

The Jurien Bay region, which has now been open to crayfishing for two seasons, has again made a useful contribution to the total catch of the area. Although the catch in this area was not as high as last year, the catch-per-man has risen appreciably. The grounds were fished consistently in the first two months of the season, but then many of the catcher-boats moved south to Cervantes Island due to the loss of the processing boat "Shelley Boy". The catcher-boats then supplied the processing boat "L.F.B. Villaret". This must to a large extent be responsible for the increase in production in the Cervantes Island region.

No decision has yet been made in regard to the date of commencement of the next open season, but it is expected that the Fishermen's Advisory Committee will hear evidence on the subject within the next month.

#### WILD LIFE SHOWS

The Gould League of Bird Lovers, in conjunction with the Naturalists' Club and Government Departments, is organising another Wild Life Show, which has now become an annual event, in the Perth Town Hall, from Monday, September 12, to Saturday, September 17. This Department is again preparing an exhibit and Senior Inspector J.E. Munro will once more have charge of it.

The Australian Inland Mission will open its show at Kalgoorlie the following week. Mr. Munro will transfer the departmental exhibit from Perth as soon as that show closes.

#### INTERSTATE FAUNA AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE

Arrangements are now practically finalised for the biennial conference which, for the first time, is to be held in Perth. Delegates will arrive on Friday, September 16, and after viewing the Wild Life Show will leave on a country tour of inspection.

They will visit the Dryandra Forest Reserve,

near Narrogin, which is a sanctuary for a number of rare species of fauna, and the Pemberton forest country, and will be conducted over the Pemberton trout hatchery. They will return to Perth on Monday afternoon and that evening attend a dinner in their honour at the Palace Hotel.

The conference proceedings will commence on Tuesday and carry through to Friday. Breaks in discussions will be made to inspect the South Perth Zoological Gardens and to attend a reception to be tendered them by the Lord Mayor of Perth.

A symposium on fauna conservation will be held in the Assembly Room of the Institute of Engineers, 7th Floor, Gladden Building, Perth, at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 23. The symposium will be open to the public and any members of the staff able to attend will be most welcome.

Papers will be presented by Messrs L. Glauert, Director of the W.A. Museum; A. Main, of the Zoology Department of the University of W.A.; V. N. Serventy, on behalf of the Royal Society of W.A.; and Dr. G. Dunnet, of the Wildlife Survey Section, C.S.I.R.O.