

# SEVEN CARS FIGHT FOR LEAD IN RALLY

**Triumph Handled by Halmis  
and Bell-Peacock Ferrari  
Among Leading Autos**

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**SOUTH EGREMONT, Mass., May 2**—Seven cars in a field of forty were closely bunched in the lead of the Yankee Monte Carlo sports car rally today. This was the second phase of the annual event, which started last night at the Town Hall in Weston, Conn.

The Friday night run from Weston to the Jug End Barn on the outskirts of this town covered approximately ninety miles. Today's run was measured at 220 miles and the concluding reliability run tomorrow will go about sixty miles.

This event was originated by the Connecticut Sports Car Club. This year it is combined with what formerly was the Berkshire Mountain rally of the Long Island Center of the M. G. Car Club.

## Route in Berkshires

Most of the route today was in the Berkshires, covering parts of the Taconic and Mohawk Trails and branching at times into some of the national forest roads.

The leaders included Bob and Eleanor Halmi of New York in a Triumph; Richard Bell and Rusty Peacock of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in a Ferrari GT, and Lee Delamater and Alec Thompson of Fairfield, Conn., in a Porsche.

Also among the leaders were Harry Green and John Mitchell of Garden City, L. I., in an Austin Healey; Joe Schimmel and John Freels of Woodhaven, Queens, in a Karmann-Ghia; Buel Kinne and Sam Fast Jr. Porsche, and John Meader and P. S. de Beaumont of New York in a Jaguar.

Walter Cronkite, widely known television newscaster, and Mrs. Conkite, who are new rally enthusiasts, were doing well in their Austin Healey despite a bashed-in trunk. The damage was done by a truck in New York as they started for the rally rendezvous last night.

Andre Sigal of Elmhurst, Queens, marked the start of the rally last night by presenting an engagement ring to his navigator, Evelyne Apter. They, too, were among the better teams today in an MGA.

The rallyists returned to the Jug End Barn tonight and will gather there for a victory luncheon tomorrow afternoon.