

portation picture are the many miles of county roads and municipal streets in need of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair. In this category, sums totalling \$39,335,164 are recommended in the budget presented to you. These funds are realized through a 20-per-cent share of the gasoline tax fund and the motor vehicles revenue fund, plus federal aid.

A total of \$20,550,640 is recommended for allocation to Baltimore City for highway usage, realized from a 30-per-cent share of the gasoline tax fund and the motor vehicle revenue fund. In addition, the budget presented to you allocates a total of \$11,454,107 to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Maryland State Police and other functions allied with the maintenance of a safe highway system in Maryland.

Our new Department of Economic Development, in full operation for less than a year, already has made considerable progress in its effort to bolster our economy by stimulating new business and industry and by encouraging tourist travel in our State. I have proposed that the appropriation to this Department be increased by \$61,537. The additional money will be used primarily for the compilation of a new manufacturers directory, the development of certain special projects of research, the expansion in the use of advertising for tourist development and publicizing by advertising, promotion and public relations techniques the many advantages and assets of Maryland.

The Department of Forests and Parks has been allotted a net appropriation increase of \$53,333, principally to provide new positions and defray the costs of labor. Funds are provided in the appropriation of the Department of Research and Education to finance the new Western Maryland Research Program and to carry on the important Water Milfoil Study.

The general fund increase of \$235,014 to the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury includes \$25,000 to modernize the equipment of the central payroll division, and \$117,776 for the new data processing division in the State Office Building in Baltimore, which last October began the consolidation of all punch card equipment, other than key punches, into one central location.

Of the net increased allotment of \$489,501 to the Department of Correction, \$393,805 is earmarked for the Patuxent Institution, through which Maryland has pioneered in the treatment and care of defective delinquents. The new diagnostic center is expected to open about