

Some Historical News Paper Clippings by Leonard Alderman

Copied from a letter postmarked Suffield, dated 4-1902. May 4. 1902 and addressed to Mrs. E.P.Baldwin, Bristol, Conn. R.F.D. N3

Dear Mrs. Baldwin, Etta Henry was taken sick Sunday morning with a sore throat.. Menbraras? Croup & Dyphtheria set in. Died Thursday night at six, buried that evening. All the rest are well. If anything happens I will write. Signed, Fanny Hayward.

8-27-1930; Whigville, Upon inquiring into the Whigville School situation, the writer finds it would cost from \$1500 to \$2000 to put the present two story school building into proper condition for a two room school, and this would require the vote of the town. It would seem better to let the matter rest for awhile, at least until we are certain that the school room is to be permanently overcrowded. Other school buildings in the town will have the same difficulty when school opens in September, for instance, the small one room school at "Center" will have about 30 pupils at the beginning but this, too is not regarded as being a permanent situation.(Alice Reeve was teacher at "Center" in 1930.L.R.A.)

1922; Christopher Wollenberg and Harry Baker motored to East Hartford last Saturday afternoon. Their object in going to that section of the world was to pick blueberries and as they believe in being on the scene early in the day they left here Saturday intending to get up early Sunday morning and gather berries. But they so enjoyed their Saturday sleep in a farmers haymow that it was eight o'clock before they started to cook breakfast. Wollenberg's record as an eater has always been good, but it is said that after his night's sleep in the haymow he broke all his past records. Anyway Mr. Baker and his partner picked 48 quarts of berries in four hours and after cooking another big meal they started home well satisfied that there is no other section in the state where blueberries grow larger or more plentiful.

8-25-1932, Bristol Press; With its storm and strife for the past few years former town Chairman George Hull missing. The republican party will meet in caucus this Thursday evening to select delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions to be held next month. It is expected that the caucus will be a tame affair compared with those in former years when Mr. Hull could be depended upon to scatter a few verbal 'bombshells' into an otherwise orthodox republican meeting. Mr. Hull resigned from the party last week, a step republicans are sure will bring harmony into their ranks once more. Though Mr. Hull has stated he will most likely be a candidate for representative on the socialist ticket to which party he has affiliated with, neither major party fears any serious inroads in their ranks.

1925. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Alderman have purchased the cottage in the Center, which for several years was the summer home of Professor Otis Bunnell of Yale University.

6-1922. Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Joseph Brida, of Cheshire. She had been to St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury to see her little girl who has been receiving treatment there for some time, and as she was about to take the trolley for home was run over by a runaway horse. She was so badly injured she was taken to St. Mary's Hospital where she lived a few hours. The family had resided on Johnny Cake Mountain for several years until last October, they moved to Cheshire. She leaves a husband and five children.(See Gussy Backes booklet.L.R. A.)

4-15-1924. There will be an auction at the home of John Luby on the Bristol-Burlington road near Burlington Center. Mr. Luby has recently sold his home to his son and all the property except real estate is to be put up at auction. E.Samuel Gillett being auctioneer. There will be horses, cows, wagons, tools and many other articles auctioned off.

All residents are very glad to know that Mr. Luby although he has sold his farm has decided to remain a citizen of Burlington. He is one of the town's most respected and valuable citizens and

for many years has been the local Health Officer. (Mr. Luby lived east, across from the Towne place, the cellar hole can still be seen. He was born in 1853.L.R. A.)

1-1923. Edward Bunn of Farmington has moved with his family into the Smith house in Burlington Center.

8-25-1924, Bristol Press. It may be literally said that Burlington Center began a new era Thursday evening for the first time when the electric current was turned on the new line to the Center. The line comes from Unionville and the power is supplied by the Union Light & Power Company of that place.

It may be again be mentioned that the State Fish & Game Hatchery was the means of securing this improvement for the State stepping in that made possible the raising of the needed guarantee to secure the service.

Now that the lights are in Burlington Center they will probably follow Whigville's experience and have a multitude of opportunities to purchase washing machines, vacuum cleaners and similar articles. Indeed the benefits of these labor saving devices in the home almost equals the advantage of the lighting service. It is noteworthy that within a period of about nine months both Whigville and Burlington Center sections have obtained electric light service. The Collinsville section of the town has had this service for many years from the line of the Union Light & Power Company.

8-25-1924, Bristol Press. Foreman Frank Pavlik of the Burlington highway department took down the old bridge over the brook on Main Street, Whigville, and during the same day built a new one so it was ready for traffic at five thirty o'clock. This was very quick work considering that the bridge is a fair sized one. During the day Whigville traffic was diverted to Hart's Hill.

3-6-1922. Voted to close doors in the gallery of Town Hall and provide extra shelf room for books. New highway to Collinsville, 10-2-1922.

1923; Selectmen to build road from formerly William Henry's blacksmith shop, southerly to Rock Road Hill. (About that time the town replaced the flagpole, 80 feet high).

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Alderman have sold their property, consisting of one dwelling house and a small piece of land located in the Center of Burlington to Mr. Robert(Carl?) Johnson of Hartford.

George Andrus buys the Doolittle Place in Burlington. Circa, 1899.

SNE Tele is putting up line from Litchfield to Unionville. Circa, 1899.

Notes: Coppermine Brook, formerly called Pond Brook.