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JUSTICES JUSTICE AT TULSK.

Tulsk Petty Sessions, Saturday, Jan. 10, 1857.

John Flanagan was summoned for a breach of the game laws.

Michael Hevaghan examined—On Sunday the 20th December I saw Flanagan; he had a gun in his hand; he fired a shot; I heard the report and saw the smoke, and I 'imagine' it was at the hare he fired; I was 300 yards from him; the hare went away well enough.

Magistrate—What day was it?

Witness—On Sunday, Sir.

Magistrate—What date?

Witness—The 20th, Sir.

Magistrate—Sunday was the 21st; was it before or after Christmas?

Witness—Sarrah one iv me's a scholar, Sir; I think it was after Christmas.

Flanagan declared he did not fire at the hare, and produced a witness who was, at the time the shot was fired, in company with the prosecutor, and he said, this man can prove I did not fire at the hare.

Magistrate—I do not think this a proper way for you to proceed with this case. I believe it is better for you not to produce witnesses. The fine may be £5 if you proceed in this way.

Flanagan—I'll leave it all to your honours. The evidence of the witness 'all imaginary,' was deemed sufficient by their worship, and they fined Flanagan one pound and costs.

Above: *The Nation*, 17 January 1857.

Tulsk News.

Tulsk November, 3rd 1884.

The Tulsk branch of the National League at its last meeting, resolved that each member would wear in his hat his card of membership, and walk in military order to the coming Strokestown demonstration. This means war to the bitter end against landlordism.

MR O'KELLY, M.P.

The Tulsk branch also adopted a resolution tendering a hearty welcome to our lion-hearted chief Mr O'Kelly, on his safe return from the Soudan. The movement in favour of presenting the hon. gentleman with a testimonial was taken up with a warmth that denotes success. Several members handed their subscriptions to the treasurer.

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, 08 Nov. 1884—a time of local unrest during the Land War era. James J. O'Kelly was the highly thought of MP for Roscommon

**PERCY FRENCH'S
NEW IRISH SONG,
THE FORTUNES OF FINNEGAN.
POST FREE, ONE AND SEVENPENCE.**

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**PIGOTT & CO.,
112 GRAFTON STREET,
DUBLIN.**

Above: *Irish Independent*, 11 Jan. 1908.

MR. BOLAND AT TULSK.

Where Tillage is "Anathema."

Mr. Boland, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and Dr. O'Dowd, T.D., spoke at Tulsk.

Mr. Boland said it was his first visit there, and he was sorry to see that in that district tillage was anathema. Nothing could restore prosperity to the cattle-grazing business except another great war, and that was an event for which no Christian should hope.

Referring to the political situation, he said a good active Opposition was necessary, but when an Opposition put on a uniform and recruited men who had proved in the past that they were afraid of nothing, it was time for the Government to say stop.

He wondered how far Mr. MacDermot had been instrumental in influencing the policy of the Opposition and in introducing Fascist ideas.

With regard to the financial dispute with England, Mr. Boland said if Mr. Thomas meant by his open-door speech that he was opening the door for President de Valera's Government to surrender, he would never see them pass through.

Dr. O'Dowd said the Government elected by the plain people would see that the will of the plain people was the law of the land.

Above: *Irish Weekly Independent*, 17 Feb. 1934, reporting the arrival and speech of Gerard Boland T.D., along with Patrick O'Dowd T.D. to Tulsk.

LECTURE ON SPRAYING.

A lecture on spraying and spraying mixtures was given in the Tulsk school on Tuesday evening and was very largely attended.

Above: *W'Meath Ind.* Jun 1916

Tulsk Notes (Co. Roscommon).

At the monthly meeting of this Petty Sessions, court held here on Saturday before Mr. Browne, R.M., there were no cases on the books save those of a few local road contractors, who were fined 10s. for deficiencies in their contracts.

The pedestrian postal service, which has connected our village with Elph., and thence with the outer world since the days of Charles Bianconni's coach, is at last to be superseded by mail car service, commencing next month.

The creamery movement, which was "all cry and no wool," has died a natural death in this district, as has also any move towards celebrating the '98 Centenary. Neither seeming to be a paying concern has been treated alike with apathy by our matter-of-fact local community.

The number of young people emigrating is more than at any time for years. Amongst the many who left are two of our Tulsk football team—James Tiernan and Michael Devane, who indeed were the heart and soul of the club, and who will be long missed and many a hard-contested football field, some left behind, for the prowess they oft displayed on many a hard-contested football field.

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, 23 April 1898.

Tulsk and Killina

HILL'S HOTEL.

This popular inn, presided over by Mr. Joseph Kilgannon is looking a picture, so artistically are the arrangements made and that gentleman has knocked off a great deal of the old veneering, which clung to the place for ages and all for the better too. "Master Joe" should know how to run a show on real democratic lines as he has got experience across the pond and that he has profited by his experiences is quite apparent. The store has a healthy flavour of business about it, if there isn't a complete supply of Christmas dainties on sale, call me a Dutchman. Hill's teas has a reputation as old as the "hills" and is the bon mot of all the old coones and sure you can't get better judges. There are jams and jellies in wild abandon and Christmas cards ad infinitum. The liquors are good, J. J. and Sons whiskey being "strong" in evidence and Guinness's stout in wood and bottle has come to remain. The worshippers of old nicotine are also well looked after, and he's a dunc that knows not, that the pipe is man's universal panacea for all ills.

MR TULLY'S.

Mr Tully, right across the way has his magnificent concerns well fitted up for the season and his windows give in perspective, a capital idea of the stock within.

MRS FLANAGAN'S.

At Clashaganny, Mrs. Flanagan runs a business that a city firm might envy and right good value too is obtained here. The brands of flour is the very best and the prices can compare favourably with any other store. The teas are excellent and the wine department is acknowledged to be as good as can be found and a "small one" of "Power's P" would take the load of your heart on a freezing night. The best tobacco is retailed here, and when dry after a whiff, Bass's best or Guinness's double will appease your thirst afterwards.

MR THOMAS SIMPSON'S.

At Lisafooka, better known as "Simpson's Cross," Mr Thomas Simpson, as genial a soul as ever stood behind a counter, drives a rushing trade at all seasons, while at the Christmas he has more than he can do to keep pace with the terrible drain of his stock. We have no occasion to give a detailed list of all the goods on show; suffice to say that all that is necessary, for a comfortable Xmas can be had here at very moderate prices, just the same is charged at the county town, so no one grumbles at the tariff or the goods, and his liquors are of first-class quality.

MR. P. DEVANNY'S.

Hard by the chapel gate Mr Patk Devanny's show rooms can be seen, and certainly he is in a good position to claim attention, which he does. His value is good and the prices very reasonable, while his tea has become quite famous, and is a most palatable beverage. His bacon and flour are of the best quality, and he stocks nothing only Gallagher's plug tobacco, real Irish manufacture.

OUR GREETING.

To each and all we wish a right royal Christmas, a happy New Year, and health to enjoy many of them.

Above: *Westmeath Independent*, 22 Dec. 1906

Remembering: Brian Carroll (1901-1950), railway worker and republican. From *A Dictionary of Roscommon Biography* by Mike Lennon.

A native of Curcreigh, Killina, Tulsk, Brian Carroll was a founding member of the Killina IRA Company in 1917 and became Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, North Roscommon IRA during the War of Independence. During the Civil War, he took the Anti-Treaty side and was imprisoned. After his release, he emigrated to the U.S. where he continued an active involvement with organisations seeking Irish unity. While there, he worked on the railway. He returned to live at Church Street, Strokestown in 1945. He was instrumental in the formation of the Strokestown St. Patrick's Boxing Club and was its first president. He died in January 1950 and was buried in Strokestown Cemetery.

Death of an "Old Sport."

The death occurred at his residence, Ogulla, Tulsk, on the 11th inst., of Mr. James Rogers at the age of 85 years. The deceased was a well-known figure at all racing and sporting fixtures, including coursing, in this and the neighbouring counties, he was a great shot with the gun, and many a brace of snipe fell victims to his unerring aim. He was of a deeply religious disposition and was a member of the Sacred Heart Association since its formation in Tulsk parish. He was always a staunch Nationalist, and a strong supporter of every National movement. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Miss Mary Jane Rogers and Mrs. Nora McCormack, and six sons, Patrick, Dominick, Thomas, Bernard, Michael and James, the three latter being in New Jersey, U.S.A. After Solemn Requiem Mass at Tulsk Chapel on 12th inst., the funeral which was of immense proportions, took place to the family burial plot in Tubbereliva Cemetery. To his sorrowing family and relatives we tender our sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Above: *Roscommon Messenger* 26 December 1931.

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Tulsk A.O.H. Dance (Co. Roscommon).

The members of the Tulsk Division, A.O.H., gave what can be termed their initial dance on Saturday night last, and was a tremendous success from every point of view. The music for the occasion was supplied by Messrs. W. Egan, Hanly, Conlon and Kelly (violins); Mr. Rorke (flute). Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and was kept up till eight o'clock next morning, when all turned out "en masse" to Divine Service. The thanks of the Division are due to Mr. M. Egan, Doon, for the efforts he made to bring the musicians to the Hall. There were upwards of 70 couples present, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. A feature of the occasion was the beautiful Hibernian banner, which was exposed on view at the head of the Ball-room, and was very much admired. The following ladies were present:—Mrs. P. Shanganer, Mrs. T. McDonnell, Mrs. J. McDermott, the Misses Shannon, Murray, Lenahan (2), McGarry (3), McCormack (3), Daly, Keigher, Beirne, McDermott (2), Flanagan (2), Clooneur; Connor, Larkin, Egan, O'Malley, McDermott (2), Corbeg; Cullen, Darcy, Flanagan, O'Boyle (2), Simpson, Connolly, Eustace, Rushe, etc., etc.

Above: Ancient Order of Hibernians' notes from *Roscommon Herald*, 01 Feb. 1913

Will Scarlet,
AND
DECIDER
Will stand this Season till 10th July
At Foxborough, Tulsk,
Co. ROSCOMMON.

TERMS:			
Thoroughbred Mares	...	15	0 0
All others	...	3	0 0
Groom's Fees 5s.			

Above: *Roscommon Herald*, 12 July, 1879.

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 Tulsk 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: *The Roscommon Messenger*, 18 November 1922

COUNTY ROSCOMMON.
TRUST ESTATE.
TO BE LET,
From the 1st November, 1872.
THE LAND OF KILREE and RATHCAVE
Containing about 100 Acres (Irish)
Situating near TULSK. For Terms, and
Particulars,
Apply to
JAMES LYNAM, Esq.,
Tomona, TULSK.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, at GRANGE,
in the County Roscommon, near Tulsk, on Monday, the 3d day of May, 1825, all the Stock of Mr. PATRICK NOLAN, consisting of 150 Heifers, two, three, and four years old; 200 high-bred Ewes, with Lambs; 200 Ewes and Wether Hoggets, the produce of said Ewes; 4 Milch Cows; a few Bullocks; some thorough-bred young Fillies and Colts; a superior Hunter, 5 years old, got by Swordsman; a number of excellent Mules; and three Ricks of prime upland old Hay.

Approved Bills, at six months, for any sum exceeding twenty pounds, or 4 per cent. discount for Cash.
That part of the Stock, &c. subject to the King's Duty, to be paid by the Purchasers.
Sale to commence at Twelve o'Clock.
MACK, WILLIAMS, & GIBTON, Auctioneers.
N. B. As Mr. NOLAN has set his Farms, the above Stock must be sold without reserve.

Above: *Dublin Evening Post*, 30 April 1825