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CEREMONIES at the VOICE'S AUTO RALLY on Sunday were mastered by JEAN SHEPHERD, standing suited and bearded in a 1951 Dodge depot wagon. The wagon—a Voice veteran—repeatedly delivers newspapers to stands around town. Winner of the rally was a 1951 Dodge depot wagon. At right is a line-up of rally cars: a 1951 Studebaker Avanti (1963), Kaiser-Barrin (1954), Nash (1962), V8 Karmann Ghia (1961), and Morgan (1963). (For further details, see pages 3, 8, and 9.)



Late News

Sq. Concerts May Be Saved

As The Voice went to press on Tuesday, hope was renewed that part of the Washington Square chamber concert season could be salvaged. Edward I. Koch and Carol Greitzer, Village Independent Democrats district leader candidates, pledged an all-out fund-raising campaign to save the series, and a music patron named Mrs. Carey contributed \$2,500 to the concert fund.

The concert committee announced that at least one concert will be presented in the park, on August 17 or 18. Koch and Mrs. Greitzer have discussed the possibility of City financial assistance with City officials and have contacted several local businessmen in a new attempt to obtain funds from them. If other efforts fail, the VID plans a door-to-door campaign for money. Mrs. Carey's contribution was her first in the ten-year-old Washington Square series. Originally, the first concert would have been conducted by Zoltan Kocsyi, former New York Philharmonic assistant conductor, on Monday, August 5.

For Greenwich Village:

No Summer Festival. Square Concerts Out

by Diane Fisher

New York will be somewhat less of a summer festival this year in the absence of the annual August Washington Square Park chamber concerts, which were cancelled last week because of a lack of funds. The key factor in the last-minute cancellation was an expected foundation grant which did not materialize. Mrs. Courtney Campbell, chairman of the Washington Square Association's Concert Committee, told The Voice this week.

About half of the needed \$12,500 was raised. Acting upon the recommendation of the Musicians Union Local 802, the Recording Industries Trust Fund had promised \$2,400. Private donations totaled about \$4,000, of which \$1,200 resulted from a mailing to 8,000 Village residents—an average of 15 cents per person contacted.

"Every local bank and business we contacted for donations, the New York Telephone Company, and Con Edison told us the same thing: 'We have no money,'" Mrs. Courtney said. "High-quality free music is something the community does not want to support. Wealthy businesses and foundations are not interested, and Village residents who have money won't support the concert." she added. "People will support free li-

braries or free museums, but not free music."

The West Side Savings Bank, which has contributed up to \$3,000 in each of the past ten years, withdrew its support this year and presented a series of children's square-dance programs in the park during June. A vice president of the bank, contacted by The Voice in the absence of president E. T. Hussey and secretary Albert Hitchcock, who are on vacation, was not aware that the concert series received no donation this year. Mrs. Campbell praised the bank for its support in past years and said that one person or organization can't be expected to carry on forever.

On the other hand, the ideal backing for the concert series actually would be an "angel" situation in which one or two large businesses, private patrons, or foundations could be depended upon, Mrs. Campbell said.

"We are not interested in pre-

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Seventh Annual Voice Auto Rallye

Automobile Rallye:

Form & Function, 1916-63

As a sidelight to the Village Voice Rallye held last Sunday, a number of remarkable old cars turned up for the pleasure of the public and the plaudits of the contestants. All were in beautiful condition and ran as well or better than new.

The oldest automobile, a superb 1916 Buick touring car owned and driven by Joe Misuraca of Dongan Hills, Staten Island, contracted clutch trouble after the long trip via ferry, but Mr. Misuraca climbed out, climbed under, and rectified the difficulty in prompt 1916 style.

Auburn Speedster
John Slongo came to the rallye in a prize-winning 1936 Auburn boat-tailed speedster which, with its huge chrome exhaust pipes running into the fenders and big, rumbling, supercharged motor, looked and sounded worth every penny of its \$4000 restoration cost. An unusual Chrysler Airflow sedan of 1938, with its modernistic slope-front

grille, was driven down by Bernard Kritzman of upper Manhattan.

Also on hand were Voice auto columnist and rallye-master Dan List's 1922 Dodge screen-side wagon, on which m. c. Jean Shepherd perched while addressing the crowd, and a 1931 Model AA Ford 1½-ton truck used by The Voice for parades and rallye paraphernalia attendant to such exercises.

Joan Shepherd's own 1931 Chevrolet rumble-seat roadster, although in running order, did not receive registration plates in time to be driven to the rallye; Shep came in a new Morgan roadster with New York radio-call-signal license plates. Other curious machinery on hand included a 1954 Kaiser-Darrin which, although entered as a show car, ran in the rallye to a happy last place; and a brand-new, tiny but potent, dazzling red Fiat Abarth sports roadster.

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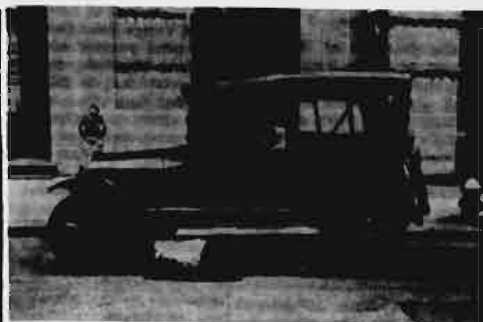
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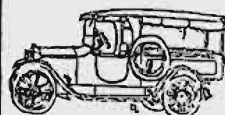
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JOE MISURACA, of Staten Island, lies prostrate under his 1916 Buick touring car. The diagnosis was clutch trouble. A friend is holding the brake.



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ROTISSERIE PLACE

Not many of you will believe what a sizable crowd turned out in the heat to watch the start of the Seventh Annual Village Voice Automobile Rallye last Sunday at Washington Square Park East. The temperature was over 95, the entries numbered 50, and the only casualty was a 1916 Buick touring car driven to the Village from the wilds of Staten Island.

An MG-A roadster driven by Chuck Littman of Brooklyn and navigated by George Marks won first prize, with only 2½ penalty points after completing the 12-mile-plus, 60½-minute course through Greenwich Village and the financial district. Second prize went to Irwin Gooen and Phil Goldberg in a 1961 Sunbeam Alpine with only three points penalty; third was captured by George Gramas and Frank Stehlik pedaling a 1960 Volkswagen sedan (four points). This year we extended the prizes to fifth place. Fourth award was picked up by the 1961 Volkswagen piloted by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Haterkamp of Helleose, Long Island, while the fifth went to another MG-A, this a 1961 model operated by Neal Hitzig and Dave Lahn of Long Island City.

No Fuzzol

The redoubtable rallye gang from Christopher Street scared off by the temperatures, didn't run their purple people gang, nor was Team Fuzzol officially represented. However, one black Jaguar with a suspicious-looking

pair, collars turned up, dark glasses and one cigar, mumbled something about "Mafiamobile," grabbed their rallye sheet, and gunned off down the side of Washington Square Park. They careened around West 4th Street on hard Firestones and streaked into the course with hard-eyed intent. Crime obviously doesn't pay, since they didn't even place.

The greatest amount of suffering was done by the checkpoint personnel, who weathered the heat on open interjections to time the contestants on various legs of their journey over the course. Our registrants—Lee Johnson, Joan Shepherd's girl Friday, and Karen Tonkonogy of West 65th Street—handled the paper work admirably, while

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These Seven

The following is a roster of the winners and their cars (with countries of origin) in the seven runnings of the Annual Village Voice Automobile Rallye.

- 1957: Bill Vaughan, 1957 Skoda (Czechoslovakia).
- 1958: Spike Landsman, 1947 MG-TC (Great Britain).
- 1959: Mark Herrmann, 1959 Triumph TR-3 (Great Britain).
- 1960: Jack Hollisberg, 1958 MG-TD (Great Britain).
- 1961: Fred Alpern, 1960 MG-A (Great Britain).
- 1962: Martin Capdevilla, Volkswagen Karmann-Ohia (Germany).
- 1963: Chuck Littman, 1959 MG-A (Great Britain).

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Hubcaps

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Gabe Oreckoff of West 10th Street (a classic Packard owner) started the cars at the park and checked them in at the Limelight Cafe finish. Along the route were Snooks Hargrove of Thompson Street hiding in Cornelia, Stockton Doughty of West 70th Street in the cool canyons near Trinity Church at Broadway and Wall, and Margaret Neiga completely incinerated at 11th and University Place in

JEAN SHEPHERD officiated at the rallying point—Washington Square Park, east—from the running board of a '22 Dodge. He later presented awards at the Limelight restaurant. From a fund of automobiles, Shepherd extemporized on the history, technical and nostalgic of the participating cars. (Photo by Fred W. McDarragh)

front of a freshly shuttered bar called Dillon's, not a drink in sight.

Contest of Skill

The Village Voice Rally, now an annual summer exercise in motoring exactitude, was originally established to fill up the July dog days with a scene for the local sports car buffs. It has since grown in stature, and now draws motorists from all over the city. The Voice rally is a relatively simple contest of skill, requiring attention to the clock and a long, detailed instruction sheet. The driver and navigator who arrive at the finish line closest to the time limit calculated by the rally-master are the winners.

To achieve a perfect score in this year's Voice rally, it was necessary to average 13 miles per hour through many complicated streets, signals, and switchback lanes in a period of exactly 66 minutes. The winning team completed the course in a trifle over 65 minutes, and the final stragglers finished 101 minutes after they had begun.

The Prizes

Winning drivers received engraved trophies provided by The Voice; navigators were given sports car recordings by Riverside Records. Jean Shepherd, who has emceed the Voice rally since 1957, finally received some token of our esteem with the presentation at the end of the prize-giving of Automobile Quarterly's magazine's framed gift: a strike proof of Peter Helek's painting of Barny Oldfield coming 'round the bend in 1910. The Quarterly also furnished fifth prize, the latest issue of its hard-cover self.

The team prize went to the Volkswagens of the Long Island Volkswagen Club: a remarkable ashyray from Lesney's Matchbox Toys Models of Yesterday, made by silvering one of their tiny antique cars. We also gave one of these as fourth prize, and the whole mess of little cars given us by Lesney's representative, the Fred Bronner Corporation, will be distributed to the rally workers. We are mailing a small wrecker to Dr. A. L. Ackermann of Elizabeth, New Jersey, who, with 99 points, finished absolutely dead last in his 1954 Kaiser-Darrin roadster.

We will notify you who gets the special awards from Race and Rally, the accessory store on Bank Street, and from the 540 Hudson Street service station, which specializes in sports car tuneups and sells the cheapest gas around. Wait till next year. —Daniel List, IMPA

Antique & Classic Car May Meet

During the post-rally festivities at the Limelight Cafe last Sunday afternoon, several enthusiasts got together to consider holding an antique and classic auto meet in Washington Square Park in the fall. Such meets have been held with great success in surrounding communities.

Cars would be invited from the various old-car organizations, most of which have New York City chapters lacking an opportunity to show their beautifully restored old machines in the city itself. It was further proposed that a plan be drafted and submitted to the various Village community organizations for their advice and assistance.

The last time antique cars appeared on masses in the Village was in conjunction with the June, 1960, Salute to Spring parade. Classic cars are used by Greenwich House every summer to transport children to summer camp, but the caravan leaves before much of the community is awake.

Progress on plans for the meet will be reported in The Voice's automobile column, "Hubcaps."

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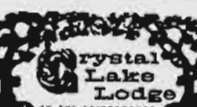
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His opponent, Carmine DeSapio, appeared on the program last month.

Forum on Peace

A forum on "Peace and the Neighborhood" will be moderated by John Darr at 8 p. m. tonight (Thursday) at the Greenwich Village Peace Center, 204 West 10th Street. Darr is chairman of the center.