

FREEZER FLEET GROWS

Inspector A.K. Melsom, writing from Fremantle, reports that six additional freezer boats between 50 and 72 feet have joined the crayfishing fleet for the 1960/61 season. Mr. Melsom reports also the commissioning of the fleet's biggest well-boat, the "Marconi", a 50-ft. vessel owned by Mr. G. Caputi.

WELCOME SWALLOWS

Fauna Warden N.E. McLaughlan, during a wheat belt patrol, has reported an unusual sighting at Goomalling. On November 23, just before dusk, he observed a large flock of approximately 2,000 welcome swallows circling about 200 ft. above the town. Hundreds occasionally would alight in the trees for a few seconds and then take flight to rejoin the main flock overhead. Mr. McLaughlan says some of the birds fell to the ground and appeared to be completely exhausted. These could be picked up but after three or four minutes would again take flight. The flock remained in the area until dark.