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VILLAGE COMPOSERS Bob Barron (r.) and Bert Long

## 'Cindy, Oh Cindy'

A song called "Cindy, Oh Cindy" which currently stands sixth on the Hit Parade is going to bring a lot of money to Villager Bob Barron, 27, who with his friend Bert Long, a 26-year-old NYU medical student, wrote it last summer.

"Cindy" is the first song composed by the pair, the first hit for 19-year-old Vince Martin who recorded it, and by far the biggest record in the 12-month history of Glory Records, to which it was submitted. Barron, while understandably pleased that sales are approaching one million—split about equally between Martin's recording and one by Eddie Fisher—is baffled by its sudden success.

"Maybe it's owing to its folk music overtones, or possibly it's because the lyrics concern a faithful sailor," he muses.

Barron, promotion director for Avon (paperback) Books, met Long while both were at NYU. Sharing a mutual interest in amateur guitar-playing and a total inability to read music, they kicked a few tunes around over frequent dinners in the tiny Potpourri—a restaurant owned by Barron's family.

"We based 'Cindy, Oh Cindy' very loosely on an old folk tune," Barron explains, "and we both liked it so much that we sang it over and over again until we knew every note. Then we took it to a friend of ours who'd recently started Glory Records, and sang it to somebody who transcribed it for us."

Meanwhile Glory had acquired Vince Martin, a young student from Brooklyn. "His story sounds even more like

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## 'Voice of Jazz' Concert No. 1

THE VILLAGE VOICE, in collaboration with jazz expert Bob Maltz, will present its first jazz concert at 11.30 on Saturday night, February 9, at Town Hall.

"NIGHT MUSIC FOR NIGHT PEOPLE" is the theme, with Jean Shepherd saying the words, backed up by sounds from some of the jazz world's greatest musicians:

- Roy Eldridge
- Bobby Hackett
- Lee Konitz
- Coleman Hawkins
- Don Elliott
- Tony Scott
- Oscar Pettiford
- George Wallington
- Horace Silver
- George Wettling
- Barbara Lea
- Jimmy Rushing

... and many others.

Tickets will be available at Town Hall (123 West 43rd Street) next week. All seats are \$1.50, including tax. First come, first seated.



JEAN SHEPHERD

## 'Whither Jazz' Is Topic At Hudson Park Forum

"Whither Jazz" will be the topic under discussion at the Hudson Park Library, 10 Seventh Avenue South, next Monday at 8 p. m.

Last week Mrs. Frankie Newton, wife of the late famed trumpet player, opened the first jazz forum at the library (see jazz column on Page 4).

Special high-fidelity equipment has been loaned for the forum, which is led by Mrs. Alice Viehr, librarian.

Furriers over half a century  
Lewis & Lewis, 19 E. 9th St.—Adv.

## Greenwich Village Association

## Re-Elects Officers, Faces Old Problems

The young lawyer who was re-elected president of the Greenwich Village Association on Tuesday once used to teach fencing at Greenwich House. "Today I do all my fencing with my tongue," he admitted. As Philip T. Lombardo well knows, he will need all his verbal dexterity when the thorny Village "perennials"—traffic, schools, Washington Square—come up for discussion, and necessitate frequent missions to City Hall.

Born 36 years ago on West 10th Street, Mr. Lombardo is the youngest man ever to head the GVA in its half-century of history. As a youngster he attended all three local public schools, and later finished off his education at NYU law school. An active Democrat and member of the Borough President's Community Planning Board, he held the post of assistant counsel to the city's housing authority from 1946 to 1950, and acted as counsel to the U. N. in pre-construction days.

### Busy Year

Attorney Lombardo sees a busy year ahead for the GVA. Two is-



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### PHILIP LOMBARDO

sues apt to appear on the agenda in 1957 are:

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## Village Temple to Open Permanent Thrift Shop

The Sisterhood of the Village Temple will open a permanent thrift shop next Monday to raise money for the congregation's new building, now under construction.

Sisterhood president Mrs. Henri Zecha, and Mrs. Jack Forman, chairman of the thrift-shop committee, advise that new and used merchandise will be sold at bargain prices.

The shop, which is located at 130 First Avenue, will be open four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 10.30 a. m. to 4.30 p. m.

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## State to List Handcraft Producers

The State of New York last week announced that it intended to issue a directory of "handcraft producers" late this spring. A questionnaire has just been mailed to 1700 people the Commerce Department considers eligible for listing, and those who may have been overlooked are urged to apply for a questionnaire by writing to Barbara Yunker, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Commerce, 342 Madison Avenue.

For apts, jobs, and cars  
see the Voice Classified.



ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE, the 110-year-old neo-classic Episcopal church on West 11th Street, had its mortgage burned last week by Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan, signifying its freedom from debt.

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