountain Included

More than 200 top names in the fields of art and music will be featured at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival set for April 22-26 at Municipal Auditorium.

Earl G. Duffy, president of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Foundation, Inc., announced the plans for the giant festival at a press conference at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

George Wein, creator of the Newport Jazz Festival and founder of the "jazz festival" idea will produce the festival.

run, should become bigger than area is ripe with all the musical elements, gospel music, the blues, ragtime, soul music, the Creole culture — that created the atmosphere for the birth of jazz.

Wein said that Mahalia Jackson, Al Hirt and Pete Fountain are scheduled to appear in concerts during the five-day extravaganza, adding that negotiations are underway to sign the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Preservation Hall Band and Duke Ellington.

Wein said, "The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival represents a new and exciting idea in festival presentation. This festival could only be held in New Orleans, because here is the richest musical heritage in America."

Continuing he said, "This

one area to another listening square. A concert, featuring Ellington and Hirt is planned for April 25 in the auditorium from 8-11 p.m. with a dance in the other half of the auditorium from midnight to 3 a.m.

Advisors to the festival include Dick Allen of the Tulane University Jazz Archives and Jazz Chronicler Bill Russell. The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Foundation, Inc., is a new group founded for the purpose of putting on the festival.

According to Duffy, Miller Brewing Co. contributed \$20,000 toward underwriting the festival.

In addition to Duffy, members of the board of directors of the foundation include: Lester E. Kabacoff, vice-president; Du-

reij black, chairman of the board; Harry Souchon, Joe Simon Jr., Scoop Kennedy, Archie Casbarian and Mayor Victor Schiro.

**DAUGHTERS PLAN BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
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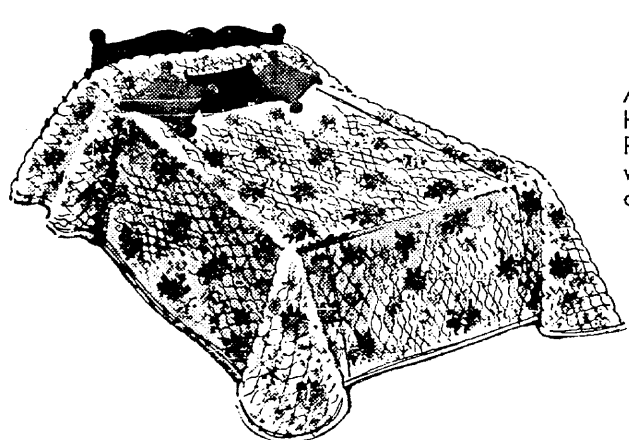
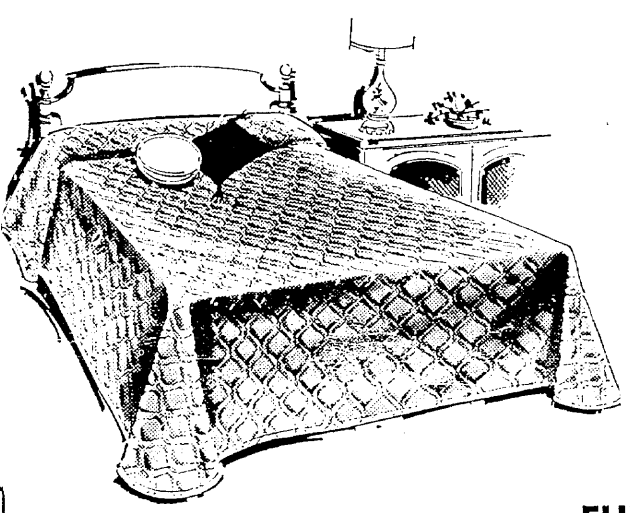
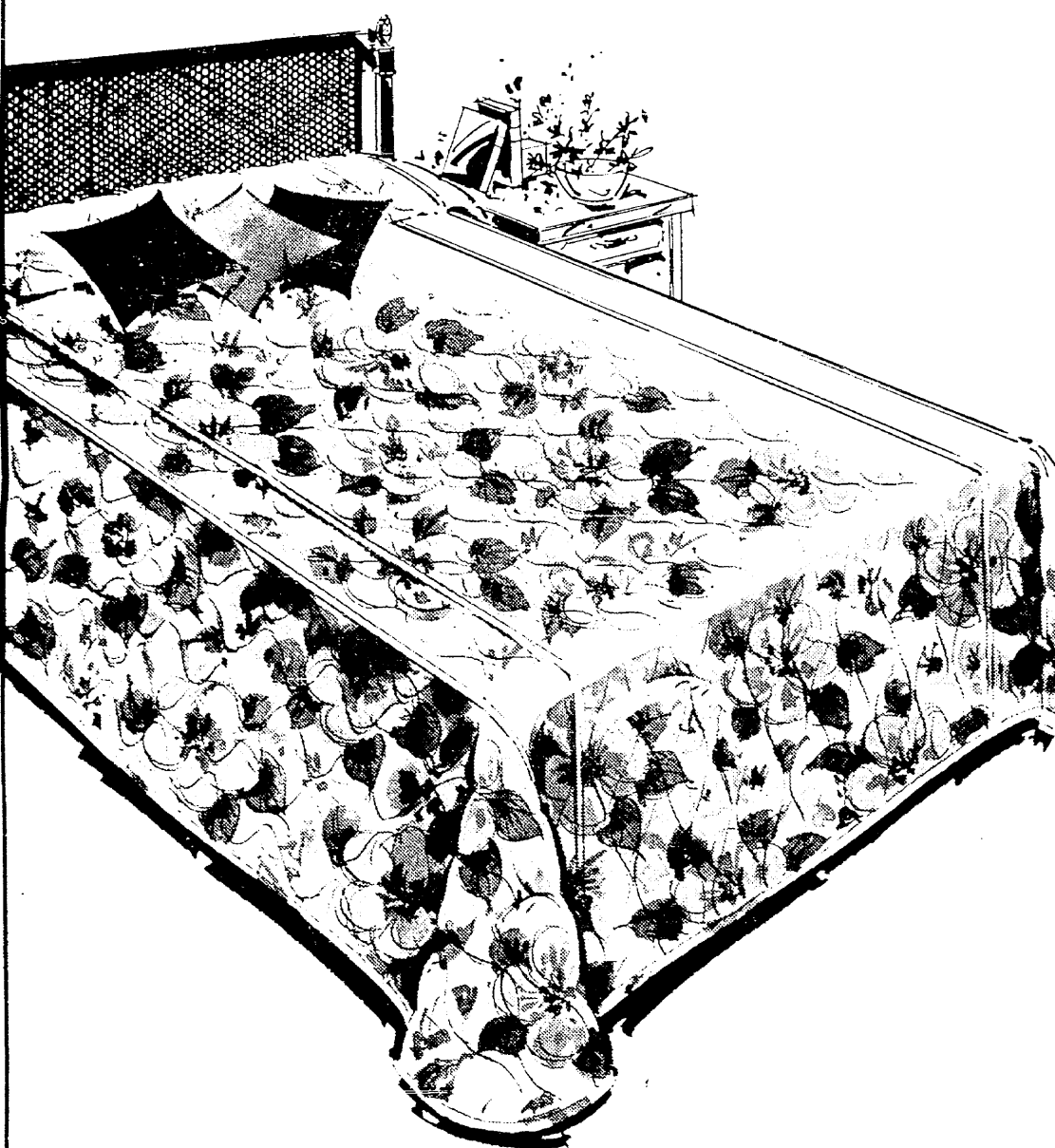
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