

## More 'Safety' on the Road CAMPAIGN STARTING SHORTLY

BY A STAFF REPORTER

The prevention of traffic accidents is no doubt the aim of many people. But the number of road accidents is increasing. In 1953 statistics show that in 12 months there were 1,882 traffic accidents resulting in 670 injuries. This number was exceeded last year.

In January this year no less than 157 accidents have been recorded by the Police. In the same month last year the figure stood at 174. In December 1959 the figure rose to 217 accidents.

### The Password

"Safety on the road" should be the password of every motorist. The majority of these accidents are logged as being either accidental, misjudgment or negligent driving.

A breakdown of these accidents' causes during the month of January this year reveals:

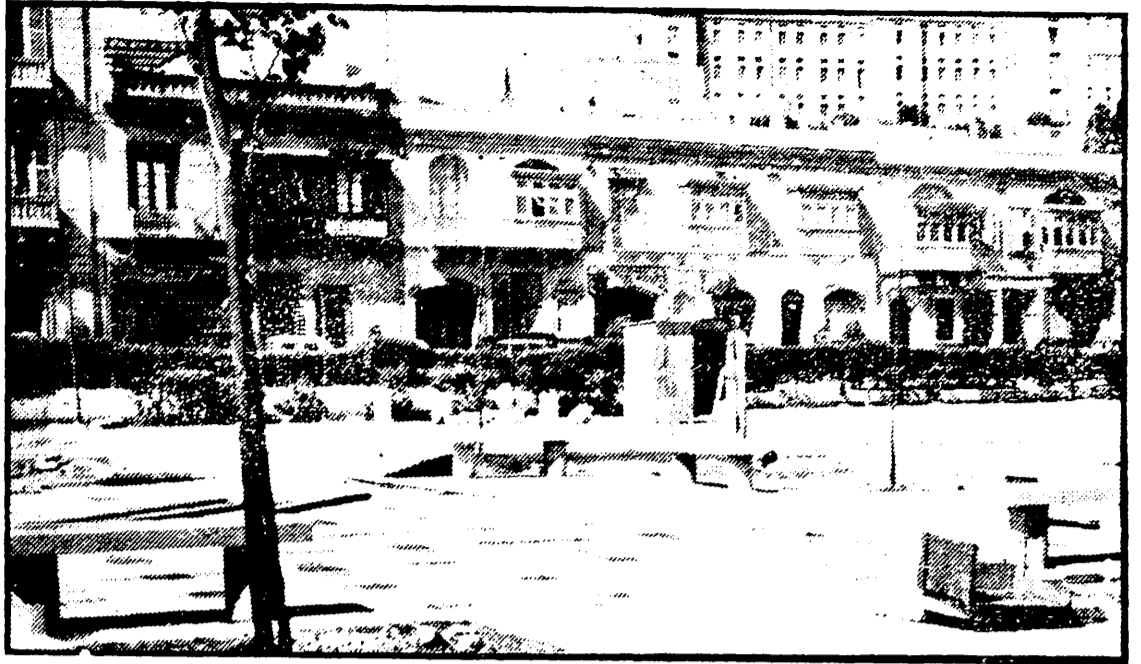
Accidental, 80 incidents; misjudgment 30 and negligent driving 15. Following

these figures are nine crashes due to overtaking; eight through skidding and five because of excessive speed.

There were two deaths. Vehicles involved in these accidents showed that cars (173) predominated whilst trucks (34) and vans (32) followed in the line. Buses (22) and motor-cycles (17) were next. The number of pedestrians involved numbered 17. Recorded slight injuries totaled 27 for persons over the age of 16 and 14 under that age.

Topping the list of accident black spots is Sliema with 16 reported smashes and Floriana with 15. Next came Hamrun (13); Birkirkara (11), Valetta (10), Gzira and Msida (9); Marsa (8) and Pawla, Mosta and Pietà with six each.

As a result of these accidents, a six-month nationwide road safety campaign is being launched next April under the auspices of the Malta Branch of the Catholic Motoring Club.



A view of the site at Pietà which is being turned into a playing field — a joint Government-M.P.F.A. venture which is being laid out on the Msida pattern.

## The Little Flower

PROCESSION ON SATURDAY

The bronze and glass case containing the wax effigy of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus will leave St. John Co-Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

All cars taking part in the cortege should have a yellow notice and should park on Castile Place. The cortege will pass through Floriana, Blata l-Bajda, Hamrun and Fleur-de-Lys.

All Movements and Parishes in the Island are invited to participate and are requested to await the arrival of the effigy near the Carmelite Church at Fleur-de-Lys where a cortege "aux flambeaux" will form up to the place where the Sanctuary of the Saint is due to be built in Valley Road, Birkirkara. An address will be delivered followed by hymn singing and Sacramental Benediction.

## PLAYGROUND IN THE MAKING

Government and M.P.F.A. Venture

By A Staff Reporter

Pietà children will in the very near future, have ample place and opportunity to recreate themselves in pleasant surroundings: a playing field in the making is the area which once formed part of Pietà Creek and which has been uncared for during past years.

Now the Government and the Malta Playing Fields Association have taken on the venture. Construction work by Public Works Department workers is well under way. Work is at the expense of Government. The playing field will, more or less, be set on the same lines as the one at Msida — multi-coloured setting and surrounded by trees.



Sylvia Grech, 45, of Hamrun was knocked down by a car driven by Anthony Farrugia, 38, of Sliema, yesterday afternoon at Marsa. In an effort to avoid hitting Grech, Farrugia swerved and crashed into a wall. Both Grech and Farrugia were injured and taken to hospital, Farrugia was sent home after treatment, but Grech, who is suffering from concussion and other injuries was detained. The car (above) was extensively damaged.

### CENTENARY HYMN

The National Pauline Committee brings to the notice of the general public that the Performing Rights Society Ltd., has kindly accepted to waive all rights in respect of the singing and playing, by one and all, and on all occasions, of the St. Paul centenary official hymn, composed by Mrs. J. Abela Scolaro and which was awarded first prize in a recent competition for the selection of the official Centenary hymn.

### M.G.T.B. CHAIRMAN RETURNS TODAY

Mr. P. Barker-Benfield, Chairman of the Malta Government Tourist Board will return to Malta today. He is to hold a Press Conference tomorrow. It is hoped that he would make an announcement of particular interest to Malta.

Picture on right: Mr. Anthony Valletta (centre) seen soon after his arrival at Luqa Airport with well-wishers (left to-right) Miss Catherine Luca; Miss Lucy Fabri; Mrs. Valletta; Mr. Russell L. Riley, the U.S. Consul General; Mr. Valletta (his brother); Dr. M. Caruana Curran; and Mr. Godfrey Zarb Adami.



## Teacher Education Programme

Mr. Anthony Valletta, an Inspector of Schools in the Education Department, has returned to Malta after a six-month course of studies in the United States. He was welcomed at Luqa Airport by his wife and brother and representatives of the United States Alumni (Malta) Association headed by Mr. Russell L. Riley, the U.S. Consul General.

Mr. Valletta was one of three recipients of an Educational Exchange Grant under the U.S. Teacher Education Programme. In the course of his studies and travels in the States, Mr. Valletta spent two weeks in Washington D.C.; and three months at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

He then travelled through the West and spent two months studying the California educational system, at the capital of the state, Sacramento.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham returned to Malta yesterday evening by air from Rome.

While in Rome, Sir Guy and Lady Grantham were received in audience by His Holiness the Pope.

Lieutenant Commander D.A. Becker, R.N., arrived by air from London on Tuesday for a short stay at the Hotel Phoenicia.

Mr. B. Garnham also arrived from London on Tuesday on a short visit, during which he is staying at the Hotel Phoenicia.

### GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF LOTTO RECEIVERS

The Committee of the General Association of Lotto Receivers for the year 1960-61 is composed of the following persons:—

President, Mr. C. Barbara; Vice President, Mr. H. Gusman, Secretary, Mr. C. Attard, Asst. Secretary, Mr. L. Azzus, Cashier, Mr. J. Borg, Asst. Cashier, Mr. C. Callus, Members, Messrs. J. Spiteri, C. Pace and J. Briffa, Auditor, Miss E. Dimech, Legal Adviser, (Dr. J.V. Galea, LL.D., Spiritual Director, Father Albert of Senglea, O.F.M.Cap.

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