

its complexities, the tragic loss of life, limb and property will continue to be greater than it should. This is not to say that Maryland has not done well over the years in its handling of the problem. But we must not rest on past performance. We must continue to find ways to strengthen the overall effort.

The improvement of our road system must continue. Our law-enforcement agencies must continuously seek more effective ways to carry out their responsibilities in the promotion of highway safety. Traffic courts must strive for maximum deterrence. Standards for the registration of vehicles and the licensing of drivers must be kept high. An effective program of driver education must be encouraged. Certainly an effective control of the motor vehicle and its driver requires a coordinated joint effort by all official agencies. It also requires appropriate legislative support if we are to reach our goal, which is the smoothest flow of traffic, moving at the highest speed compatible with safety. I sincerely request that you give this problem of traffic safety your most careful attention at this session. Funds have been allocated in the Department of Maryland State Police for twenty additional troopers, to increase the uniform personnel to 741. An increase in the budget of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission is also being recommended.

TIDEWATER FISHERIES

The oyster propagation program of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries has continued to produce ever-increasing quantities of seed oysters, with a record of 932,103 bushels transplanted to the natural bars in 1963. A survey recently completed of the fourteen seed areas, of which twelve have been established during the past two years, indicates that a minimum of 1,300,000 bushels of high-quality seed are available for transplanting in the spring of this year. The budget for this department has been increased by \$57,713, for a total of \$2,888,720. The annual gain in the production of seed oysters since 1961 has been more than 350,000 bushels. Consequently, an increase in the department's funds has been allowed to permit the transplanting of 1,500,000 bushels in 1965, which is an increase of 500,000 bushels over the current year.

OTHER AGENCIES

In the printed message which you are receiving today, departmental activities and programs are treated in considerable detail, but in the interest of time I must be more brief in this presentation. I am asking