-Law and crime

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mselves from the courts and legislature.

Mayor Celin recently stated: "Two things are volved, nfidence of the community in its law orcement and the very important factor police ."

The ore Police—Community Council has se two

"To ie recognition by the citizens of their le obli to give assistance and cooperation the po

"To le understanding and appreciation by police rights and privileges of the people y serv ice at id, the community at the other, and

The is point un an area which finds the ck of cnication to link the two.

But w, despite all shouts to the contrary, re hav close relations between some mems of bos.

The mg appears to be:

"We ouldn't quit each other. We need h othe

Moreore this gap must be filled with other mbers each side until the void has been ed andger has been formed with the realizn thate working toward the same goal—a uctionne and the making of a safer comnity.

Alonghis must come the realization that an ick one is an attack on the other. Law encemenhe community should represent com inte ividuabers an awareness of responsibilities

To ant, the community expects from its nity as as possible must help to make and it and police. If there is to be a safe comp it th.

This s by helping to get rid of unsafe elements than the security.

Citize expected to adopt reasonable mans of life, and to contribute to the well-being well-B and promot in reporting cusnicious safete community by being vigilant, honidents te.

Theyspected to control their own actions l also, possible, to influence the actions of ers.

In ca grievance, they are expected to take m up intelligent manner and make no open usationarges without basic justification.

Citizo are parents are expected to have at conbout the activities of their children. ldren e taught a respect for law, a respect anothoperty and a respect for the rights of ers.

Too youngsters violate the peace of the amunitoaming the streets until late hours l comr many acts from petty annoyances eriouss.

Fromolice department, the community exts a foth the type of intelligence and integ that vognize and respect the rights of all the ple.

One mity leader told the AFRO: "This st com men who are trained in community itions on past experiences, I would say that provemeed to be made in the area of pernel.

"Thebeen a constant drive for un-grading tes for, but there has never been anv menn of rahe minimum requirements for join-

"Theards of the department should be her—a grade education does not properiv ip a v meet the complexities of laws and ople atr problems. You must understand a rson's ms in order to act intelligently in cortting t

Robually, police chief of Baltimore County, answer question: "Yes, I think at least a high ool ion is necessary for any police force. th conies of present law enforcement, this i must forward to.

"The some cities, particularly on the West ast, thaire two years of college for police. ually ant who quits before finishing high ool lsne kind of difficultv. That's why he its schich doesn't make him too good matial for tce force."

The anity wants more effective patrolling the rwer now available. Even policemen emselv that too much of an officer's time is ten up aper work" and off-street work.

"Jusin any station house," said one patrolin. "ant the number of officers making out ports, g prisoners and testifying or waiting testifyrt.

"Theour extra force—the police who are f the Something should be worked out to ep frog up so many police in the station use."

A tafficer said: "A lot of men in traffic vision valuable time in traffic court just to stify in where summonses were issued for rking ns. I can see it for moving violations, t why! we have to spend so much time in urts fcing tickets when the ticket fixes the ne, planature of the violation?"

Theunity, in being asked for understandg and ation, feels that the police, in asking must ae it.

Montesy is wanted from officers who come to contih citizens during the course of investitions.

Theunity expects better handling and less use of s under arrest or being arrested.

Theunity expects objective and unbiased nsiderof registered grievances against the partmt its members.

In trds of one citizen: "Parents are often tticize ailing to heed the accusations of an itsider t the child. Such parents are accused uphold encouraging wrong doings.

"Dt the same thing hold true for the police when the top officials never see anything wrong with the police? Instead, the citizen is always wrong and the police always try to discredit the person making accusations.

"Some police feel they can do almost anything in some neighborhoods without fear of being punished."

"In any organization so large as a city police department, there have to be some undesirable persons, including some who might even have entered the department with wrong intentions.

"But the department stands up for them and always covers up. Their publicly-displayed attitude is 'A Policeman can do no wrong.'"

ed of a low morale in the police department due to

Recently City and State officials have complain- the many criticisms of police and their methods.

Police are resigning because of this, it is reported.

The community expects to become safer by sterner action from the courts. To this extent, the police and the community are close together in demands for better cooperation from our courts.

The most-voiced complaint is that convicted persons are dealt with too leniently and return to the streets too soon, ready to renew old activities.

With national prison authorities readily admitting that prisons are largely for incarceration and neither the staffs or systems are geared toward much rehabilitation, the community may be right to wonder why convicted felons are dealt with so lightly.

. . . "I would say it is the action, and often lack of action, of the courts that lead to low morale in the department," one police official told this writer.

. . . The police department feels that the citizens themselves can do more to correct lax and insufficient laws, and easy acting courts than anv-one else.

. . . This is true because the police cannot onenly make an attack on the courts and the system—citizens grouns can.

Police are obligated to work within the framework of existing laws.

It is the efforts of citizens that can helo to form laws, change laws, institute systems that will better serve society.

Here, again, is an opportunity for the community, through harmonious relations, to benefit from experienced gained by many police officers in their experiences with law enforcement.

They can recommend many needed, changes that will helo make the streets safer for its citizens.

Police come into contact with far more laws and law-breakers than do most people. It would therefore be profitable to hear and weigh some of their recommendations.

Under present laws, you can see a man pull away from your house with your clothes or television set which he is stealing.

You may follow the thief, see him take it someplace, then come on the street without it.

But you cannot have the thief arrested because no officer saw him taking your property or in unlawful possession of your property. If you call a policeman and he refuses to arrest the thief without a warrant, you get mad with the officer, even though he tries to explain it to you.

But the officer is not to blame—THIS is the LAW. These are legal proceedures which have to be followed by policemen and they should not be blamed for acting according to law.

Any of the older officers may tell you, "In the old days I would have run him in, after making him bring out the stolen goods. But in today's courts, I would be asked how I knew the goods were stolen; what made me think the man I arrested was the thief; did I search him first or did I arrest him first; how well did I know the person that accused him of being a thief—well, it would most likely be thrown out of court for lack of probable cause because I did not see the guy steal the stuff. And then the guy could sue me for false arrest. A thief can sue me for false arrest."

True—the Police and Community need each other. They must work together. Often what hurts the one hurts the other.

(NEXT:—The Courts and some recommendations)

MORGAN SPEAKER — Dr. Howard Thurman, Boston University Minister - at - Large, opens the Religion In Life Program at Morgan State College on Sunday. He speaks at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Center. A coffee hour follows. On Monday at 10 a.m., Dr. Thurman will speak in the Murphy Auditorium. At 5 p.m. Monday, he will be the Christian Council dinner meeting speaker.

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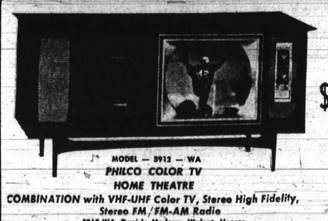

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Catonsville News

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Men's Day will be observed Sunday at Grace Church at 11 a.m. Bishop Marrison Bryant will be the guest speaker. Special music by the youth choir of Grace Church at 4 p.m.

The Landmark Masonic choir will sing. They will be supported by a group of girls from Elkridge. Dinner will be served to all free. Arnold Ebbs is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Coates 100 Melrose Ave, celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary Wednesday.

Funeral service were held Wednesday for Mrs. Rebecca Hatcher of Washington from Holy Name Catholic Church, D.C. She is the sister of Mrs. Thelma Coe, 6214 Winters Ave

Miss Lendora Waddy 2814 Winters Ave entertained at dinner recently Miss Donna and Wayne Cooper.

Mrs. Carrie Brown and her husband of Philadelphia were guest Sunday of her sister, Miss Australia Fields.

A Pre-Valentine cabaret dance will be given Feb. 19 at the Catonsville National Armory. Miss Bearse Hall is president of the sponsoring group.

City to observe Poison prevention

"Poison Prevention Week" will be observed March 14 - 20, the Home Safety Division of the Baltimore Safety Council announced this week.

Miss Alice Sunberg, council vice president, said activities for the week will include pamphlets distributed with purchases of aspirins and a fact sheet sent to elementary school teachers.

She said that about 500 persons, mostly children, are victims of aspirin poisoning every year.

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