

Inspector W. Davidson intends to commence annual leave during the first week in September.

PERSONAL PARS

Mr. Norman Robinson, Technical Secretary, Wildlife Section of C.S.I.R.O., is at present visiting Western Australia. While in Perth he was introduced by Dr. D.L. Serventy to the Chief Warden of Fauna, and discussed aspects of the C.S.I.R.O. and State bird banding schemes. Mr. Robinson intends to go north before returning to Canberra, and at Abydos Station will obtain first-hand experience of the Organisation's work there.

C.S.I.R.O. Technical Officer K. Godfrey became suddenly ill on board the research vessel "Lancelin" last month. Captain H.C.W. Piesse put in to Onslow and "Kitch" was taken to hospital and underwent an appendectomy. At the time of publication he was believed to be recovering satisfactorily. Research Officer R.W. George will fly north on August 18 to replace Mr. Godfrey on the "Lancelin".

FAUNA COMMITTEE'S NORTHERN TOUR

Dr. D.L. Serventy and Messrs G.E. Brockway, A.M. Douglas and H.B. Shugg, members and secretary respectively of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, accompanied by the Government Botanist (Mr. Gardner), Technical Officer J. Traynor and Fauna Warden F.A.L. Connell, will leave Perth on August 6 for a tour of inspection in the Murchison - Eneabba - Cockleshell Gully areas.

The main object of the trip is to survey likely reserves for flora and fauna. Observations on occurrences of fauna will be made as opportunity offers.

The party will be away from Perth for a week or a little more.

WHEAT-BELT INSPECTION

Shortly after the party returns from the Murchison-Cockleshell Gully areas, Fauna Warden F.A.L. Connell will carry out a detailed inspection of areas lying between Perth and Merredin. He will proceed through York, Beverley, Quairading, Bruce Rock and Narembeen to Merredin and the lower part of the Mt Marshall Road District and return through Kellerberrin, Tammin, Cunderdin and Northam.

Apart from investigating the prevalence of kangaroos and emus, he will interview Road Board Secretaries, Farmers' Union officials, Police Officers and Honorary Wardens in respect to fauna matters generally. Many complaints have been received of unlicensed shooting and other breaches of the protection laws in these areas in recent months.