

MELTON

Messrs. Macarthur & Macleod will conduct their monthly stock sale at Melton next Saturday, 2nd Nov.

In aid of the funds of Melton South State School a dance will be held on Friday, 8th Nov., in Victoria Hall.

A fox trot competition will be held in Victoria hall on Saturday, 26th inst., when a silver cup will be awarded to the winners.

Methodists will hold a social evening in Victoria hall, Melton South, next Wednesday, 30th inst.

This Saturday, 26th inst., at the Melton Gun Club shoot, Mr. H. James, champion clay target shot of Australasia and holder of 35 championship titles, will give an exhibition of his skill. Mr. James will not, of course, compete for local prizes.

The marriage will be celebrated at Christ Church, Melton, to-day, of Doris, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Abraham to Mr. Harry Radford, all of Melton.

The weekly road races conducted by Melton Cycle Club are gaining in popularity, both as regards competitors and onlookers. On 12th inst. a silver cup donated by the Club President (Cr. Geo. Coburn) was won by George Arnold; W. Palmer, 2nd; Geo. Pitson, 3rd. Fastest time, J. Neal. Last Saturday a record field of 19 raced over six miles for a cup donated by Cr. J. Wallace. Results: R. McEachen, 1; Geo. Pitson, 2; S. Smith, 3. Fastest time, J. Neal. This Saturday, 26th inst., a race will be held over six miles for a cup donated by Mr. W. Williams, of Mac's Hotel. The Club will conduct a social and dance in the Mechanics' hall next Saturday, 2nd Nov., when the various trophies won will be presented to the winners by the Shire President (Cr. Coburn).

Melton farmers will be afforded the opportunity of studying the application of experimental treatments of soil in their own district on Wednesday, 6th Nov., when Melton District Progress and Better Farming

Wednesday, 6th Nov., when Melton District Progress and Better Farming Association will conduct a field day at the experimental plots on Mrs. J. M. Barrie's property, "Darlingsford," Melton. Proceedings will open at 2.30 p.m. The field day will be conducted by Mr. A. J. Vasey, B. Agr. Sc., Cereal Research Officer of the State Research Farm, Werribee, and it is hoped that the Superintendent of Agriculture, Mr. J. Brake, B. Agr. Sc., may also attend. While the main feature of the plots is a comprehensive manurial trial with Algerian oats on stubble land, there are also a rate-of-seeding test and a variety trial, in which are included two most promising selections of the standard Algerian variety. A cordial invitation is extended to the farmers of the district to be present.

Melton Valley Golf Club will conduct its annual ball in Melton Mechanics' hall next Tuesday, 29th inst., when a trophy will be awarded to "the belle of the ball" by popular vote, and there will be euchre for non-dancers. Trophies won by golfers during the season will be handed to the winners by Mr. H. O. White, M.L.A.

Christ Church Ladies' Guild advises that the names of Mrs. Egan (Fancy Stall) and Miss Doris Hurley (Flower Stall) were inadvertently omitted from the published list of helpers at the recent Sale of Gifts.

Mr. W. Cockbill, an enthusiastic tree-lover with extensive plantations on his own property, has undertaken to plant and maintain the roadside enclosures prepared by the Shire Council along his Western Highway frontage. Last Sunday the first trees were planted at this spot, when members of the Tree Planters' Association of Victoria were in attendance. The Melton Shire Council is making good progress with the fencing of the plantation enclosures.

Residents travelling on the local motor train from Melbourne had rather an exciting experience last Monday evening when the train caught on fire on reaching Deer Park station. The passengers had to make a hurried escape as soon as the driver stopped the train, which was unable to proceed and had to be re-

driver stopped the train, which was unable to proceed and had to be removed from the line by an engine from Sunshine. The stranded passengers were picked up by the Mildura express after a delay of an hour.

A public meeting is called by the Shire President for next Thursday evening, 31st inst., in the Shire hall to elect a committee of management for Melton Recreation Park.

Beneficial rains during the week have been greatly appreciated throughout the district, which requires no further moisture, otherwise hay cutting will be delayed. Some of the taller crops were flattened by the rain, but the countryside as a whole has never looked better. On Sunday a big volume of water came down the Toolern creek, to run to waste. Here, Melton township could impound a supply of water sufficient for domestic and garden requirements. Even with the existing reservoir elevated tanks and a windmill could be made to serve the township area, which will need water more than ever if the proposed ornamental plantations and shrubberies are established in High street. The provision of a modest water supply undertaking as outlined above is well within the scope of the Shire Council and of the Progress Association.

Competing in the cycle race last Saturday Ray Black collided with another rider and fell heavily. He sustained a severe shaking.