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TULSK NEWS.

THE WILD GEESSE.

The wild geese have arrived in huge flocks during the past fortnight and this always portends harsh or severe weather. So far the weather has not been severe by any means, in fact, the acute drying of some three weeks ago left the land so firm that people who despaired of getting home their winter's supply of fuel owing to the sodden nature of the peases leading to the bogs were afforded a chance to take out turf, and well they availed themselves of the liberty offered. The turf, too, was only half dry on the bogs owing to the wet year, but the three weeks hard drying has left everyone secure for the winter, and there will be no occasion to call on forests for a supply of fuel. Farmers were afforded a very good chance to harvest their crops this autumn, and everyone worth his salt has everything secure down to the pitting of the potatoes.

CLEARING THE FARMS.

The Tusk boys are out to clear the farms and have them re-peopled with a bold peasantry and not the happy hunting grounds of the sheep and the bullock and the thoroughbred. The grazier and the landlord complain of cattle-driving, but the surprise is that there is not more of it. The boys took over the ranches of Colonel Chichester-Constable at Rathcroghan last May, and having offered him a fair rent for these lands took and farmed it themselves and let it for grazing to the uneconomic landlords around.

RELEASED.

Mr Hugh Croghan, Tomona, who was arrested some two months ago by the Government troops, has been released from Athlone where he was detained. He got a hearty welcome home from all his old comrades, and looks none the worse of his incarceration.

Above: Ros Messenger, Nov. 18, 1922

BREVITIES.

Owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever in the vicinity of Castleplunket on last Sunday after both masses at Kilmurry chapel it was announced that Rathmoyle and Castleplunket schools would be closed until further notice.

At a meeting held in Tusk on Sunday last arrangements were made for the holding of three fairs during the year.

Above: Ros Messenger, 26 March 1904

Mission in Tusk.

A Mission conducted by three distinguished members of the Redemptorist Order will open at Tusk next Sunday, 12th inst., and at the outlying Churches of Kilmurry and Killina the following Sunday, 19th inst.

Above: Ros Herald, 11 April 1931

INFORMATION WANTED

PATRICK DALE,

who left Castleplunkett, county Roscommon, Ireland, in 1847. When last heard from was in Trenton, New Jersey, America. Any information respecting him will be thankfully received by his brother, James Dale, care of Rev. Father Brown, St. Edward's Chapel, Grime-street, off Dean's-gate, Bolton, Lancashire. American papers please copy.

Above: Dublin Weekly Nation, 24 Nov.

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THEY REMEMBER PERCY FRENCH

Mr. T. H. Mahon, the well-known Dublin author and naturalist, will speak of his experiences while travelling with Percy French, during the Percy French Commemoration Festival which will be held as a Tostal event at Cloonyquinn House, near Castlerea, from May 19 to 26th.

Mr. Mahon first met Percy French in 1890 and later travelled Ireland with him on his concert tours. Mr. Mason will have some amusing and unrecorded stories to tell.

During the Commemoration Festival there will be recitals of French's works, a concert, ceili, dances, film shows and programmes of traditional Irish music, all of which will take place in a marquee in the grounds of Cloonyquin House (birthplace of Percy French). There will be accommodation for 500 people at the lectures and concerts and for 800 people at the ceili and dances.

Above: Galway Observer, 18 May 1957

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Coimisineiri Na nOibreacha Poiblidhe (Commissioners of Public Works) NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the Secretary will be received up to but not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on the 24th November, 1944, for the erection of a National School at Kilmurray, Co. Roscommon, in accordance with drawings, specification and conditions of contract exhibited at the residence of Rev. P. J. McGowan, P.P., Tusk, Castlerea.

Applications for a copy of the drawings and specification should be addressed to this Office with a deposit of £1, which will be refunded on the return of those documents.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

T. J. MORRIS, Runaidhe (Secretary).

Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblidhe (Office of Public Works) Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin)

27th October, 1944.

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Above: Roscommon Herald, 04

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Rathcroachain Feis.

Notes About Arrangements.

That there will be a huge gathering of people from all over Connacht and from many parts of Ireland at Rathcroachain Feis, athletic sports, horse jumping, etc., on Sunday and Monday next is now certain. The volume of motor traffic to be dealt with is sure to be unusually large. Motorists coming from Castlerea are requested to go out by the Rathmoyle road and return by Ballinagare. This arrangement will have all cars travelling in the same direction. It is also suggested that cars from Boyle go through Mantua and, return by Frenchpark and Ballinagare. Boyle is fifteen miles from Rathcroghan. The number of competitors for the language, music and dancing competitions is at least 300, and these come from all parts of the country. In the athletic events the cream of Irish athletic talent are competing. L. Stanley, the Irish champion high jumper, will be there to give one of his wonderful performances. Ryan, the Tipperary long distance runner, will be seen in action, and Sean Lavin will come to demonstrate the speed a first-class sprinter can get up in the 100 and 220 yards. In fact a wire was received all the way from Paris from these famous athletes last week reminding the secretary of the athletic section not to forget to enter them. At 3 p.m. on Sunday many Western people will see for the first time a real exhibition of what Ireland's National game, hurling, is like. The teams will be Dublin and Limerick, and in both teams are included wizards of the caman, whose playing will be a delight to witness. The Committee, aware that almost everyone who goes to Rathcroghan would like to have some souvenir of their visit, have gone to much trouble in publishing a handsome programme of the Feis. The book is artistically bound and contains an article in Irish on the history of Rathcroghan by a distinguished Irish writer, an article in English on the same subject, and also articles dealing with all the most historic places in the county. In addition, there is an article on geology by a distinguished Galway lady. The book will be on sale at the nominal price of 1s.; needless to say, it is worth at least six times that sum. The programme of the different Feis competitions, and of the athletic and horse jumping events will also be on sale at the small sum of 3d. The Committee have had the names of the competitors printed in Irish and English, so that the fullest information is available for everyone. Professor Biggar, Belfast, is to deliver lectures on archaeological subjects in a special marquee, set apart for the purpose on both days. Many bands will attend to entertain the gathering with popular music. A first-class luncheon can be got at Rathcroghan for 2s. 6d., or tea for 1s. on both days. Other refreshments are also provided for. The charge for entrance to the historic plain is 1s. in return for which each person will be presented with a badge. Each evening a concert will take place to which eminent Irish vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers will contribute.

Above: Ros Herald, 19 July, 1924

Remembering: Mark Phibbs (1894-1919). From *A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography* by Mike Lennon.

A native of Corbally, Tulsk, Mark Phibbs served as a grocery assistant in Gilligans' shop on Wexford Street, Dublin before joining the British Army. He served as a private in the Royal Irish Regiment in France during World War One. He died in Dublin in April 1919 by suicide while suffering from post-traumatic stress and was buried in Glasnevin Cemetery. Mark's gravestone memorial is pictured below.



Highly Important Sale of Prime 7-day Licensed premises and Filling Station.

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Tulsk,
Co. Roscommon

Selling with 4-bedroomed modern dormer bungalow set adjacent. A superior property with main bar, lounge and entertainment lounge, all in excellent condition, carrying out thriving local and entertainment trade. Sited in this prime village of Tulsk, known as the "Crossroads of the West", a village which can provide for everyday needs and having its own cattle mart with weekly sales in this highly regarded farming district. Detailed brochure on request.

Above: *Irish Independent*, 01 August 1990

LABOURERS' MEETINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, SUNDAY NIGHT.

To-day the picturesque village of Tulsk, about twelve miles from here, was the scene of a very large and imposing demonstration, held under the auspices of the local branch of the Labourers' League.

The Chairman, having thanked the meeting for the high honour which they had conferred on him in calling on him to preside, said he hoped they would endeavour to attain their objects within the limits of the Constitution.

Mr Martin O'Beirne proposed the first resolution—"That we, the Tulsk branch of the Labourers' League, hereby call upon all the labourers in the district to become members, and manfully come forward to join our branch to-day, and we expect that if any person finds it impossible to attend to-day he will attend again at the proper quarter at the earliest opportunity, and we pledge ourselves to abide by the rules, and carry out faithfully the objects of the Labourers' League."

Mr O'Beirne said he regretted very much that their branch had been formed for three months, and yet some of the people of the locality had not come forward to join it as they ought.

Mr Patrick Leavery proposed the second resolution. Resolved—"That whereas the loss of union amongst the artisans and labourers of this country has long been felt, and is in a great measure the cause of many privations and degradations to a particular class of the community, the well-to-do farmers and would-be gentlemen of this locality, despising the Land League, although receiving the largest reductions in their rent through its means, and now have no sympathy with the labourers, but now even in the eleventh hour we would invite the co-operation of the farmers to assist us in ameliorating the condition of the labourers, whom all admit to be the worse-housed, worst fed, and worst clad of any people in the civilised world, and we hope that the farmers in the locality will endorse the resolution passed at the Dublin Convention which admitted the right of the labourers to half an acre of land and a decent house to dwell in, in proportion to every twenty-five acres of land in their possession, and we also call on the farmers to apply for loans to build suitable dwellings for their labourers and institute works to afford them employment." (A Voice, "Divil a chance of them.")

Mr John Quinn proposed the third resolution:—"Resolved, that the farm labourers and artisans of the central districts of Roscommon hereby determine to make a united stand against the inhuman Irish landlords exterminating society, and we call upon all honest and patriotic Irishmen to form a national union against the common enemy, and seeing the landlord combination formed against the dearest interests of the Irish people, being chiefly aimed at preventing their existence in the land of their birth."

ROSCOMMON.

A very largely attended Labour meeting was held to-day at Lanesboro', six miles from here. The meeting took place on the Longford side of the River Shannon. It was estimated that the number present was about five thousand.

Mr M'Gaver, P.L.G., proposed, and Mr Rattigan seconded the following resolution:—"That we the labourers of this parish, do hereby call on the farmers to apply at once for a loan to build suitable cottages, and give half an acre of the average land at the same rent they themselves pay."

Mr Clarke, Lanesboro, spoke to the resolution.

Patrick Farrell proposed, and Mr Rattigan, P.L.G., seconded the following resolution:—"We also call on the Government to advance loans on the security of farmer and labourer to build comfortable cottages and extend repayment for same at least over fifty years, thereby making it easy for the occupier to pay."

Mr Donnelly, Longford, spoke to the resolution. He told them when they were forming a branch of the League to put honest men at the head of the branch; to put no man in on account of his position; to watch the enemy, and expel them immediately from their ranks, as they were sure to create disunion in their midst.

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Above: *Irish Times*, 10 July 1882

To John J Moran, Correigh,
Clonyquinn.

I'd love to stray on a summer's day,
Ere Sol is sinking low,
Through the fertile plains of Bloomfield
Where I wandered long ago,
Or daily round by Simpson's Cross
Ere the shades of night creep o'er,
And to meet the lads and lassies, Jack,
As I did in the days of yore.

Ah! to-day my heart is dreary, lad,
While reflecting on the past,
Will this for ever continue, John,
Will it for ever last?
To-day we see hard battles fought
Throughout our sainted shore,
It's little we thought such woe would be wrought
In the good old days of yore.

Oh! our weary hearts in Tee-side towns
E'er pine when we behold
It's brothers fighting brothers now—
Where are the days of old?
When Cromwell thought to rob us, Jack,
Defeated he had to go,
Our forefathers were pillaged, lad,
In the black old days of yore.

Ah! poor Erin, you were happy if left just as before,
Each fertile plain round Bloomfield, John,
Again we would wander o'er;
We'd have no strife, we'd take no life,
But we'd ramble as before,
Through each fertile plain round Carn demesne
The puss we'd chase once more,
May the Lord send back the good old days of yore

I'll pray you be Free Stated now
With peace for evermore,
May the Lord Himself unite our brothers
Throughout our sainted shore;
May the old hand now raise a hand
As they oft-times did before,
May they freedom win round Killykin
As in the days of yore.

To-day we are suffering, hard, Jack,
We must try and stand the strain,
In years gone by, between you and I,
Our forefathers stood the same;
They held our Isle though their loss was great,
Good history can tell,
The old green flag it was no rag
In the good old days of yore.

So here's a health to the Free State men
May they free our salutly shore,
May the Lord send peace with plenty, John,
As He has always done before;
Let us pray our troubles be banished now
Ooos and for evermore,
That God send back the good old days,
Those grand old days of yore.
JOHN J HEALY, EX-D.C.

Above: *Ros Messenger*, 19 Aug. 1922

TULSK NEWS.

NEW FAIRS AND MARKETS.

It is proposed to initiate a weekly market here under the patronage of the Northern Bank, which could be very easily accomplished, as this is a splendid market centre. The old fairs of Tulsk were well attended, but were allowed to lapse, and now an effort, which should be attended by every success, is being made to revive them. A meeting will be held in Tulsk on Monday, 4th inst, to consider the matter.

POLICE TRANSFER.

Constable John McCarthy has been changed to Tralee from Tulsk. Before his departure he was entertained at a smoking concert and presented with a beautifully mounted meerschaum pipe.

THE NORTHERN BANK.

The branch office of the above Bank, which has been opened here for some weeks now, is already doing a flourishing business under the able management of Mr J W Meene.

Above: *Ros Messenger*, 02 February, 1918