

gave Mr Slack-Smith a tongue-tickling recipe which he described as "genuine Southern barbecue sauce." It appears on folio 126.

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Mr A.W. White, Assistant Fisheries officer of the Aden Protectorate Government, whose visit to this State was reported in the previous issue of this Bulletin, will leave Perth for Johannesburg, South Africa, on July 6. Mr White has had to cut short his stay here due to an illness in his family.

#### ALLOWANCES INCREASE

An administrative instruction received from the office of the Public Service Commissioner advises that, following a review of hotel tariffs, it has been agreed with the Civil Service Association that the daily rates of reimbursement of travelling, transfer and relieving expenses, shall be increased on and from July 1, 1962. The full travelling rate has risen from 50/6 to 51/6 a day, while the rate for city accommodation has risen from 64/6 to 66/6 a day. Transfer and relieving allowances have been increased similarly but no alterations have been made to either of the camping rates or to the boat allowances. The rates amended deal only with those in which hotel tariff is incorporated.

#### TURKEY TAKER TAKEN TO TASK

Officers might remember our report in the January-February issue of this year (Vol. XI, No.1) of this Bulletin, the historic conviction of a man in the Broome Police Court for having taken a wild turkey. The defendant, F.G. Evans, was fined £2, and we commented at the time that the legal protection afforded these economically valuable birds might well receive general recognition if that case were not allowed to remain a single isolated instance. Inspector R.J. Baird, who prosecuted on that occasion, has now advised that a second conviction has been obtained. In the Port Hedland Court, on June 18, 1962, John Frederick Smith, of the Newcastle Club Hotel, Perth, was convicted of having taken a wild turkey. He was fined £20 and ordered to pay 8/- costs. In this instance Constable Davies, of Port Hedland, prosecuted. The heavy fine imposed by the Port Hedland Court underlines the comment we made in the March, 1962, issue that fauna protection laws apply equally to all persons whether

they be in the Kimberley, North-West, Great Southern or other divisions of the State.

#### NORTHERN WHEAT-BELT PATROL

From June 4 to June 29 inclusive, Fauna Warden S.W. Bowler carried out a routine patrol through the northern wheat-belt from Toodyay eastwards to Mukinbudin. Covering 1,124 miles, Mr Bowler inspected 11 reserves all of which but one are sanctuaries. He called at police stations and on local authorities and also visited most honorary wardens, many of whom expressed their pleasure at this renewal of contact with the Department. Of the 61 species of birds recorded by Mr Bowler on the trip, perhaps the most noteworthy were two flocks of Major Mitchell Parrots, one of over 100 and one of approximately 60. Both were in the Mukinbudin Shire. Only common mammals were recorded, including red and grey kangaroos, but Mr R.G. Polkinghorn, of Welbungin, reported having observed a brush-tailed possum in a sanctuary near his home. Although this species is regarded as the only marsupial which can be described as having a fairly general continental distribution, very few reports of its occurrence in inland areas are received nowadays. It is presumed that the clearing of wooded areas for agriculture has been the principal reason for its disappearance from the wheat-belt.

#### FISHERIES TRAINING SCHOOL

The 1962 Australian Fisheries School for Field Officers will be held at the C.S.I.R.O. Marine Laboratory, Cronulla, from July 30 to August 17. The Minister for Fisheries has approved the attendance at the School of three officers from this Department this year. Those selected are Senior Inspector J.E. Munro, of Perth, Mr C.J. Seabrook, Master of r.v. "Lancelin", and Inspector A.T. Pearce, Skipper of the p.v. "Dampier", Geraldton.

Research Officer B.K. Bowen, who this year will be the State's only lecturer at the School, will not leave Perth for Cronulla until August 4. He will lecture on the concept of statistical analysis, with emphasis on fisheries problems. He will also officiate at five practical sessions and at one demonstration.

It will be remembered that Technical Officer R.J. McKay and Inspector B.A. Carmichael last year attended the initial school, which was of two weeks' duration.