

"HERITAGE OF PAUL"

Premier Show on Saturday

BY A STAFF REPORTER

The locally-produced film "Heritage of Paul" is to be given public screening at the Catholic Institute next Saturday and Sunday. His Grace the Archbishop is expected to attend the premier on Saturday.

The film, which runs for over 50 minutes, seeks to outline the influence of Catholicism on the Maltese in their everyday life, from the cradle to the grave. This it does by recording various religious events and ceremonies, the highlight of which is the pilgrimage after the Siege with the statue of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception from the Basilica of Birkirkara to Kospikwa. Wartime shots of bomb damage also provide nostalgic memories.

The film, in 35 m.m., has an optical sound track with commentary in English by Father H. Born, O.P. and background music on the organ, composed and played by Father A. Borg, O.E.S.A. The story is by Victor Apap.

The producer, Mr. Alfred Vella Gera, made the film for the Pauline year; it does not deal with the actual festivities held last July but seeks to trace the Pauline traditions and story through paintings in its opening sequences and later dwells on the religious activities which form such a major part of the Maltese scene.

The film, despite a number of understandable faults in editing and production, is nevertheless a major achievement for Mr. Vella Gera, who almost single-handed and with limited equipment, has compiled a valuable record of Maltese life. The film is also to be shown at cinemas in the villages.



View from the film "The Heritage of Paul"

Exhibition of Penguin Books

H.E. the Governor will open an exhibition of over 1,250 titles published by Penguin Books Ltd., at the Royal Malta Library on Monday next.

This exhibition has been brought to Malta by the joint efforts of the Library's Director and the British Council. It will remain open for two weeks. On Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Saturdays from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year Penguins celebrate the silver jubilee of their foundation by Sir Allen Lane. In these 25 years they have travelled a long way — from the disused crypt of a church in Euston Road to their modern group of buildings near London Airport were over ten million books are warehoused. Although this firm began by issuing paper-backed reprints of titles already published and offered for sale in the conventional way, it soon began to commission its own titles, and now three out of five of its great educational series (Pelicans) are original works.

In its two series *The Pelican History of Art* and *The Buildings of England* it has achieved something of which any publisher, and indeed any typographer, with a century or two behind him might well be proud.

THE UNIVERSITY

Foundation Day Ceremony

On the occasion of the Foundation Day Ceremony to be held next Saturday, at the Church of the University, the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) will be conferred on Mgr. Professor P.P. Saydon, B.Litt., B.L. Can., D.D., S.S. Lic (Vat.) in appreciation of the scholarly translation of the Bible from the original languages into Maltese, and the Degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) on Captain Robert Ingham M.B.E., in appreciation of the philanthropic work undertaken in these Islands by the M.M.D.N.A., founded by him in 1945.

Round Towers' Mystery Solved

MUSEUM DEPARTMENT EXCAVATIONS

In three weeks' digging during October, the Museum Department solved a long-standing problem in the archaeology of these Islands, the date of the five problem round towers.

The much ruined one at Ta' Cleda, l-Imsierah, produced Roman pottery in March; it-Torri ta' Gawhar, on a low rise, a mile north of Hal Far Aerodrome, in the parish of Safi, has given more detailed results and survives in much better shape.

About half the circular wall is still standing, at one point to 20 feet above the surrounding fields. Excavations inside showed that it had been divided by interior walls into four rooms of which one was completely cleared, disclosing the door-ways into the other three and the main entrance

from the exterior. Two up-boards were cut into the thickness of an inner wall.

It was built for defence, probably against piratical raids in the first century B.C. since a Maltese coin of that date was found. Later it was adapted for domestic use and embellished with an elaborately carved shrine on the roof. About 300 A.D. it was destroyed by a disastrous fire. Beneath the fallen beam, brush, clay and plaster roof lay the most interesting finds — an iron double-bladed axe, two small buckets of bronze, a small gold ear-ring, a coin of Claudius II or Aurelian, minted A.D. 270, and, turned to charcoal by the fire, part of a circular bread roll of a type found at Pompeii and still being made in Malta (qagh-qa). The tower was then abandoned, the shrine collapsed when the wooden cramps sheathed in lead which held it to the wall gave way, and ear-rob trees grew up between the stones to turn it into the picturesque ruin it is now.

The small finds and drawings and photographs of the excavation will shortly be on display in the National Museum. They will later go on permanent show in the Roman Villa Museum, where the shrine will also be re-erected.

In a Press release the Museum thanks the owner, Father C. Scicluna, Mr. S. Mangion, Director of Public Works and its two volunteer assistants, Mr. W. Phelps and Mrs. V. Greer, for their cooperation in making the work a success.



A bronze bucket, a gold ear-ring and a Roman coin found at "It-Torri ta' Gawhar, Safi.

MALTA CONSTITUTION COMMISSION

Sir Hilary Blood, Chairman of the three-man British Government Maltese Constitution Commission said on his arrival by air from London tonight that he would always be willing to see representatives of the Labour and Nationalist parties despite the fact they have publicly announced a boycott of his Commission.

Sir Hilary told reporters at Luqa Airport that his earlier prediction that he would finish his report by December 7 would now have to be adjusted slightly as the Commission's work had been affected by the retirement due to ill health of Sir Alfred Roberts.

The Chairman was accompanied by the newly appointed Mr. Fred Hayday, a British trade union leader, who is replacing Sir Alfred Roberts. The third member of the commission Mr. Edward St. John, an Australian Q.C., is expected to arrive in Malta tomorrow.

Sir Hilary said that during his return to London he had talks with senior officials at the Colonial Office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Philip N. Bianchi and her daughter Mrs. Gladys Camilleri Bianchi, arrived by sea from Alexandria yesterday, and are staying at Villino Bonnici, Sliema.

Mr. Peter Lamb, the well-known South African painter, and his actress wife Doreen Lamb, have arrived in Malta on a visit, and are staying at the Hotel Phoenicia.

The Rev. B. Gould also arrived on Monday by air from England for a stay of 11 days at the Hotel Phoenicia.

MALTA RACING CLUB

Races at the Marsa

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

SEVEN RACES

Including Trotting and Go As You Please Races

FIRST RACE at 2 p.m.

PARIMUTUEL, DOUBLE EVENT, FORECAST POOL ON EVERY RACE and 1s. SWEEPSTAKE ON EVERY RACE

ADMISSION (Including Tax): 1st Enclosure: Gents 4/6; Ladies 2/6. Other ranks of the three services and corresponding ranks of the women's services, even though in civilian dress, 1/-; 2nd Enclosure: 2/6; Ground 1/-. Children under 15 years of age, even though accompanied by their parents 1/- each.

For confirmation that Racing is taking place, listen to Rediffusion (Switch B) at 12.15 p.m. on Race Day

NEXT DAY'S RACING: SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED

Five-year-old Kelvin Nicolas of Pawla, was admitted to Bighi Hospital, suffering from serious injuries. From inquiries made by the Police it was established that the boy had asked his parents to go in the balcony to see the fireworks and it is presumed that the boy climbed over the balcony, lost his balance and fell from a height of about 24 feet.

The boy is suffering from fracture of the skull and his condition is serious.

MEDICAL COUNCIL

Mr. A.M. Darmenia, Ph.C., Chief Pharmacist and Mr. C. J. Boffa, B.Ch.D., B. Pharm., F.I.C.D., Dental Surgeon, of the Medical and Health Department have been elected additional members of the Medical Council of Malta.

GRAND POPPY DAY

CHARITY DANCE

will be held at the

VERNON CLUB

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER from 8 p.m. to Midnight

Spot prizes and dancing to Johnny Borg & His Orchestra

Tickets 2s. for gents and 1/6d. for ladies obtainable from Crd's Office, H.M.S. Falcon; Master at Arms, H.M.S. St. Angelo and at the door, Vernon Club.

LATE TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE

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