

## Heard in the Hive

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A distinguished and representative gathering witnessed the traditional Candlemas Ceremony which took place at the Palace, Valetta, on Friday morning.

This interesting and significant ceremony which dates back to the Knights of Malta, symbolises the close link which exists between the Church and State in Malta.

The Metropolitan Chapter, Archpriests, Parish Priests and representatives of religious orders from all over the Island, presented His Excellency the Governor with a candle. This same tribute, they paid earlier during the day to His Grace the Metropolitan Archbishop and to the Vicar General.

After the presentation, the Governor addressed the large gathering.

Those present at the ceremony included the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Bingley, H.H. the Chief Justice and Lady Mamo, H.H. the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Campbell, Air Marshal Sir Walter and Lady Cheshire, Major-General and Mrs. Block, the Members of the Executive Council and their wives, Her Majesty's Judges and their wives, Flag Officers, Surgeon Rear-Admiral Beach, Brigadier and Mrs. Trevor, Brigadier and Mrs. Tailleur, Rear-Admiral and Sgra. Zamboni, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Miner, Commodore and Mrs. Ritsos, Mr. Joseph Cauchi, Baron and Baroness de Piro d'Amico Inguanez, Count and Countess Chapelle Paleologo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Axisa, Prof. and Mrs. J. Galea, Mr. Axiaq, Mr. M. Abela, Mr. and Mrs. Leaver, Mrs. Edgar Cassar, Comm. and Mrs. Montanaro, Mr. and Mrs. V. Castillo, Major L. C. Fenech, Mr. and Mrs. E. Firman, Chev. and Mrs. P. Naudi, Mr. J. Rossignaud, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mallia, Mr. S. Mangion, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wirth, Mr. and Mrs. C. Zammit, Lieut.-Col. Abela, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Staines, Dr. and Mrs. V. Refalo, Mr. Attard Manché, Mr. A. Darmentia, Sir Hannibal and Lady Scicluna, Mrs. Ingham, Mr. and Mrs. P. Noakes, Mr. R. D. Lloyd, Prof. Coleiro, Rev. Prof. Seaton and Father Brooks.

### Buffet Supper Party

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Maitland had one of their always successful buffet supper parties last Saturday at their very attractively arranged house in Lija.

This time it was for some of their friends to meet Mr. and Mrs. Donald Maitland who

were staying at Casa De Piro over the weekend on their way to Africa.

At the party were Dr. and Mrs. Caruana Curran, Captain and Mrs. Alexander, Lieut. Col. Tabone, Dr. and Mrs. V. Mercieca, Major and Mrs. Napier, the Hon. Mr. Shepherd, Comdr. and Mrs. W.C. Smith, Mrs. Seymour-Haydon, Mr. and Mrs. D.G.W. Acworth and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Binns.

### Keith John's Christening

Commander and Mrs. A.C.S. Gower gave a party at Egmont Close on Monday evening to celebrate the christening of their youngest son, Keith John, who during the course of the evening was toasted in champagne.

A beautiful two-tier christening cake was the centre decoration. This blue and white square cake was the creation of Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. A. Bennett, wife of Lieutenant Bennett.

Among those having a delightful time were Captain and Mrs. G. P. G. Walker, Captain and Mrs. W.F.N. Gregory-Smith, Captain and Mrs. P.P.M. Green, Comdr. and Mrs. W.H. Methwell, Comdr. and Mrs. P.O.E. Trubshaw, Comdr. and Mrs. J.V.E. Marston, Comdr. C.E. Follen, Comdr. and Mrs. A.T. Smith, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. L.A. Bird, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. K.F. Spiller, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. T.M.G. Owen, Lieut. Comdr. R.J. Horlick, Mr. and Mrs. Home, Lieut. and Mrs. E. Bristow, Lieut. and Mrs. A.R. Bennett, Lieut. and Mrs. R.R. Lear and Miss Lear, Lieut. J.A. May, and Sub. Lieut. W.F. Simpson.

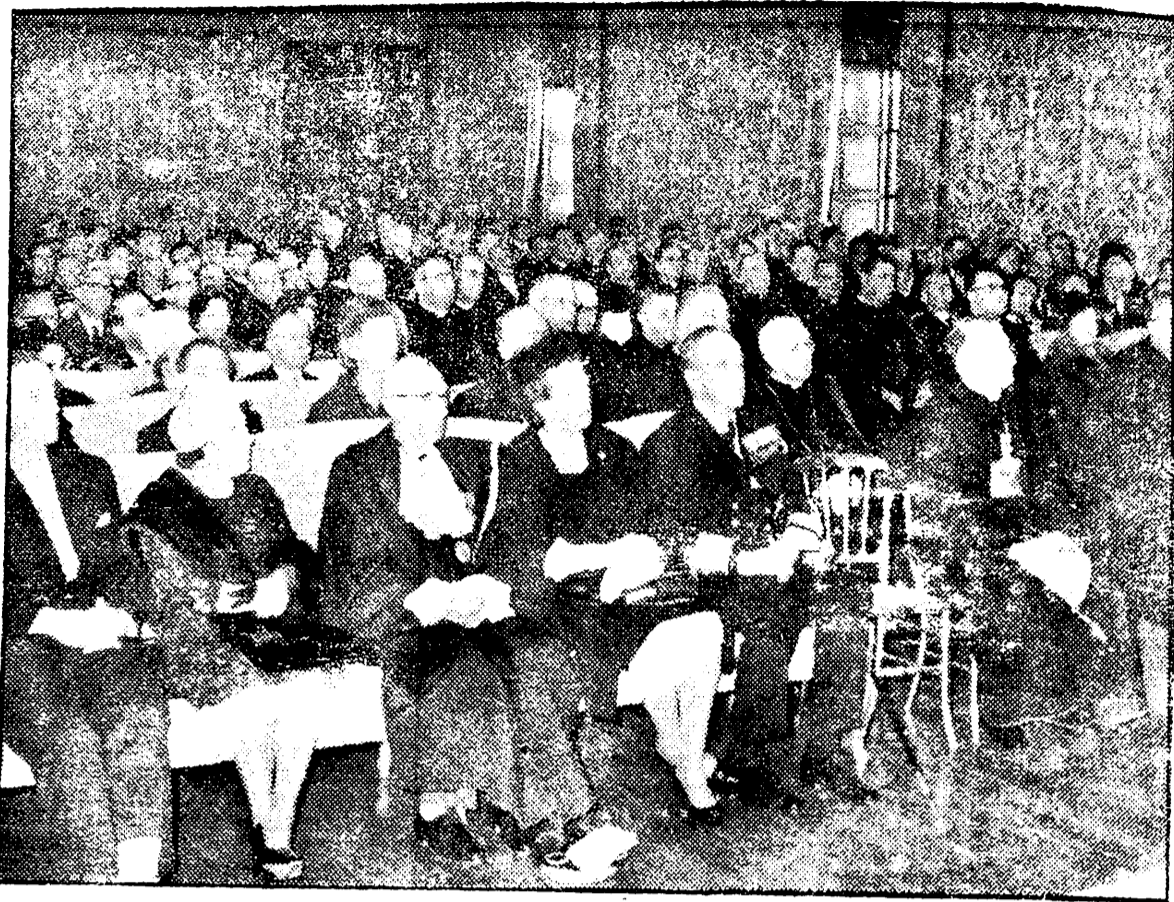
### Teenage Party

A good time was had by all at the Alhambra Lounge on Sunday when a gay number of teenagers met at a party given by 14-year-old Brian Mizzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mizzi for his school chums of the Upper Fourth Form, St. Edward's College.

The gaiety of the evening was further heightened by the performance of the Skiffle Group "The Big Beaters".

Also present was Fr. Brooks, the Rector of St. Edward's College.

Among the guests were Angela and Mariella La Rosa, Elizabeth Gatt, Veronica and



H.H. MR. A. CAMPBELL, Lady Mamo, H.H. the Chief Justice, Lady Bingley, the Commander-in-Chief and Mgr. Prof. Coleiro in the front row at the Palace Valetta, during His Excellency the Governor's speech at the traditional Candlemas Ceremony.

Vicky Attard, Anna Ganado, Isabelle Portanier, Madeline and Joan Anastasi, Ann Cachia, Julie Camilleri, Josephine Camilleri, Joanna Briffa, Joanna Zammit Cutajar, Maria Sansone, Vivienne Borg Olivier, Philip Dedomenico, Tony Critien, Anton Critien, Alex Borg Olivier, David Debono, Francis Lanzon, Anton Zammit, Robert Gordon Mizzi, Lewis Zammit, Tabona, Edward Briffa, Alfred Attard, Noel Manduca, Robert Crossey, Robert Easton, Boris Aradiacomo, Arthur West and Ian Said.

### Scrum Down

The Army Clubhouse, Marsa Lodge, provided an ideal setting for last Saturday's dance organised by The Overseas Rugby Football Club for their members and guests.

The walls of the Club were gaily decorated with the rugby jerseys of various teams on the Island and a most successful jive and dance session was enjoyed by everyone present. Among the Overseas Club guests were the President, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Chambers, Lt. Cdr. Crawford, Capt. and Mrs. Sam Ward, Surg. Lt. and Mrs. McKenzie, P.O. and Mrs. Fred Prosser and many others.

### Drinks at the Gardens

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Attard held a reception last Saturday to celebrate the birth of their first child Maria Antonella at Villino La Primavera, the Gardens, St. Julian's.

Refreshments were really outstanding in this charming house and the guests included Lady Preziosi, Dr. Victor Preziosi, Father C. Calleja, Dr. and Mrs. G. Deziorgio, Dr. and Mrs. P. Borg Olivier, Prof. and Mrs. R. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. V. Demarco, Prof. and Mrs. V. Griffiths, Mr. F. Mattei, Mr. and Mrs. E. Attard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schembri Adami, Mr. and Mrs. F. Camilleri, Mr. and Mrs. L. Galea, Mr. and Mrs. R. Borg Olivier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cremona, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scerri, Dr. and Mrs. W. Gulia, Mr. and Mrs. R. Borg and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonello.

### Film Fun

Mr. Terence Laverack gave a delightful small party on Sunday evening at 'Selmunett' in San Pawl tat-Targa to introduce some of his friends to his house guests — Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Acworth. The highlight of the evening was a most amusing film the host showed on his projector, of the fancy dress

party he organised at his house on New Year's Eve. The tape-recorded back-ground music was most appropriate and the guests had a lot of fun seeing themselves and their friends in strange get-up.

Among those there were Captain and Mrs. Philip Green, Mrs. Seymour-Haydon, Major and Mrs. Napier, Capt. Aquilina, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Maitland, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Mercieca, Miss Bazley and Brigadier and Mrs. Tailleur.

Mr. Lavarack followed this excellent party with yet another on Monday evening when the Acworths were given the opportunity of meeting the more electrical mind-ers of the community.

On this occasion there were Mr. and Mrs. Gaymer, Mrs. Marigold, Comdr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Comdr. and Mrs. Ellum, Comdr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Mr. L. Ciantar, Mr. and Mrs. Attard, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

### Sammut - Gulia

Mr. Anthony Sammut, son of the late Mr. L. Sammut and of Mrs. Sammut of Palm Street, Pawla and Miss Wilhelm Gulia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gulia of St. Joseph Street, Kospikwa were married on Sunday morning

at St. Paul's Church, Kospikwa.

Father A. Grima O.C.D. officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass.

Given away by her father the bride looked happy in a gown of embroidered duchess satin with a bustle back caught up with roses and falling into a train. Her long tulle veil was held in place by a pearl coronet and she carried a shower of irises.

Miss Carmen Gulia, the bride's sister, Miss Victoria Shaw, her cousin, Miss Lucia Sammut, the bridegroom's sister and Miss Margaret Ellul were bridesmaids wearing blue velvet dresses adorned with matching satin roses. As headdress they wore satin bows. They carried bouquets of narcissi. Patrick Attard the bride's nephew was page boy carrying the bridal prayer-book and wearing blue velvet.

Mr. J. M. Rossignaud, Director of Emigration, Labour and Social Welfare and Mr. J. Brincat the bridegroom's uncle were witnesses whilst Mr. Victor E. Sant Fournier was best man.

Later a happy reception was held at the Modern Imperial Hotel, Sliema from where the bride and groom left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing an apricot-coloured velvet dress under a mohair boucle' brown coat with apricot-coloured hat.

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