

FUR FEATHERS AND OIL

Reference was made to the cohabitation of West Australian Petroleum Pty. Ltd. oil men and fauna on the Barrow Island reserve in the September issue of the Petroleum Gazette. It reported on this subject being mentioned at an international conference in Switzerland, which was attended by Fauna Officer H.B. Shugg.

W.A.P.E.T. has brought in productive wells on Barrow Island and, by maintaining a strict set of rules, the Company is achieving its objectives without disturbing the fauna. The Company's activities are confined to a small section of the island.

The Department has received letters from many interested people who have expressed concern for the safety of the Wildlife, but we have been able to assure them that the fauna is being well cared for.

CAPE RICHE DUCKS

Honorary Fauna Warden, D.J. Moir, of Cape Riche, has advised that due to the high water level in swamps in the district, the black duck population is higher than it has been for some years. The abundance of water in the swamps has been caused by heavy winter rains.