

PHARMACISTS OF OLD

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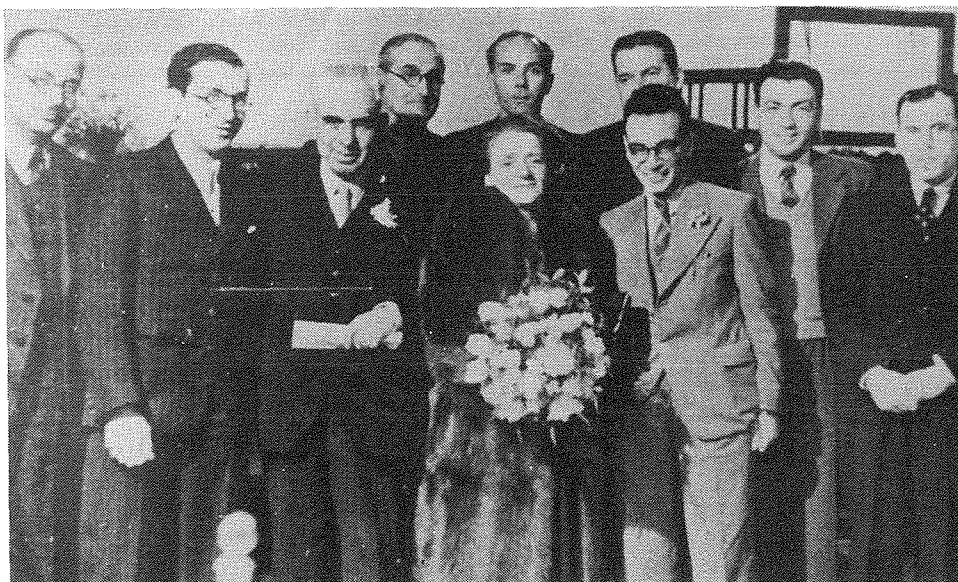
126. Pharmacist Vincent (Ċensinu) Caruana from Żejtun, where he was born in 1900. He obtained the warrant to practise the pharmaceutical profession on 20th September 1922 and opened his "Perellos Pharmacy" at "Casa Perellos" where he lived at Żejtun, but died very young aged 27 on the 17th March 1927. His brothers were the late Dr Anton Caruana, LL.D. (1916) who died on 3.1.1976 and Dr Joseph Caruana, B.Sc. (1918), M.D. (1922).
127. Dr Blanche V. Caruana née Huber, who was born at Sliema in 1901, obtained the Pharmaceutical Diploma in 1921 and graduated M.D. in 1925. When she married Dr Joseph Caruana, B.Sc., M.D., whose Pharmacist younger brother Ċensinu died in 1927, she took the management of his "Perellos Pharmacy" in August 1927, and which she later transferred to No. 54, now No. 71, St Catherine Street, Żejtun as "casa-bottega". She died on 19th July 1942. There is a street named after her at Sliema.
128. Pharmacist Luigi Cutajar, from Rabat, who obtained his Pharmaceutical Diploma in 1927 and managed his father's pharmacy at No. 40, High Street, Rabat, after the death of the latter.
129. Pharmacist Carmelo Vassallo (see No. 79 of former list, cf. "The Pharmacist" No. 5 of January 1983), from Żebbuġ — Malta, where he was born on 6.5.1905 son of Mr Carmelo, Inspector of Schools and his wife Mary-Vincenza née Psaila. He obtained his Ph.C. Diploma in 1927. He married Miss Giorgina Anastasi on 15.2.1930. He was employed at a private pharmacy in Floriana, then in 1937 entered the Government Service as Pharmacist at Central Civil Hospital Pharmacy and then as Analyst at the Customs Department Laboratory in 1944, whence he was pensioned in 1960 and died aged 65 years on 6th August 1970.
130. Pharmacist Carmelo Ellul, from Cospicua, who obtained his Pharmaceutical Diploma in 1927, managed "The English Pharmacy" at his native city and died aged 57 years in 1938.
131. Pharmacist Eric Carmel Mizzi, from Sliema. He made his Pharmaceutical studies at Modena — Italy and obtained his warrant in 1929. When he moved to Żabbar he opened here his "St Mary's Pharmacy" which was later named "Mizzi's Pharmacy". Mr Mizzi used to import several medicines especially from Italy, and during the last years of his life he served even as a member of the Pharmacy Board and as an examiner of the Assistant-Apothecaries' examination. He died aged 74 years on the 3rd September, 1980.
132. Pharmacist Joseph Gerard Debono, from Victoria — Gozo, was born on the 16th July, 1908. He obtained his Pharmaceutical diploma in 1930 and managed consecutively a pharmacy at Cospicua, "Pasteur Pharmacy" at Qormi so-named after that great microbiologist Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), the "Royal Pharmacy" of Republic Street — Valletta and lastly "Spinola Pharmacy" at St Julian's. He so much loved science subjects that he attended the appropriate course at the University whence he graduated B.Sc. in 1940. He died aged 61 years on the 20th August, 1969.
133. Professor Joseph John Mangion, M.D. (1934), B.Sc. (1931), Ph.C. (1930), D.D.S. (1940), F.D.S. R.C.S. (1948), born at Floriana on the 10th February, 1909. He was consecutively employed as Assistant-Resident Medical Officer at the Central Civil Hospital-Floriana (1934-1940), Medical Superintendent of same (1940-1945), Junior Dental Surgeon (1940-1954), Lecturer in Dentistry (1948-1954) and Professor of Dental Surgery (1954-1969). He run his own Dental Clinic at No. 156, Strait Street, Valletta. He had worked as Pharmacist during 1930-1934 at the "Floriana Dispensary" in No. 23, St Anne Street — Floriana. Professor Mangion died aged 71 years on the 1st November, 1980.
134. Pharmacist William Woodcock, who obtained his M.P.S. from London and who was employed during the 1930's at "Collis and Williams Dispensary" branch of No. 13 Sliema Wharf, Sliema but soon after at the "Junior Army and Navy Stores" of Strada Reale, now Republic Street, Valletta.
135. Professor Oscar Zammit, Ph.C. (1933), B.Sc. (1934), M.Sc. (L.pool), M.D. (1940), F.R.C.O.G., born on 7.12.1911, son of Mr

Vincent and his wife Maria-Stella neé Vella. When he became a Pharmacist he was employed as Managing Apothecary for three years (1934-1937) and during the summer months of those of (1938-1939) at Dr Sacco's "Marsa Pharmacy" at Marsa Cross Road, Marsa. He married his fellow student and Pharmacist Mary Zammit, Ph.C. (1933) of Vittoriosa on 19.10.1941 and they have two sons: Francois L. born on 17.8.1942 an Executive Civil Servant at the Labour Department and Etienne (sive Stephen) born on 13.4.1945 and is a Bank of Valletta official. Pharmacist Oscar was then employed as a Lecturer in Biology at the University and concurrently as Scientific Official in the Agricultural and Fisheries Department from 11.9.1939. He was later appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University from 1952 and Senior Accoucheur from 1.1.1954 at the Central Civil Hospital and died just over 51 years old on the 6.5.1963.

136. Pharmacist Mary Caruana, B.Sc., from Valletta was born on the 2nd April 1914. She obtained her Pharmaceutical diploma in 1933 and the B.Sc. degree in 1934. She was employed as Managing Apothecary of the "Central Pharmacy" of Republic Street — Valletta, but on 16th January 1958 she entered Government Service as a Family Welfare Officer. She also served as General Secretary of the Malta Catholic Action and was awarded the decoration P.E.P. (Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice — for services done in favour of the Church and of the Pope) on the 24th July, 1972. Her brother is Dr Salvino, M.D. (1943), Ph.C. (1936), B.Sc. (1937), who now lives abroad. She died aged 65 years on the 4th March, 1980.
137. Pharmacist Aldo Cherubino, born in Malta, the son of Italian parents who had settled here at No. 64, Old Mint Street — Valletta as the chief pharmaceuticals' importers from Italy under the trade and proper name "Ciro Cherubino". Aldo pursued his studies at Pisa University whence he was "Laureato in chimica e farmacia" in 1934. As far as I know he never managed any pharmacy but his chief concern was the importation of medicaments from Italy and to a much lesser extent also from England and from France. He died aged 65 years on the 16th October 1975 in Italy.
138. Pharmacist Carmelo Debono, from Mellieha, obtained the Governor's warrant

to practise Pharmacy in 1936, when he soon set-up and managed his "Debono's Pharmacy" at No. 31D, Broad Street, Hamrun, later bought by our friend Pharmacist John Holland.

139. Pharmacist Henry Benjamin Formosa, who was born at Sliema on 18th August 1910. He obtained his diploma in 1936 and exercised his profession from that year up to 1941 when he was employed as a Civil Servant with the Government serving at one time as Research-Assistant and Cataloguer at the Public Library — Valletta (1956-1962). He served also as member of the Labour Party Executive Committee (1952-1957). In 1966 he wrote about a list of local murders in "The Sunday Times of Malta", and left unpublished a "Dictionary of Maltese National Biography including foreigners connected with Malta, or who died and are buried in Malta" which he compiled in 1958. He died aged 62 years on the 14th December, 1972.
140. Pharmacist John Raimondo, B.Sc., from Kalkara, who obtained his diploma in 1937. He managed "La Ripa Dispensary" at Kalkara. After attending a post-graduate course in Science at Manchester University he was appointed Practical Demonstrator in Pharmaceutics at the University. He even entered politics on the side of the Labour Party and was elected to Parliament on the 13th November, 1945 but resigned "en bloc" with his other eight colleagues on the 12th September, 1946. He died on the 4th February, 1963. The new street off St Lawrence Street, Kalkara was named after him as per Notice No. 298 in the Malta Government Gazette of 27th May, 1983. (Photo page 31).
141. Dr Salvino Debono, M.D., B.Sc., Ph.C. (1939), from Vittoriosa — Gozo where he was born on 4th November, 1914. He was employed as District Medical Officer first at Nadur — Gozo and later at St Julian's — Malta. He was pensioned on 26th August, 1970. Hence he acquired the "Strand Pharmacy" at the Ferries' Esplanade — Sliema first managed by his daughter Pharmacist Mary-Josette (married to Dr Joseph Degiovanni, M.D.) and later on as from the 24th February, 1971 by himself. He died aged 66 years on the 23rd November, 1980.
142. Pharmacist Salvino M. Xuereb, B.Sc., from Hamrun where he was born on the 21st March, 1910. Soon after becoming a Pharmacist in 1939 he was selected Demonstra-



The nine elected Labour members of the Council of Government in 1945 with their guest of honour the British Lady Labour Minister of Education: (left to right, front row: Mr Dom Mintoff, Dr Paul Boffa, Dr Arthur Colombo, Dr Joseph Cassar and Mr Karmenu Vassallo; back row: Mr Robert Bencini, Dr Godwin George Ganada and Pharmacist John Raimondo).

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tor of Practical Pharmacognosy at the University in 1941. He practised his profession in various community pharmacies: lastly at the "Economical British Dispensary" formerly in front of "Stella Maris" Parish Church — Sliema. He was promoted Lyceum Head-Master at Gozo on the 17th December, 1962. He died aged 48 years on the 9th January, 1967.

143. Pharmacist Alfredo Pace of No. 106, High Street, Sliema. He was one of the University Students' Military Company established in 1941 during World War II and indeed a cadet. He was married to Miss Doris nee' Azzopardi. He did not manage any pharmacy but co-owned and jointly run with his brother Dr Tony LL.D. the "Mayfair Shoe Store" of "Kingsway Palace" in Republic Street, Valletta. He died on the 3rd September, 1981.
144. Pharmacist Salvino Degabriele, L.P. from Senglea, who obtained his Pharmaceutical and Legal Procurator's diplomas in 1942 and 1943 respectively exactly as myself and our confrere Wilfred Gatt of Sliema, as formerly had Augustine Levanzin (Vol. 5, No. 51), Joseph-Mary Borg of Lija and Nicola Spiteri of Qormi both mentioned in

present list, and later our other confreres Major Joseph-M. Galea of Paceville and Aldo Camilleri of "Ta' Xbiex". Salvino usually worked as medical representative for Ciba pharmaceuticals. He died rather young aged 51 years on the 20th May, 1972.

145. Pharmacist Margaret Caruana Montaldo, B.Sc. She obtained her Pharmaceutical diploma in 1945. The Lord called her **young** because she passed to eternal life aged 42 years on the 22nd March, 1969. Both her sisters are fellow-Pharmacists: **Miriam** (Ph.C., 1948) and Antoinette (B.Pharm, 1952).
146. Pharmacist Charles N. Lanzon, from Sliema, who obtained his M.P.S. qualification from the Pharmaceutical Society of London in 1949. He managed a pharmacy in his native Sliema: the "Brown's Pharmacy" of No. 70, Tigne' Street until his rather early death on the 8th August, 1968 at the age of 56 years.
147. Pharmacist Joseph Tabone, "Peppi" to his relatives and fellow-Pharmacists, from Cospicua where he was born on 14.5.1928 son of Mr Leone and his wife Victoria nee' Licari and brother of Dr Anton, Ph.C.



PHARMACISTS' DINNER AT "ROYAL HOTEL" — ATTARD ON 11.12.1950

1st row seated on steps: Anthony Bonello, Robert Aldo Tua, Queenie Gatt neé Gatt, Dr Oliver Azzopardi, B.Sc., M.D., D.R.C.O.G., Hilda Fenech neé Vella, Emmanuel Attard Bezzina, Chev. Oscar Vella, K.S.S., Eric C. Mizzi, Ondina V. Tayar and John B. Cassar;

2nd row standing: Joseph Ellul Castaldi, Joseph Gerard Debono, Joseph Debono, (seated: Dr Emmanuel Mizzi, LL.D., — Legal Adviser, Joseph Vassallo — President and Arther Mizzi — Secretary), Chev. Joseph Borg, K.M., L.P. and Angela Catania neé Frendo;

3rd row standing: Archangelo Agius, William Edward Felice, George Borg Barthet, Antoine Debono, Gaetano Farrugia, Ferdinand Felice, B.Sc., Lewis Anthony Wismayer, John Mifsud, Wilfred Gatt, L.P., Joseph Deguara, B.Sc., Lucy Portelli neé Demajo and Dr Joseph Portelli, M.D.

(1948), M.D. (1952) and Capuchin Fathers now Missionaries in Kenya, Leopoldo ex-Parish Priest of "Our Lady of Lourdes" church at San Gwann (21.1.1965 — 2.7.1983) and Krispin, ex-Provincial (15.7.1980 — 2.7.1983). He obtained his B.Pharm in 1953 and married Miss Antoinette neé Muscat on 9.6.1966. He owned and managed "Martin's Pharmacy" at Bir-żebbuġa. He died aged nearly 56 years old on 26.4.1984.

148. Pharmacist George Galea, from Victoria — Gozo. He obtained his B.Pharm. degree in 1956. As far as I know he did not manage any pharmacy neither in Gozo nor in Malta. He entered politics with the Nationalist Party and was elected Member of Parliament in the 1962 elections and died in harness, so-to-say, after only 1½ years on the 5th July, 1963 at the very young age of

32 years. His brother is Dr Salvino, M.D., B.Pharm. (1955).

The Latins used to say "Finis coronat opus" — the fact that something begun is carried out to its end constitutes a satisfaction to its doer, or less poetically as we Maltese say "Kull bidu għandu t-tmiem" — every beginning has its end.

In conclusion, while saying that there were others of more than a century ago whose names are not known to me because I never read them anywhere, and not excluding that there may be some small mistakes or lack of information about some of those I am presently writing about, let me salute all our departed fellow PHARMACISTS and wish them ALL that much hoped-for better life in the eternal beatific sight of Our Most Blessed, Almighty and Most Loving LORD and FATHER "Quod est in votis". Amen.

DEO GRATIAS — THANKS BE TO GOD.