

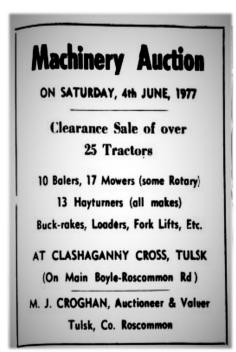
THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

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TULSK has been the birthplace of Obituary-The Late Very Rev. of schools and churches in his early writing life) the 1939. parish has also been home to others who may not be as well re-One such person was Fr Thomas Lavin, who was the Tulsk Parish Priest from 1920 until his death in printed here, (which includes the title).

Also in this edition is an old report of the Rathcroghan Steeplechase cle of the late Fr. 'Mick' Lavin, from 1828. The annual race, though completely forgotten to- M.J. Kilbride, C.C., Sooey, day, was one of the earliest formal race meets in the county, and was an important chapter in the history of racing in the province. Some classical studies in the faold advertisements, trivia, and mous 'Latin' School at Castle-Tulsk History Society news make up the rest of the current edition.



many celebrated people. Known Fr. Lavin. THE BELOVED the various parishes in which famously as 'the birthplace of Per- **PASTOR OF TULSK**—from *The* cy French' (our bulletin title is Sligo Champion, 18 November

The unexpected death of the beloved pastor of Tulsk Famembered, but who made a signif- ther Tom Lavin, universally icant mark in their own lifetime. known as 'Father Tom,' occurred at the Co. Hospital. Roscommon on November 4th. The sad news of his death caused widespread sorrow. His interesting obituary He was a member of a well from the Sligo Champion is re- known Co. Roscommon fami- $_{Word\text{-}for\text{-}Word}\,$ ly that gave many members to the service of God. He was nephew of the late Rev. Pat Lavin., Drumcliffe, Sligo; un-

> C.C., Frenchpark, and Fr. and Fr. T. J. Lavin, St. Joseph's, Derby. He was born in Cloonfour (parish of Castlerea) in June 1865, began his rea, which he afterwards continued in Summerhill College, Sligo, and Maynooth.

> He was one of the leading classical scholars of his generation. An able theologian, ordained in Maynooth College in 1892, he was appointed curate in St. Mary's, Sligo, and afterwards served in the Mission in Strokestown, Ballyleague, Ballinaheglish and Rooskey, from whence he was appointed P.P. of Tulsk in June, 1920.

> He was a gifted orator, an outstanding preacher and a man of indomitable courage, profound humility and charity. He took a prominent part in every national movement, was a keen supporter of the Gaelic League and G.A.A., and was responsible for the building and reconstruction

he worked.

He was always anxious about the welfare of the people, untiring in his assistance to relieve the poor and needy. Devoted to the sick and dying, he was a most zealous priest in his duties.

We now pray that God will give him his eternal reward. The funeral left the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon, on Sunday, followed by over

two hundred cars for Tulsk, where the remains were received by Dean Cummins, Roscommon; Very Rev. Canon Currid, P.P., V.F, Strokestown; Very Rev M. O'Beirne. P.P., Four-Mile House. Rev. Fr. Gilmartin, C.C., Killina; Rev. T. Mahon, C.C., Kiltevan; Rhatigan, Rev. Fr. Kilmurry; Rev. J.P. Prendergast, C.C., Aghamore, Ballyhaunis; Rev. M J. Kilbride, C.C., Sooey.

The thousands of Catholics as well as other denominations who attended both funerals testify to the esteem in which he was held.

Most Rev. Dr. Doorly, Bishop of Elphin, presided at the Office of Requiem Mass on Monday. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Fr. Kilbride, C.C., Sooey (nephew); deacon, Rev. Fr. Gilmartin, C.C., Killina; sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Lavin, C.C., Derby (nephew); master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. Rhatigan, C.C., Kilmurry.

[continues with list of priests present, chief mourners including family, and messages of sympathy, from whom included the then Fine Gael (leader W.T. Cosgrave and Dublin Broadcasting Authorities].

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE— characters ter, 28 March, 1828.

side of the water, was gallantgray horse, Tiger. Seven and treat twenty horses were entered celebrated for this race, at ten sover- hounds. eigns each, to which Mr. French, the respected M.P. for Roscommon, added thirty; of those, however, thirteen only started. The distance was five miles, and several five feet walls and large railway from Dublin to Blacksod running. At the first wall all Tulsk, the horses baulked except Crossmolina, with a separate Mr. French's (of Tuomona) mare, who thereby got a considerable lead; she, however, was speedily run into by Mr. Hearne's Cigar, and two of the French Park horses. The January 1852-The birthday of newsletter of 2023 will be circufifth last wall was taken in gallant style by Mr. French the member's horse Highflyer, who was closely followed by Mr. Ferguson's (a north country gentleman) horse, and Captain French's horse, Tiger. The fourth last wall was taken by Tiger and Highflyer abreast - Mr. Ferguson, who followed them, was thrown. The remainder of the race was beautifully contested by **Tiger** running almost Highflyer, neck and neck together, and Tiger won by four lengths only. The next horses placed were Mr. French's Sportsman, Cigar, and Cliffe, Mr. Fitzstephen French's horse. The remaining eight horses came in (if at all) "longo intervallo". Although weather was unfavorable, the concourse of persons was im-Several sporting mense.

from **Melton April** from The Dublin Morning Regis- Mewbray attended, as well as sought information about his unmany officers and others cle, George Flynn, who left Tulsk from Dublin and other parts The great steeple chase over of the kingdom. All were the Rathcroghan course, Co. highly pleased with the sport. Roscommon, which excited The hospitibale mansion of so much interest, not only French Park was filled with among the sporting circles in company, as well as all the this country but at the other other gentlemen's houses for miles around. Great sport Though selling fast our newsletter ly won, on Tuesday, the 18th was expected on Wednesday, collection-which came out at instant, by Captain Charles when the lovers of fox- Christmas—is still available to buy French's (of French Park) hunting were to receive a from the society, or at local outfrom the justly-French Park

SOME TRIVIA

November 1835—Tulsk Junction—The Grand Atlantic Railway Company published plans for a Foxford, Ballina Tuam. This plan was heavily advertised in both local and national newspapers.

Percy French has just passed. Born on 24 January 1852, this year marked the 169th year since his birth at Cloonyquin House.

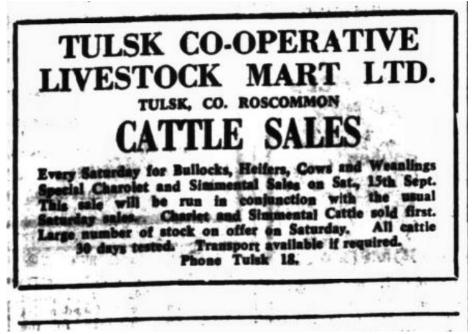
1908—Patrick in 1873 and was last heard of living in Brooklyn, New York in

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lets; Tulsk Laundry & Drycleaners and Seamus Conway Butchers. We extend our thanks for their sup-

The THS-led renovation project at Ogulla Shrine has seen much progress recently. After being granted funding through the Roscommon County Council and ditches were jumped in the Bay via Mullingar, Longford, Boyle Municipal District Scheme 2022 we are happy to announce that it has already been put to branch from Tulsk to Galway via good use. Work will continue in the coming months.

Upcoming for the Society will be our second AGM, due to take place in April. Our first elated in mid-March. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, or would like to join the society, you can do by sending us an email at historytulsk@gmail.com



Above from The Drogheda Independent, 7th September 1979