



THE TULSK MORNING HOWL

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TULSK
Annual Dance
 WILL BE HELD ON
 SUNDAY NIGHT, JAN. 4th, 1931.
 PROCEEDS IN AID OF NEW
 HANDBALL COURT.
 MUSIC—BERT FLYNN AND HIS
 BAND (5 Pieces.)
 CATERING—MISS O'NEILL,
 STROKESTOWN.
 CARNIVAL NOVELTIES AND SPOT
 DANCES.

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, Jan 03 1931

MOST REV DR COYNE.
First Episcopal Visit to Tusk
Presentation of Address, and Reply.
Enthusiastic Proceedings.

On Friday last the Most Rev Dr Coyne, the newly consecrated Bishop of Elphin, paid his first Episcopal visit to Tusk, and was made the recipient of a warm and effusive address by the people of the parish of Ogulla. The delegation was received by his Lordship in the new school, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion and festooned with flowers. At the end of the room the beautiful and massive banner of the A O H stood unrolled, depicting St Patrick baptising the two Royal Princesses at Ogulla well. The deputation consisted of the following:—Very Rev M Monahan, P P; Messrs F Flanagan, S Dockery, N T; T Rörke, J P; M Hanly, J P; J Banahan, J A Feeney, G O'Killy, M J Shannon, T Davany, D C; John O'Connell, J Kilgannon.

Mr T Rörke, who was deputed to read
 THE ADDRESS,
 then read the following:—
 MY LORD—On behalf of the people of the united parishes of Tusk, Killin, and Baslick, we beg to take this opportunity of conveying to your Lordship our most sincere congratulations on the deserved distinction conferred on you in being appointed successor to the salient, esteemed, and much lamented Dr Ciancy as Bishop of the important Diocese of St Asaph, and we desire to offer you our most hearty greetings on this your first Episcopal visit to our district. We assure your Lordship you do not come amongst us entirely as a stranger, for the good people of our neighbouring parish of Strokestown were always anxious to bear testimony to the loving place you won for ever in their hearts when in your younger days you ministered amongst them. There are many of ourselves too who
REMEMBER YOU AS CLERICAL INSPECTOR OF THE SCHOOLS

Notice of Application to Quarter Sessions for Certificate for Publican's Licence.

TAKE Notice that it is my intention to apply at the next annual Licensing Quarter Sessions to be held at Boyle, in for the Division of Boyle and County of Roscommon, on the 2nd day of October next, for a Magistrate's Certificate to entitle me to receive a Confirmation of a Transfer of an ordinary Licence to sell beer, cider and spirits by retail, at my house situate at Clashaganny, in the Townland of Manor, Parish of Killukin, Barony of Roscommon and County of Roscommon, lately licensed for such sale in the name of Teresa Flanagan, now deceased, whose interest in such licence and concern is now vested in me.

Dated this 1st day of August, 1918.
 JAMES E FLANAGAN, Applicant.
 FARRELL McDONNELL & CO, Solicitors for Applicant, Roscommon.

To Major French, J P, Clooneyquin, Elphin; Walter A Jones, Esq, J P, Mount Brown; Joseph J Burke, Esq, J P, Cargans Park, Tusk; Francis Flanagan, Esq, J P, Tomona, Tusk; Michael J Hanly, Esq, J P, Nadnaveigh, Strokestown; Wm Early, Esq, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Peace Office, Roscommon; and to the District Inspector, R I C, Strokestown, and all whom it may concern.

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Notice to Contractors.
TULSK CHURCH.

ON SUNDAY, 19th of August, after last Mass, the Parish Committee will consider and receive tenders at Tusk School for the decoration, etc., of above Church.—Signed,
 T. LAVIN, P.P.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, June 7, 1913 Above: *Roscommon Herald*, Aug. 18, 1928

DEMONSTRATION AT TULSK.
 (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

A large and influential public meeting was held at Tusk, county Roscommon, on Sunday to express public opinion on the recent Orange outrages in the North, and on Sir Stafford Northcote's visit. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Tusk Branch of the National League, and the band of the branch was in attendance. On the motion of Mr. J Flannery, seconded by Mr. P Mangan, the chair was taken by Mr. P Lowry, a tenant farmer. Amongst those also present were:—
 Messrs P Mangan, ex officio; P Claffy, J Flannery, M Donaver, J Roger, M Tigman, A Egan, D M' Cormac, P Cunningham, E M'Gann, P Hennigan, T Simpson, M Laven, John Wynne, J Quinn, J Scott, P Brennan, delegate Clontarf; M Murray, H Croghan.

The Chairman delivered a stirring address. Mr. P Mangan called the roll of labourers and put them in rank in the centre of the meeting. The names of all who had memorials sent to the Board of Guardians were announced, and several new applicants were supplied. Mr. T Dockery, labourer, proposed, and Mr. M Slyman, labourer, seconded the first resolution, which was passed by acclamation.—"That we, the labourers and tenant farmers of this parish, hereby tender to Mr. P Mangan and the committee of the Tusk Branch of the Irish National League our best and most sincere thanks for the warm and spirited action they have taken in our behalf, both at last Sunday's and this day's meetings." Mr. Mangan returned thanks. He spoke on the Labourers Act and counselled unity. The second resolution was moved by Mr. P Mangan, seconded by Mr. Donaver, supported by Mr. Claffy, and passed amid cheers.—"That while we extend the hand of fellowship and brotherly love to our Protestant fellow-countrymen in the National cause, we feel bound to condemn in the strongest terms the base, brutal, and cowardly conduct of the Orange rowdies, the scum of Belfast and other large cities (Northern), in attacking and wrecking a peaceful and defenceless community of nuns, working in the cause of charity, and recognised and supported by respectable Protestants as well as Catholics; and we also condemn the incitements of the disappointed alien, Sir Stafford Northcote, and we consider such conduct unworthy of any respectable politician." Mr. Mangan spoke in condemnation of the Orange outrages and Sir Stafford Northcote's harangue. He was frequently interrupted by applause. Arrangements were made for attending the Roscommon county meeting next Sunday.

Above: *Freeman's Journal*, Oct. 17, 1883. Last month's Morning Howl had news of a large demonstration that took place in the village just one year previous to this



Above: A rare photo of Tusk village in 1983. Source unknown

Remembering: Joan Burke (née Crowley) (1928 -2016) nurse and public representative. From *A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography* by Mike Lennon.

A native of Roughgrove, Bandon, Co. Cork, Joan trained as a nurse and worked at Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin. While visiting Tusk at the invitation of a nursing colleague, Freda Jones (née Lennon), she met her future husband, James J. Burke, the local TD, and



they married in 1959. Following her husband's death in 1964, she was elected by Fine

Gael to contest the Roscommon by-election. She was elected and continued to be re-elected in each subsequent general election until she retired from politics in 1981. She suffered serious injuries in a traffic collision at Kilcock, Co. Kildare in 1975. Following her retirement, she moved to Dublin where she died in November 2016. She was interred in Tusk Cemetery.

Marriage.
At St. Peter's Church, by his brothers, the Revs. John and Thomas Drought, George Warburton Drought, Esq., of Cargins, in this county, youngest son of the late George M. Drought, of Glancarrig, county Wicklow, to Anna Sophia, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Acton.

Above: *Roscommon & Leitrim Gazette*, April 20, 1861—marriage of the landlord & lady of Cargins House (owned the estate from c. 1852-1911)

KILMURRY DANCE.
A DANCE in aid of a Charitable Purpose will be held in Kilmurry N.S. on Sunday night, 29th April. Good Music. Good Catering. Gents., 2s. 6d.; Ladies, 1s. 6d.

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, April 28, 1928

In Memory of Mr Jerome Roger, Ogulla, Tusk.
Altho' the moon shone silvery bright and did the stars illumine,
A heavy cloud of grief and woe o'er us has cast its gloom:
Our benefactor, great and grand—a genius true and bright—
Has breathed forth his soul to God in the stillness of the night.
That hour, indeed, was joy for him: bright angels thronged around
To bear his precious soul to Heaven, where happiness abound.
God's holy laws he did observe, a model life did lead
He now enjoys the just reward that for him was decreed.
Ah! but alas, it was sad for us; we never more will meet—
Our worthy boy, our village pride, we never more will greet.
Alas! alas! who shall we call when trouble does appear,
Or who will decorate our church when Christmas it draws near?
Briarfield. JOHN M'GOVERN.

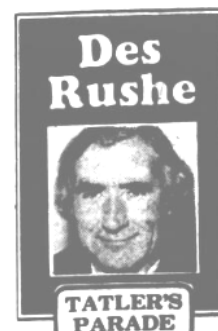
Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, March 14, 1908

TUSK CATTLE MART
CO. ROSCOMMON
OPENING SALE
THURSDAY, 23rd September.
Best STORE CATTLE SALE in Ireland.
SALE starts at 11 o'clock.

Above: *Belfast Newsletter*, Sept. 20th, 1965

United Irish League Branches.
KILLINA
A meeting of this branch was held on Sunday last, Mr T Gannon presiding. Mr J J M'Grath proposed and Mr T Feeay seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:—
"That we avail ourselves of the present opportunity to place on record our sincere thanks to Mr John Redmond and his faithful followers for the heroic manner in which they have guarded the cause of Ireland in the alien House of Commons, and thereby succeeding in having the Veto Bill passed which has doomed the power of Ireland's hereditary enemy—the House of Lords—and thereby removing the blockage which stood for ages in the road of all Irish reforms." A delegate said that he thought it was right to refer to the recent victory which was gained by the tenants on the Foxboro' estate and small adjoining tenants by the recovery of 200 acres of land which will be soon sold to the Congested Districts Board by Mr P Taffe, and it was also satisfactory to note that Thos Coyne, junr, was appointed as overseer on the lands as his father was born and reared on these lands, and we hope the young man will yet be living on a comfortable holding where his grandstres lived, and that his home will be convenient to the place familiarly known as "Coyne's bush." Thus the people will be coming back to their own again—J J M'GRATH, hon sec.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger*, Aug. 25, 1911



WHEN asked where Tusk was on a Question Time programme, a lady chanced her arm and guessed Turkey. One would imagine she would have placed it in Russia, with Omsk, Minsk and Tomsk.

Tusk is, of course, a village in Co. Roscommon, and its foreign-sounding name is, presumably, a phonetic rendering of its Irish version, Tullisce which, in turn, is a contraction of Tulach Uisce, meaning a spring issuing from an earthen mound.

Around the middle of the last century, it was variously described as "a miserable hamlet" and "a decayed and poor village". But it had seen better days: it once boasted a castle and an abbey and it returned two members to the Irish Parliament. It could be described as either miserable or decayed today.

Whatever about that, the Tusk area is immensely rich in history, legend and lore, and Mrs. Mary Gormley had a wealth of source material available to her when she undertook a history of the parish. A retired principal teacher in the local national school, she has produced a handsome publication of great interest.

Rathcroghan, naturally, figures prominently; it was a centre of druidic worship in pre-Christian times; kings were inaugurated, lived and were buried there, and its connection with the redoubtable Queen Maeve is well known.

Mrs. Gormley also finds space for local cures, holy wells, hedge schools, place-names, ballads and much else in a comprehensive record of Tusk.

Above: *Irish Independent*, April 20, 1989, in Des Rushe's Thursday column.