



—Photos by Davis Humphrey

SAVANNAH HIGH'S "FIREHOUSE FIVE" MAKE MUSIC
(L-R) Thee, Hoffman, Johnson, Carellas, Lane, Simmons

Jazz in Gymnasium

Players, Fans Both Jumping At SHS Basketball Games

The Savannah High School gymnasium is a long way from Carnegie Hall. So is the music that you'll hear there.

Music in a gymnasium? Doesn't seem a bit unusual after you've witnessed at least one basketball game in the SHS gym. It takes no longer than one game to get used to it. And after that you're a fan of the fabulous "Firehouse

two "Firehouse Five" is a misnomer. There are more than five boys in the combo. There are six regulars and occasionally they gain two or three more pieces. All are musicians of a more serious nature in director Bill Clark's SHS band.

Clarinetist Carellas is the elder

statesmen of these tuneful ambassadors. He has been with the combo since it was started. The others are Bill Thee on trumpet, Ed Simmons on Sousaphone, Elton Hoffman and Joe Lane on trombones and Sonny Johnson at the drums . . . Strictly from Dixie!

Newspaper article about Savannah High School's Fire House Five Dixieland Band at basketball games. Edward is on the sousaphone or tuba. Bill Thee on cornet, Elton Hoffman and Joe Lane on trombone, Jimmy Carellas on clarinet, and Sonny Johnson on drums.