

FISHERIES AND GAME DEPARTMENT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In the previous issue (page 8) attention was drawn to the proposed Game Management Programme and expansion of the Victorian Fisheries and Game Branch. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we are now able to refer to an announcement of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. D. Brookman) that a Wild Life Section has been established in the South Australian Department of Fisheries and Game. The Section will be under the control of the Director of Fisheries and Game (Mr. A. C. Bogg), and will consist of a scientific officer (Senior Wildlife Officer), two Wildlife Wardens, and an Assistant Wildlife Officer. Applications for these positions have been called for in the Press (*Advertiser*,

May 14, 1960). Duties include supervision and research, and the Minister has stated that particular attention will be paid to ducks. He also mentioned that problems of conservation of bird life had recently been reviewed by the Department, particularly as to the number and types of birds permitted to be trapped. Permits had been heavily reduced, and permits would no longer be issued for the nesting season.

LICENCE FEES

The fees for gun licences and game licences in South Australia have been increased from 5/- to £1 and from £1 to £2, respectively. The increased revenue is intended to contribute towards improved conservation facilities.