THE AFRO photographer snapped the pictures above as the migratory bean and tomato pickers and corn pickers awaited the trucks to take them to the fields. This group was photographed outside the Maryland Penitentiary

$3 to $20 a day; tomato picking time

By Elizabeth Murphy Oliver

Where do they come from, where do they go, this host of itinerate laborers who crawl into the fields like thousands of caterpillars, and pick the vegetables which fill the city's stomach?

"Most of us don't have no home.

"We sleep beside the road in the grass until dawn comes and we go into the field.

"Others sleep on the truck.

"When the frost comes, the season's over up here. Then we go down Florida way.

"As for the work, you just walk and pull all day.

"If there's any corn on the stalk you pull it.

"If there's none there, you just walk on until you come to some. That's all."

There are the summary answers you get when you talk to a migratory worker at any of the Baltimore street-corner stations where they gather in the silent, ghostly hours of a June, July, or August night.

They are wearily waiting for the trucks to come. It may be anywhere from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. you see them, the wanderers, the wild geese in the world of work.

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Laterally hundreds of them meet in front of the Maryland State Penitentiary at Falls-way and Madison St. or in front of the fish market at Baltimore and Fallsway, or at Madison Square, Eden and Eager Sts., to be packed like cattle into rickety buses and open trucks and distributed over the Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Jersey farms.

Mothers, fathers, single men and women, teen-agers, old folks, whole families, make a living in this way.

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"WHO IS THE boss? For whom do you work?" I asked.

"I've been in this business for over five years," replied a huge man, who had a gunny sack over his shoulder, "and I never know who the boss is. Just pay me my money, and I don't care who he is."

"How is the picking done?" I asked, wondering if there was a system for gathering vegetables.

"Why you just bend over like this, if it's beans you're doing, and you let your back up to that ole sun, and you walk between two rows. You use both hands and pick from each row. You just keep picking and walking. The row boss will tell you when to stop."

"You can pick all day and never get to the end of the row. Some of the farms are that big. The largest bean field in the world is outside of Westminster, I think."

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THE WORKERS were just waiting. It was almost 4 a.m. Some of them had improvised beds from newspaper, feed sacks, ragged coats, and were fast asleep.

An old lady who appeared to be around 60 sat on a wooden box, a basket about her thin shoulders. She nodded. Then jerking her head, she woke up with a start.

I noticed her hands which seemed to be the biggest part about her. They were large and strong from hard work, rough and gnarled from picking. She was from Georgia.

"I've been picking for so long I can't tell you how. They don't have women pulling corn, but I've gathered limas, tomatoes, beans, cabbage and potatoes, hundreds of pounds in my day.

"There was a time when I made as much as $20 a day, a good $100 for five days all over this part of the country, but not no more. I've got a I can't hardly make $3 now."

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"WHAT DO YOU do with your money," I asked.

"Nothing," she said, forlornly. "My kids are all gone. I just got myself to look after. I buy a little something to eat and to put on my back. Pretty, ain't no jobs for me with no education and these years on me. So I just pick."

"When the rest of them go down South when summer up here is gone, I go too."

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AMERICA HAS known these bands of workers who follow the crops, travel from place to place all over the country, getting paid by the day, since the rise of great metropolitan areas.

Farmers' markets have almost disappeared and food is brought into the cities by truck. The migrant worker picks the vegetables. No machine has yet been invented to replace his two hands.

They work as long as the "field lasts" and then they travel on.

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THE MEMBERS of the gypsy-like band, who gather Maryland's crops come from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida.

Now and then a stray group of the nomads joins them and they may be from Arizona, California. But this is rare. Usually, unless they are running from unwanted wives and children, murder or some other crime, they operate in one area from North in the summer to South in the winter.

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THERE'S ROMANCE in the story.

It's usually with teen-age lovers or young married couples who tire of wandering. If they like a town, they sleep in the truck, return there each night. They save their money together and rent a room. That in the corn and bean fields, wherever the migratory workers wander. Crimes of temper, passion, and sex.

Greedy shysters in private vehicles follow the trucks to the fields and start crap games and other forms of gambling. They leave the workers' pockets clean.

Sometimes fights ensue and somebody gets killed.

At quitting time there is a rush for the truck and excited talk about the fellow worker who will board the truck no more.

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AND THEN there is the stinker. He pulls up to a clump of bushes or a grove of trees near the field.

"Frequently these guys slip among the rows and sell stuff right there.

"You can imagine what happens when you drink cheap wine or bad whiskey in the hot sun. You either fall out in a dead stupor, or you get mad at everybody and pick a fight. Then you land in jail or get left on the ground.

Whichever way you go you lose a day's pay and the stinker's got your money and gone."

"These liquor sellers who prey on poor people, come from Baltimore, the ones who follow our workers.

"This town, I hate," said an older man. "There isn't nowhere else you got people always scheming how to get the poor folks money.

"Baltimore ain't no good."

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OUT OF A crowd of 500 workers someone is bound to get left out. When the trucks are full, there's nothing left to do but to forget it.

"I've been here since 10:30 p.m. and I fell asleep, and missed the first load. I couldn't get on the second load. The crops told us to move on about 2 a.m. Now here it is 5 a.m. and they saythere are no more trucks coming for us. I guess they got enough for tonight."

A young man in blue jeans and a ragged shirt was talking.

"The bad part about getting left behind is that some of these folks borrowed carfare to come over here. They have to walk back clear across town. Tomorrow they'll borrow again. They got to make all that up once they get a day's work."

"WHAT DO they do for food?" I asked.

"My God, I don't know. They ain't got nothing, some of them. I guess they just stay hungry until they get a day's work.

"Rent, they don't worry about.

"Most of us don't have no home anyhow."

Bean, tomato pickers, corn pullers next of kin to wayward wind

Wanderers all, their lives are filled with pathos, drama, laughter, wine, tragedy and song.

1. They come from Baltimore, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, by the hundreds. Whole families of them. A hoard of lonely, hopeless human beings who bend their backs in the hot sun so that the city might eat and live.
2. The machine age has been unable to replace the manual labor these itinerate workers supply.
3. Packed 60 to a truck they stand up for the two-hour ride, lie on the side of the road until dawn and time to enter the field.
4. "I never know who the boss is. Just pay me my money. That's all I care."
5. "You can pick all day and never get to the end of a row, the farms are that big."
6. "You get back on the truck at 5:30, ride back to Baltimore, grab three hours sleep, and start all over again."
7. It's a tough man and a hard woman who can bend in that sun and make a whole week's work. You got to take a day's break in between or it'll kill you.
8. A wife and husband sometimes pick 1,000 pounds of beans a day!
9. Teen-agers may go to work if the mother or father is along. Otherwise, there may be trouble.
10. We sing sometimes and it's wonderful how for acres you see nothing but bent-over backs and yet the harmony keeps coming. My God, it's beautiful when that song swells on the breeze. Mostly we sing "Old Man River."
11. The young and the strong make as much as $20 a day. The old and the weak are doing well if they get $3.
12. Bean pickers get 2 cents a pound. Tomato pickers get 10 cents a 5/8 bushel basket. Corn pullers get $8 a day, a bonus of 50 cents al lover five truck loads.
13. When frost comes they disappear, suddenly steal away by night. In Florida there's something growing all the time. That's where they go.

'They had to teach Nock how to walk'

"They had to teach him how to walk."

Lt. Theodore Hayes, attorney, was describing Wednesday the miraculous recovery of Alvin E. Nock, 20, 1110 N. Monroe St., who plunged five stories while employed by a window cleaning firm last Jan. 29.

Mr. Nock, who was unconscious for 11 weeks in Mercy Hospital, was released to his home on July 25.

Mr. Hayes represented Mr. Nock and Dock Stevenson, 2136 W. Lexington St., in recent litigation before the State Industrial Accident Commission in which both complainants were awarded disability compensation.

THE COMMISSION ordered the Queen City Window Cleaning Co., 1310 Guilford Ave., to pay Mr. Nock $33.33 a week under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law of Maryland.

Mr. Stevenson, who suffered a back injury in a fall at the Armour Co. in 1953, was awarded approximately $3,000 for a percent partial disability.

The claimant, who is still employed by Armour according to his attorney, received his check last week.

"Yes, I'm back and glad to be alive," Mr. Nock told the AFRO after his release from the hospital. "I'm feeling fine now. Just wanted everybody to know it."

The youth fell from the fifth floor of the Maryland Trust Co. Calvert and Redwood Sts., and his life was possibly saved when the plunge was broken by a third floor roof.

MR. NOCK is receiving payments for a temporary total disability.

Mr. Hayes, a special assistant attorney general, is assigned to the State Accident Fund.

He explained that under the present Workmen's Compensation Law an employee in a hazardous job who sustains permanent total disability while working is allowed a maximum of $15,000.

The attorney said a person suffering a permanent partial disability may receive $12,500.

Mr. Hayes said firms are required by law to insure persons in hazardous jobs.

Marriage not 'washed up' —'no-dishwashing' wife

The rend in her marriage is not past mending Mrs. Gloria C. Tucker, pretty wife of Postal employee Harrison M. Tucker Jr., protested, this week.

Mrs. Tucker protested his claim that there is no hope of a reconciliation between them in an answer to his petition for divorce, filed a week ago.

Mr. Tucker is charging his wife with neglecting their home by failing to "perform any household duties normally performed by the wife." He said she wouldn't even wash dishes.

He also charges that she "frequently quarreled, cursed, abused and berated him in the presence of their son and others," and so upset him that his health suffered and the marriage became intolerable.

MR. TUCKER recently took their 15-year-old son and moved from their home at 2827 Baker St. to the home of a relative at 3114 Mondawmin Ave.

He has asked for a permanent divorce from her.

In addition to protesting the action, Mrs. Tucker has asked the court to order support for her and funds for an attorney to fight her suit.

3 Police killings in Baltimore in four-week period

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 1417 N. Broadway, shot in back by Northeastern Police Capt. Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956 — Robert Harper, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956—Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two hold-ups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck is released under the custody of Northwestern Police District Captain Millard Horton pending a hearing.

'I tried to pull them apart'

"IF I GRABBED her, I was trying to separate her and the other girl. She and the other girl started fighting and I tried to pull them apart."

This was the defense Wednesday in Northwestern Police Court of Haywood Nelson Jr., 2400 block, Reisterstown Rd. He was charged with striking Miss Mary Thomas, 1600 block W. Lafayette Ave.

Miss Thomas, neatly dressed in a white dress with blue polka dots said: "I want to withdraw the charge. She was told that it was too late. The case was already in court and would have to be settled.

"THIS HAPPENED about 1 o'clock Sunday night in a tavern," Miss Thomas testified. "His girlfriend and I had a dispute. He came up and asked me what happened."

Her voice rising in anger, Miss Thomas added: "Before I could say anything, he grabbed me on my right shoulder." Miss Thomas then loosened the right strap on her dress so that the magistrate could see the scars.

Mr. Nelson was given a 30-days suspended sentence and placed on probation for a year and told: "You've got to be peaceful for a year."

Someone to receive Mercury in PALMA Grand Drawing Sat.

The grand drawing for the late-model, fully-equipped Mercury and the carload of prizes being given away by the Pennsylvania Avenue-Lafayette Market Association will take place tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 p.m.

Coupons for the big event are available to adults at any PALMA store or affiliated market stall. PALMA stores are located in the 1500 through 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue and in and around Lafayette Market.

Noon Saturday is the deadline for getting coupons. The first prize, the Mercury, is maroon and gray, equipped with radio, heater, directional signals and seat covers.

THE CARLOAD of prizes will be given in the form of Merchandise Certificates valued at $5 each. These certificates will be redeemable for merchandise at the store named on each. Four other prizes, in addition to $10 for fifth prize.

Gloria Lockerman, who added the Democratic Convention to her television triumphs on the $64,000 Question" and the "$64,000 Challenge," will draw the winning coupons.

The proceedings will be broadcast over Station WEBB with Bill Dupree as master of ceremonies. A mammoth sale will be conducted at PALMA stores in connection with the event.

Winners must present their coupons for verification not later than Friday, Aug. 24 at the AFRO building, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Adams case figures freed

The last two defendants in the famous Turner Station lottery raid have been released from the House of Correction after serving their sentences minus time off for good behavior.

They are Alexander Flournoy 36, 100 block Avon Beach Rd., and Joseph Tyler, 27, 100 block Sollers Pt. Rd.

Already freed on parole were: Horace Pryor, 36, 200 block Pine St.; Frank Godsey 43, 100 block Walnut St., and Clark Fowlkes, 41, 400 New Pittsburgh Ave., all freed in April.

Flournoy and Tyler were denied paroles and had to serve the year sentence meted out to each one of the five defendants.

THE MEN were arrested in late July of last year when a force of 15 state and Baltimore City police conducted a raid at a house in the 100 block Avon Beach Rd., without the knowledge of Baltimore County police.

Also seized in the raid was the popular Turner Station businessman, John Irvin "Top" Adams.

Following the raid Mr. Adams disappeared and his badly beaten and garrotted body was found several days later.

After an investigation police arrested Pedro Finley Croons, a cigar smoking 23-year-old convict and his sweetheart, Miss Helen Jefferson an attractive 31-year-old barmaid.

Robbery was given as the motive for the slaying and Croons was convicted and sentenced to 18 years while Miss Jefferson received five years.

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All she left was an empty house

"I went home for dinner, and found the house empty," Thus R. Delacy Peters, insurance broker of 703 N. Monroe St., described the ending of his marriage to Mrs. Melba Peters, in Circuit Court, this week.

Married in White Plains, N.Y., in 1948, Mr. Peters said that Mrs. Peters left in Nov. 1954, taking their two children with her.

"On several occasions she had discussed moving to New York. She did not like Maryland. On the November day my partner, Eugene Chase, and I had called upon a client in the area of my home.

"We stopped by the house for dinner. The home was empty. Wife, furniture and all gone. There wasn't even a note."

Easter lily decides to bloom in August

"I've always had flowers but never one like this.

"I just threw it outside while it was still cold and here it comes up in August."

The hot sun on Wednesday week beaming down unmercifully on the neck of Mrs. Lela V. Wilson in the backyard of her home at 1034 N. Appleton St.

But Mrs. Wilson didn't care a bit and the reason was right there at her feet. It was an Easter lily that had decided August was just as good a time as any to burst into bloom.

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AS ANY HORTICULTRIST can tell you, Easter lilies can bloom fairly late in the year if planted and tended with care. But Mrs. Wilson's flower wasn't planted in the ordinary way, which makes it quite extraordinary.

"I got the lily for Easter from a friend named John Thomas and after it looked like it was dead I threw it out in the yard, pot and all," says Mrs. Wilson.

Later in the season her husband, Charles Wilson, went out in the yard and raked the lily under the soil along with some other debris.

Lo and behold, some time later Mr. Wilson came to his wife and told her:

"I think your lily is growing."

SURE ENOUGH the lily was doing just that and aided and abetted by nature and the Wilsons, the flower burst into full bloom this Sunday, August 12.

"It was certainly pretty," said Mrs. Wilson on Wednesday, "and it was the strangest thing the way it came up after we thought it was dead."

The hot sun has destroyed some of the lily's color, but it still blooms in the yard along with the cucumbers, tomatoes, okra and peppers that Mr. Wilson planted.

STRANGE BUT TRUE—Easter lilies usually don't bloom in August, but here's one that did. It belongs to Mrs. Lela V. Wilson, 1034 N. Appleton St., who had thrown it away as dead, only to learn that the flower refused to stay dead and had started growing in her back yard.

42-year-old man questioned about purse-snatching

Northwestern District police are holding a 42-year-old man for investigation in connection with snatching a woman's pocketbook Tuesday at 10:55 p.m.

Miss Bessie Anderson, 72, 1900 block Madison Ave. told police that she was standing on the corner of North and Madison, waiting for a bus when the man crossed the street and tried to engage her in conversation.

When she turned her back, the man snatched her pocketbook and ran down Tiffany Alley, where he was apprehended by police.

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2 Crosses Burned

Winners' Checks Go To 136 AFRO Clean Blocks

Nine foot sticks used off highway

BULLETIN

A news tipster informed the AFRO Thursday evening that a cross was burned Wednesday night on the Baltimore-Washington Expressway, about six miles south of the intersection of the Expressway and Caton Ave.

Anne Arundel County police in Ferndale and Maryland State Police both said that they had no knowledge of it. The blazing cross was observed at about 9:30 p.m.

"I couldn't think of anything when I first saw that so-called cross burning.

"I was surprised. We have never had anything like that around.

Standing on the front porch of 7402 Landen Ave., Wednesday, Mrs. Mary Hall said this as she looked across a field to the playground of the Fullerton

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Elementary School where the night before two nine-foot sticks wrapped with oil-soaked rags had been set afire.

The crossed wood of the type usually associated with activities of the Ku Klux Klan, had been leaned against the school playground. Several oil soaked rags had been placed around them and set ablaze.

Mrs. Hill who lives at 7314 Landen Ave., was visiting at 7402 and was on her way home when she saw the flames.

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"I CALLED MRS. (Bessie) Adams, her husband (John H. Adams), and her son (Floyd Adams)" said Mrs. Hall.

The younger Mr. Adams summoned the Fullerton police who knocked the sticks down, kicked out the smoldering rags, and hauled the remnants to the police station.

The Fullerton School is a short distance from there and over 300 colored residents

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Last word was 'mama'

WASHINGTON

"I heard her call: 'Mama, mama!'

"I heard a shot. George came dashing downstairs.

"He said he killed my daughter. He said he wanted to die."

Speaking was the mother of Mrs. Ethel Worlds, 48, a beauty shop owner, who was shot and killed by her lover Wednesday morning. The slain woman's boyfriend, George Ruth, 45, a gas station operator, turned the shotgun upon himself after the slaying.

Police said Ruth nearly tore his left arm off in the suicide attempt. He remains in critical condition at Freedmen's Hospital.

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RUTH WAS found lying on the front stairs of the slain woman's home at 612 T St., NW, about 3 a.m., police reported.

Upstairs in the three-story home they found the beautician lying in the hallway with blood streaming from a gaping shotgun wound. She died almost instantly, police theorized.

Mrs. Lena Ware, 65, same address, was numb with shock after her daughter's slaying. She said Mrs. Worlds cried for help an instant before the fatal shotgun blast was fired.

"George came downstairs moaning 'I shot Ethel, I shot Ethel, I didn't mean to do it,

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Plane lost engine on Polar flight

ELMENDORFF, Alaska — Herbert M. Frisby, Baltimore AFRO's military correspondent, arrived here, Aug. 20, after a flight over the North Pole where he dropped a metal box and plaque in honor of Matthew Hegson.

At Fairbanks, he was rushed to a radio station to broadcast a story of his flight.

When it looked like he would be stuck there for two days, because all plane seats were filled, a camp commander put his name on the manifest sheet.

Reporting here, he was handed congratulatory wires and news clippings from stateside newspapers, and a letter from his wife and son.

Pilots on the polar flight, Mr. Frisby said, came from Baltimore, Philadelphia and a town in Texas.

They twitted Mr. Frisby about his Matt Henson prayer, delivered after he dropped his memorial at the Pole.

They declared Mr. Frisby prayed his Henson prayer over and over again when his plane lost one of its engines 1,350 miles from base.

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"THEY TOOK the engine trouble lightly," Mr. Frisby said, "I didn't. I was 18,500 feet over the Arctic Ocean with my parachute on and ready to jump. And jump where?

"Our radio man raised the base, and a plane took off to

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FAAM gave $100,000

Integration is not a Southern problem alone. It is a Baltimore problem, Grand Master William A. Allen told delegates from 30 Masonic Lodges in state Monday at Masonic Temple.

In his annual address Dr. Allen said, "An easy solution may not be found, but we will not compromise. We can never give up."

"President Eisenhower has said there must be no second class citizens in our country.

"Within the last five years the Masonic order has contributed over $100,000 to the Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP.

"Our support, moral and financial has gone to the National Urban League's Vocational Guidance project.

"Masonry requires a belief in a personal God. It is not a religion. It is a human expression of the need for liberty and order.

"This segregation issue which disturbs the peace of our nation gives us the opportunity to come united as never before. What affects me, affects all of us."

Dr. Allen praised the work of the weekly newspapers, especially the AFRO-AMERICAN

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Connie Johnson Night Tuesday

"We think he has done a wonderful job, and we want to show our appreciation. We hope what we do inspires him to better things."

That is the sentiment expressed by a host of Baltimore Oriole fans this week as they worked overtime to make things joyous for Connie Johnson, Baltimore Oriole pitcher, on Tuesday night.

That will be "Connie Johnson Night" at the Stadium as the Orioles play the Cleveland Indians.

Ted Kates, district manager of the Calvert Distillers, heads the Connie Johnson Night committee, which is arranging the program. The committee is collecting a fund to be presented to Johnson and numerous merchants are boosting the Connie Johnson Night with donations of gifts.

At press time, Elson Higgins,

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Here's Baltimore's champion Clean Block for 1956: The 1600 block Ellsworth St. Last year it ranked No. 3.

1600 blk. Ellsworth rated best

Determination and the "never give up" spirit paid off big dividends for the Clean Blockers of the 1600 block Ellsworth St., Friday.

Not too happy over the third prize was last year, Ellsworth Clean Blockers this year rolled up the sleeves, got out the brooms, shovels and paint brushes and when they were through had created such an oasis of beauty, it was immediately awarded the first prize.

Captain Joseph Lockett was beaming with pride Friday at the closing exercises when he stepped up to get his check for $75.

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CHECKS, trophies, watches, U.S. Saving Bonds were passed out to captains and workers in a total of 136 winning blocks at the closing exercises held at the Knox Presbyterian Church. Awarded the second prize of $50 was Captain Leanna Sims of the red and gray 500 block Hamburg St.

The third prize check of $35 went to the red and white 600 block Lee St., of which Earlene Cooper is captain.

Both South Baltimore blocks face the Baltimore-Washington Expressway where their attractive appearance is viewed by thousands of motorists daily.

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THE LEE ST. block is also a repeater, having won the second prize last year.

Ties developed for the fourth and fifth prizes.

The plus block Ridgehill Ave., under Captain Charles R. Tudor and the 1200 block Nolan Ct., under Captain Bernadette Armstrong gave each received $25 checks for fourth place.

The 500 block Bradford St., Herbert Mayes, captain, and the 1000 block Hoffman St., Carolyn Richardson, captain, were given $20 each for fifth place prizes.

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MANY CLEAN BLOCKERS were awarded special prizes.

Three captains were recipi-

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Boycotters to sue city

(Special to the AFRO)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Boycott leaders of the three-month-old bus controversy here intimated, Thursday, that a showdown battle with the police department and City Commission may be in prospect.

They said this will be their answer to resumption by police of harrassment tactics against drivers of the car pool operated by the Inter-Civic Council, sponsoring organization for the boycott movement.

The executive committee of the Council has scheduled a meeting for Saturday to discuss legal action against both the Chamber of Commerce and the police department.

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THE SUIT, if it is filed, will list the Rev. King Solomon Dupont as complainant. He is one of four car-pool drivers arrested last Wednesday on charges of violating the local car-for-hire law.

The three other drivers arrested are Horace Parker, a barber; Edward Irons, an accountant at Florida A. and M. University, and Ollie Burns.

All four were released under $150 bail and a hearing is set for Monday morning. They are represented by Thurlow Lindsay, attorney, who has been working with the Council since it was organized last May.

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HOWEVER, ICC officials told the AFRO Thursday that other attorneys also are being called into the case. They refused to reveal whether or not the lawyers'fee is to be supplied by the NAACP.

Following the arrests, a mass meeting was held Wednesday night at Tabernacle Baptist.

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THE REV. CHARLES KINZIE STEELE, ICC president, told the overflowing crowd that the arrests were part of the effort to "drive colored people back to the buses."

"These tactics," he said, "will have the opposite effect. The colored people of Tallahassee

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Bishop put him out, court put him in . . .

PHILADELPHIA

A court order issued, by Judge Francis S. Brown Jr. directs that the Rev. William P. Stevenson be restored to the pastorate of Bethel AME Church, Bryn Mawr, "or to another church similar in character and size within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference."

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BISHOP D. WARD NICHOLS was prelate of the First District in May 1954 when he transferred the Rev. Mr. Stevenson from the Philadelphia Conference to a pastorate in the New York Conference.

The minister refused to take the new assignment, instead, he sued" against through church channels" then took the case to court.

He contended that his transfer to another conference was improper because Bishop Nichols' letter to him used the indecisive term "may be transferred."

The AME discipline requires only that the bishop give the minister a 90-day notice of transfer in such cases. It does not specify the exact language to be used.

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AT THE GENERAL conference in May, Bishop Nichols was assigned to govern the Florida district. He was succeeded in the Philadelphia-New York (1st) District by Bishop George W. Baber.

Both bishops are now out of the country.

Bishop Nichols attended sessions of the central committee

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Archie Moore's bride sports $2,000 ring

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Archie Moore, world's light-heavyweight champion and top contender for the heavyweight title, this week, married Joan Hardy, New York model and dress designer.

The two were united in a Mexican civil ceremony Monday at Ensenada, Mexico, with a few close friends present.

Attendants were Mrs. Edward D. Hardy, the bride's mother; Mrs. Willie P. Moore, the groom's mother; Betty Granger and Evelyn Cunningham, friends of the bride of New York, who served as matrons of honor.

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THE BRIDE and bridegroom made a cross-country plane trip from New York Saturday to San Diego, where they stopped briefly at Moore's home, then motored 60 miles to Ensenada, for the ceremony.

Following the Mexican wedding, the couple returned to San Diego and were honored at a wedding reception, then went off to a two-week honeymoon at Archie's mountain ranch home on the border between Lakeside and Ramona, Calif.

Later, the couple plans a European trip.

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THE BRIDE wore a $2,000 wedding band set with diamonds, which Archie purchased in San Diego prior to the motor trip to Mexico.

As a wedding gift, Archie gave the bride a red English Triumph sports car. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was an expensive tape recorder.

For the wedding, the tall, curvaceous model wore a gown designed and created by her mother, made of white embroidered satin and Chantilly lace which Moore brought from London.

The street-length gown was fashioned along Empire lines with a drape for the back. The bodice was embellished with teardrop pearls and sequins.

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HER LACE hat was trimmed with number of pearls and white beads, from which fell a shoulder-length veil tipped with rhinestones.

She carried a bouquet of white orchids.

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THE ROMANCE between the boxing champion and the model began in 1952, following Archie's legal separation from his former wife, Alice Alberta Moore. It reached the culmination-point early in July when Moore returned from London.

He returned to America in a blaze of glory after a ring victory over Yolande Pompey, which put him in the forefront for the heavyweight title vacated by Rocky Marciano.

Moore recently settled a court suit with his former wife over alimony and support of a

Perry Presides

By LOUIS LAUTIER

SAN FRANCISCO — Perry Howard was re-elected GOP national committeeman from Mississippi. As senior member he called the committee to order on Thursday and presided until Leonard Hall was re-elected national chairman.

The convention seated eight members (six colored and two white) of Howard's faction, and seven members of the lily-white faction headed by M. Spencer of Jackson, Miss.

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THE LILY-WHITES refused to sit with Howard's majority delegation and found seats on the other side of the auditorium.

Mr. Howard said he was happy about the convention and that his group would contend for the rights of the patronage.

Mr. Spencer is said to have returned to Mississippi when the convention decided against him.

The colored delegates were unhappy about the civil rights platform when it was first adopted, but on the second day they were not.

Dr. Helen Edmonds, North Carolina College history professor, was among the persons seconding the nomination of President Eisenhower for a second term here Wednesday night.

Decrying action taken by the Democratic convention in Chicago last week, Dr. Edmonds said it "first hesitated, then equivocated and finally refused to declare itself willing under the Constitution to assure each American citizen of his fundamental rights."

"It was a tragic spectacle," she declared, and the voters among the colored people on Nov. 6 "will show how well they remember."

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J. ERNEST WILKINS, under secretary of labor, was one of the seconders of the nomination of Vice President Richard M. Nixon for vice president for a second term.

He cited his association with Mr. Nixon in meetings of the Cabinet, but mostly as a member of the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

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Parade

WASHINGTON

With 10,000 delegates filling all over the nation's capital, the Shriners neared the conclusion of their seven-day convention here this week.

Official close of the regular convention will be featured by committee reports, unfinished business and the closing session at Shaffer Hotel today (Friday), but the divan conference of the Imperial Council is still on the program for Saturday morning.

The week's program came to a climax Wednesday afternoon with a two hour and 20-minute parade, featuring ten bands, 2,500 marchers in multi-colored costumes strutting and teasing, and a long procession of cars carrying high ranking nobles.

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VARI-COLORED banners were carried in the marchers' ranks claiming their unit identification in the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, which is its 55th annual session here.

Earlier Wednesday, the drill competition was held at the National Guard Armory, with the Tempie No. 10 of Washington taking first place honors for the seventh year in a row. The beauty contest topped off Wednesday's activities.

Installation of officers and business sessions climaxed at night with the Imperial Potentate's grand ball at the National Guard Armory.

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BOOKER T. ALEXANDER and three other members of the divan were selected unanimously, in the election session Tuesday.

Efforts of the old administration which the Alexander administration succeeded last year to try for election failed to get anywhere. The Alexander faction had upper hand from the outset.

The Shriners meet next year in Philadelphia.

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