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LOYALTON, CALIFORNIA

November 1, 1935.

Mr. E. B. Gaston,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

This is an acknowledgement of your kind and courteous letter of October 21st, as well as the informative literature enclosed. Have read every word of it and consider it ideal, and it seems to me that you have made the ideal real, for it to last 40 years. I read Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" several years ago and am convinced that his ideas would be carried out on a grand scale if it were not for the "land hogs" and the inertia of the masses.

I am anxious to visit Fairhope for several reasons: First and foremost is my health. The winters here are cold and especially disagreeable when the wind blows. The summers are not so hot, but awfully dry. Have spent many of my vacations in Florida and was planning to go there this *winter* if, and when, my husband sells his paper here. Am becoming discouraged on that score, and we no^w plan for me to go ahead and Mr. Nugent to follow when he disposes of his paper.

We want very much to obtain a small place on which we can raise at least a part of our living expenses. I wrote you the same day I read about Fairhope in Real America. It appealed to me at once. Jim had often expressed himself along those lines, saying that the Single Tax was the only fair way--rather than penalize one for improving and beautifying their property--so you can see we are held up on Florida by the Fairhope proposition. There is no question but that we will investigate your Fairhope on Mobile Bay.

I have been pretty close to the place. Have traveled on the Pan-American from Kansas City to New Orleans, from Los Angeles to Pensacola and other points in Florida. I like the Gulf region.

Have taught in the public schools of seven different states and business college work in four. Have lived in several others, and when I choose the South for a permanent home there is no guesswork about it. No doubt one or both of us will be seeing you before very long.

P.S. Jim says he wants to write you when he has a little more time.

*Thanking you again for
your courtesy*

*We are, sincerely
your friends*

Mrs. Jane Nugent

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LOYALTON, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 12, 1935,

E. B. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Yours of the 6th rec'd today. Yesterday we had a magazine from the L & N people "The Southland." They were, as Mr. Nugent observed, very conservative in their estimates which is perfectly alright. but in no way did they express a psychological truth. They leave that for me to do when I arrive.

I want a climate where I can be outside anytime of year. to dig in the dirt, and watch things grow. that is all the excitement I intend to have until I regain my normal health.

Am writing the L. & N. Co. as they wish to give me information concerning cost of ticket, route etc. we have something less than 1000 lbs. of goods to ship by freight. would like an estimate on that.

Your papers received today. Thank you
Sincerely,

Lone Nugent

Nov. 4, 1935

F.W.Walker,
Foley, Ala.

Dear Walker:-

How come I do not get a receipt for check of \$11.20,
balance of bill ~~falliexxx~~ for premium on policy \$1,000
on Courier building? Please attend to same.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM L. HELLER
113 VERPLANCK ST.
BUFFALO

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ans*

My Dear Mr. Gaston, Nov. 4. 1935

I notice 11-11-35 on the paper
so am enclosing \$1.00 for continuation
of subscription.

We have had with us in Bflo the
Rev J. Kent Laughland active in the
British Isles Single Tax work and his
address on the Townsend plan as
a real estate and speculation tax is
most interesting. He believes that
the adoption of the Townsend plan will
eventually shift the burden of taxation
to "the unearned increment" and
lead to the philosophy of freedom
and monopoly taxation.

With kindest regards

Wm L. Heller

NOV. 6, 1935.

Mrs. Lrene Nugent,
Loyalton, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Nugent:-

I am pleased to receive yours of November 1st, with intimation that we may expect to see you here soon, which I hope. And I am quite sure with your ideas on the land question you would like it here better than anywhere in ~~California~~ Florida. I believe that you would find the reality of Fairhope better than your mental picture of it. Am sending you a couple of late copies of the Courier. Your ideal of a place whereon to raise a considerable portion of your sustenance, is right in line with my own--not only for the economic advantage, but because I love the work of gardening. Our single tax policy justifies itself in practice, in that there is no more delightful education than ours and our "latch-string is out. Hope to see you soon.

Most sincerely yours,

REAL AMERICA

"The Outspoken Magazine"

EDWIN BAIRD, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

November 7, 1935

666 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO

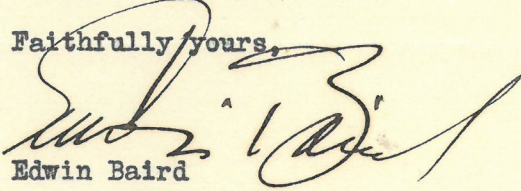
Dear Mr. Gaston:

I hope you will pardon my delay in answering your last letter, but I have been so rushed the last week or two that I am far behind on my correspondence. I did, however, sent you the cut you requested, and I trust it reached you promptly and in good shape.

I am looking forward with keen interest to reading what you say about us in the Fairhope Courier, and I want to renew my thanks for your interest in REAL AMERICA and for all past courtesies which you have extended to us.

With every good wish to you and to all other inhabitants of Fairhope, I am

Faithfully yours,


Edwin Baird

EB:mt

Mr. E. B. Gaston, Secretary
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope, Alabama

C O P Y

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

November 7, 1935.

Mayor Wm. N. McNair,
City Hall,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The Property Owners' Association wishes to advise you of the great interest which was exhibited by the leading business men, property owners, editors and publishers of newspapers, and State and City authorities in the message on the Pittsburgh Tax Plan which you were invited to deliver at a luncheon arranged in your honor on Monday, November 4th, by the Property Owners' Association.

The Association of Commerce cooperated in getting before the large membership the importance of your message, and lent their aid in bringing out one of the most representative audiences that was ever gathered in this City.

Luncheon guests numbered ninety-three. Twelve officials were at the head table to do you honor. Each one present was a representative of an important group.

Publishers and members of the staff of our four New Orleans newspapers were present to hear at first hand your message, especially your views on the Free Port. Mr. Clement used his influence to bring there officers of some of our largest corporations and leaders of cultural and educational groups. Civic leaders from nearby cities of Louisiana and Mississippi motored to New Orleans to be present.

The luncheon was delayed over an hour in starting, waiting in courtesy to you in the hope that you would appear. But until now, we have received no word from you, and I think you will understand the disappointment and embarrassment to this Association that this procedure has evolved, not only among those present, but throughout this area.

Very truly yours,

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

By A. D. Danziger, President.

Nov . 11, 1935.

Edwin Baird,
Ed. Real America,
666 Lake Shore Drive.

Dear Mr. Baird:*

I have received with pleasure yours of 7th, stating that you had forward the beautiful cut of a Fairhope water scenem that I might reproduce it in the Courier; but am sorry to say that receipt of the same has not yet been noted here. Are you sure you got it off. Please take another look for same,

With very best regards,
Yours truly,

W. B. Baird

H. W. Rucker

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TELEPHONE
No. 874



116-118 SOUTH
JACKSON ST.

Albany, Georgia

Nov. 18-1935

Dear Friend Gaston:

I was certainly glad to get your letter; especially as it was in your ~~own~~ handwriting, which was, not at all, the hand of a person who is 74 years old. It is true that I have been in a very bad shape since I visited Fairhope last May. It was the penalty which I paid for overindulgence in alcoholic beverages. I am now a total abstainer except for one bottle of beer which I drink every morning at 11 o'clock with an old friend, Dr. Robinson, who is the county physician here. He is 81 years old and looks and acts like a man of fifty. His ~~hobby~~ hobby is to discuss single tax. He expressed the wish that, should I go to Fairhope again, he would like to accompany me. It will hardly be this year, though, probably in spring. Accept, please, my congratulations for your birthday. A birthday cake will be mailed to you to-morrow. Your friend H. W. Rucker

November 20, 1935.

Mr. P. R. Williams,
Department of Assessors,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mrs. Grace Manners, Secretary of the Property Owners' Association, called on me yesterday in setting up some financial matters covering twenty dollars put up by me towards expenses of the luncheon in honor of Mayor McNair. She left with me a copy of their letter to Mayor McNair under date of November 7, to which I understand there has been no reply.

I am wondering whether the Mayor received this letter, and at any rate, I wanted you to have this information as to just what happened down here in connection with the luncheon which was arranged by me in the Mayor's honor.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

WEC:C

W. E. Clement.

Nov. 21, 1935

H. W. Rucker,
Albany, Ga.,

Dear Friend Rucker:-

Your most kind favor of 19th at hand and also in good time for my birthday, the splendid cake you had the Bakery send me. I thank you sincerely for both. It is pleasing to have one's natal day remembered, especially when there is as between you and me, a common sentiment regarding principles and policies best calculated to bring happiness and prosperity to our fellow men.

I am sorry to know that you have not been feeling your best since your visit here this summer but as you admit being responsible in good degree I am hoping you "will not let it happen again. I hope some day you can come over and visit Dr. Robinson, octogenarian, with you.

Again with thanks for kind message and delicious cake and best wishes to all the Rucker Tribe, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Nov. 27, 1935.

Honorable Lister Hill,
Montgomery, Ala.

My Very Dear Friend:-

I arrived home yesterday morning, leaving Montgomery at 7 A.M. and being met by James at Bay Minette. I should have reported to you sooner, but naturally I had had to "tell the folks" about the wonderful trip I had by your kindness and generosity, and as soon as I got back in the office there were myriad calls to have attention, with the paper to come out a day ahead on account of Thanksgiving; but I must not delay further at least briefly extending to you my heartfelt thanks for your the most unusual evidence shown of your regard for me, and the assiduous attention given to my entertainment and comfort.

I feel too, that I owe you an apology for leaving you so abruptly at Wilson Dam. There was really no reason for the same and I was greatly the loser thereby. The \$5 which you handed there, was not needed and is hereby returned.

I have written up the trip for the Courier, which will go to you tomorrow and I hope will please you.

Again with my most heartfelt thanks, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Nov. 27, 1935.

Hon. Lister Hill,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Friend Hill:-

I failed to report to you when writing this morning the one unpleasant experience after leaving you--and it might have been very serious. This happened at Montgomery when after leaving the evening train, I undertook to walk up to the Gay-Teague Hotel, with grip and heavy overcoat. I tripped and fell full-length on the rough pavement, into which I fairly bored my face. Nobody was near to note my predicament or come to my assistance; but I was not injured to any extent, and got myself on my feet again. I noticed several spots on my face bleeding a little, and feared that my glasses might be broken, but they proved not to be and I continued my way to the hotel and registered. I had no idea how I looked--and others were too polite to speak about it, but when I got up to my room, I found the whole right hand side of my face, almost as black as a negro's and it took me a considerable time to get even fairly presentable when I went down and explained ~~it~~ to the clerk and ~~explained~~ what had happened to me.

This was the only unpleasant experience of an otherwise delightful ~~experience~~ time, was one which would almost surely have been avoided had I continued under your care, as I should have done.

With assurance of my gratitude and high esteem,
Yours most sincerely,

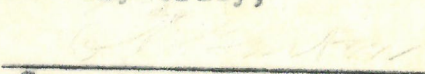
Mrs. Ione Nugent,
Loyalton, Cal.

Ex Nov. 28, 1935

Dear Madam:-

Yours of November 1st was duly received and I hoped that ere this we would have seen you or your husband-- or both-- of you at Fair hope. I presume, however, that the disposing of the property there is the cause of delay. I hope you will soon be able to find a purchaser or a "swapper" on acceptable terms and be with us.

Yours very truly,


Secretary.

LAND VALUE TAXATION--The taking by the community, county, state, or nation, for its use, of values created by it--is the only just system of Taxation.

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Ans
WILMER P. HOOPES

PHONE: BEL AIR 818 F-3

FOREST HILL, MD., 11.28,

1935

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Enclosed please find my check for Courier.

Did you ever publish the result of the Miss. Governorship Primary? I was very much interested but never saw any thing of it and our Baltimore "Sun" never mentioned the single Tassels name at all. I imagine those beside myself were interested so would you please publish it again if you did see.

What is the status of the Fryer home, the 40 that I paid rent on for several years? Does it have an owner or did they just abandon it?

I wish I was free to take it up again. I always did like it better than any other Colony location that I was familiar with. You need not bother to answer this question for I am not free to do anything more than dream.

With best wishes as ever,

Sincerely,
Wilmer P. Hoopes

WILMER P. HOOPER

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FOREST HILL MD. 11.28.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Montgomery, Ala.
Nov. 29, 1935

Mr. E.B. Gaston,
Fairhope, Ala.

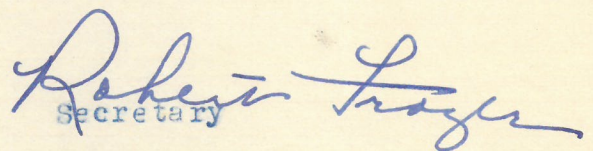
My dear Mr. Gaston:

In the absence of the Congressman, who is in Birmingham today, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters of the 27th, together with the enclosure of \$5.00.

I shall bring your letters to Mr. Hill's attention as soon as he returns. I am sure he enjoyed having you with him and I am glad you had a pleasant trip.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,


Secretary

November 29, 1935.

Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, Pres.
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my most sincere thanks for courtesies extended me by you and others of your organization, by invitation of my good friend, Hon. Lister Hill, of my district permitted to share in the various events attending the celebration of the visit to that section of Honorable George W. Norris, hero of a hundred battles in behalf of the common people.

It is an inspiring sight to see the waters of the mighty Tennessee, safely confined to its bed, when once in used to periodically ravage the valley, and to feel that for centuries to come its falling water "cribbed, cabined and confined" will bless mankind with light, heat and power, with no thought of its directors to serve the most in the most efficient way.

Millions out to visit Wilson Dam annually to get its inspiration and I would be delighted to help toward this end by printing a two to four column out of the dam in my paper if you have any such available for such use.

I am sending you a copy of this week's issue of The Fairhope Courier, with the report I made of my trip of this week.

I am unable to call the name of the young man who participated in looking after my comfort at suggestion of my friend Hill; but he is connected with your publicity department and if you recognize him by this description, please give him my regards, and tell him I will cooperate with him in telling the people about Wilson Dam and all the other marvelous things to be wrought in the valley of the Tennessee.

Most sincerely yours,

Nov. 30, 1935.

Benton MacKaye,
C/o. Tennessee Valley
Authority
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. MacKaye:-

It was my pleasure and honor to be invited by my local Congressman Hon. Lister Hill, of the second congressional district to attend in company with him, the recent reception to Senator Norris and in connection therewith inspection of the TVA work under way in the Muscle Shoals territory. I was in hopes you might be there that I could see you again, but was disappointed.

I am sending you a copy of the Courier of this week with my report of the trip, which may be of some interest to you. I hope you will get down to Fairhope during the coming summer.

Most sincerely yours,

November 30, 1935.

H. Ellenoff,
409 Pearl St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ellenoff:-

I thank you for sending me a copy of your "A printer
Tells the President" and congratulate you on a most excellent
piece of work.

I do not know whether or not you are familiar
with our work here, but am responding with some printed
matter regarding our "Single Tax Colony."

Most sincerely yours,

Secretary.