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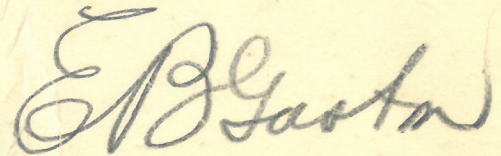
May June 1, 1929

Jesse Smith,
Tax Collector,
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Have you any taxes against one G.H. Thornton, for improvements on Colony land? If so please send me bill.

Yours very truly,



Dear Mr. Gaston:-

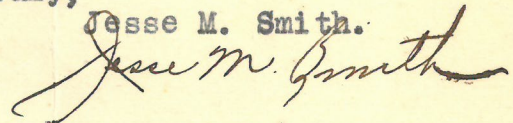
As I couldn't sell Mr. Thornton's property on account of the description of the property I was allowed the amt. by the County Commissioners so he can't pay his taxes before Oct. 1st. It would be best for him to have the Assessor to add his 1928 taxes to his 1929 assessment and pay both years in Oct.

With kinest personal regards.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Jesse M. Smith.



June 5, 1929

Hon. Jesse Smith,
Tax Collector,
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Friend:

In regard to yours 1st regarding Thornton taxes, the reason for inquiry was that we sold out Thornton last Saturday for delinquent rent, realizing more than the amount of our claim and would like to pay anything else constituting a legal lien against the property, before turning over the remainder for the benefit of Thornton.

If you could arrange it so that we could pay for 1928 we would pay it now; though it does not really make much difference, for if the purchaser pays this fall, he can turn his tax receipt in on rent, thus getting it back out of the Colony.

However, if it can be paid let me know and we will send check.

With highest personal regards to yourself and sister,

Most sincerely yours,

Secretary.

JESSE M. SMITH, TAX COLLECTOR, BALDWIN COUNTY

SEND STAMPS FOR REPLY

THE PAYMENT OF TAXES BECOMES
DUE OCT. 1; DELINQUENT JAN. 1.

WHEN REQUESTING INFORMATION
GIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,
June 6, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Gaston:-

Your letter rec'd this A. M. Jesse is in Montgomery making his final settlement with Auditor for 1928 taxes and therefore the Thornton taxes can't be paid for 1928 unless he takes the matter up with the Assessor and have him to make an assessment for 1928 taxes and pay this fall.

Mr. Gaston come up to see us sometime and bring Mrs. Gaston and spend the day. It would be a great pleasure to have one of Papa's best friends.

Best wishes,

Your friend,

Mary F. Smith

Chicago, Ill. 5/10-
818. Wrightwood Ave.

To Fairhope Society, Ala.

Dear Sir,

By this I ask you kindly if
you would take a new member,
and what is your rules,

I remain
Yours respectfully
Paul Weig.

248 So 3 Notch St
Troy, Alabama
June 15, 1929

Mr. Gaston
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston:-

I have been asked to gather some information about the Single Tax Colony of Fairhope. I wonder if you could send me some material? We want a report in the class on this colony.

Thanking you in advance
I am

Yours truly,
Esther L. Bybee

June 17, 1939.

Esther L. Buzbee,
248 So. Notch St.,
Troy, Alabama.

Dear Miss Buzbee:-

Replying to yours of 15th I take great pleasure in sending you matter regarding our Single Tax Colony. I am sending three copies of illustrated folder, which explains briefly the Single Tax proposition in general and the Colony's method of immediately applying the principle, its relations to the Town of Fairhope, etc. Am also enclosing a few copies of an address I delivered last September at the "Henry George Congress" in Chicago. Am also including a copy of our form of lease, with the application, which is a part of the contract and other matter.

If there is any other information desired I will be most happy to furnish it. Am delighted to have the subject considered by your class.

Yours very sincerely

Sec.
Fairhope Single Tax Corpora'n.

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Mr. C. B. Gaston
Fairhope Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston.

Being a single taxer I am somewhat
anxious to know the following questions
that I herewith submit.

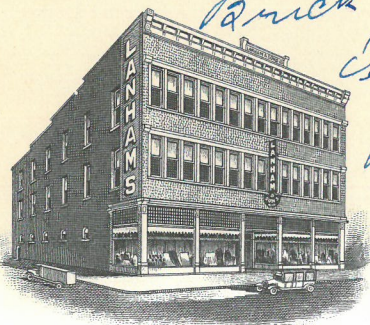
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Are there many animals used in
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How many acres compose the colony
of Fairhope?
and what is the population at this time?
What is the average wage, Builder,
Brick masons, Printer, Plasterer?

Is there plenty of work for all the people
of Fairhope?

and do they all work that are
able. Very Respt. J. H. Lanham



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June 21, 1929

Executive Council,
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

On March 28, 1924 my application for membership in your corporation was accepted. It was my hope at the time to soon complete payment on the same and become an active member. I have found it impossible to do this however and have paid but \$ 77.81 on the membership and am quite unable to pay more now or probably in the near future; but am in debt to you for rent on a leasehold which is past due.

Under the circumstances, while I regret very much to give up the membership, I hope you will find it possible to accept my withdrawal as a member, applying whatever portion of the amount I have paid necessary to pay the first half year's rent on the lot I hold in block 12, Div. 1 and paying me the balance in cash.

Should I find it possible later to pay the membership fee it is my intention to again apply for membership.

Yours most sincerely

E. L. Ruge

*Accepted by Council
Spec meeting 6-22-29*

Chamber of Commerce

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

June 21, 1929.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Ala.

Gentlemen:

We, the Fairhope Chamber of Commerce, request permission from your corporation to use the Public Parks on the Bay front for our Fourth of July Celebration. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

George Martin
Secretary.

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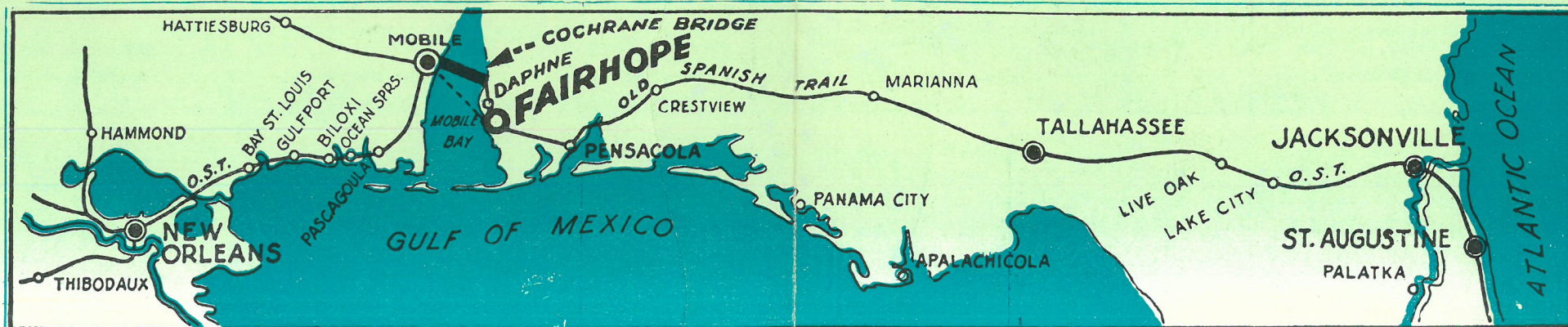
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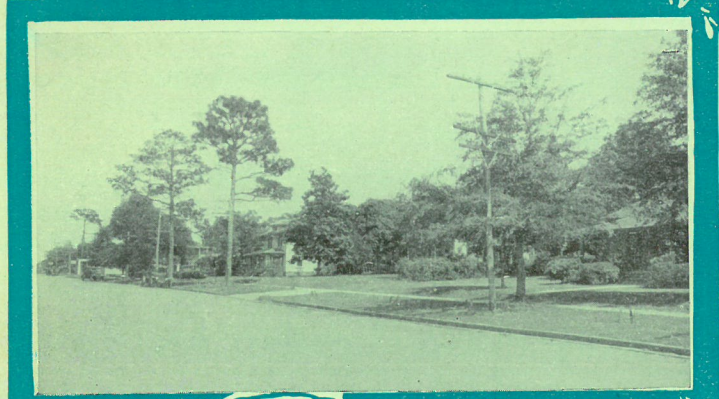
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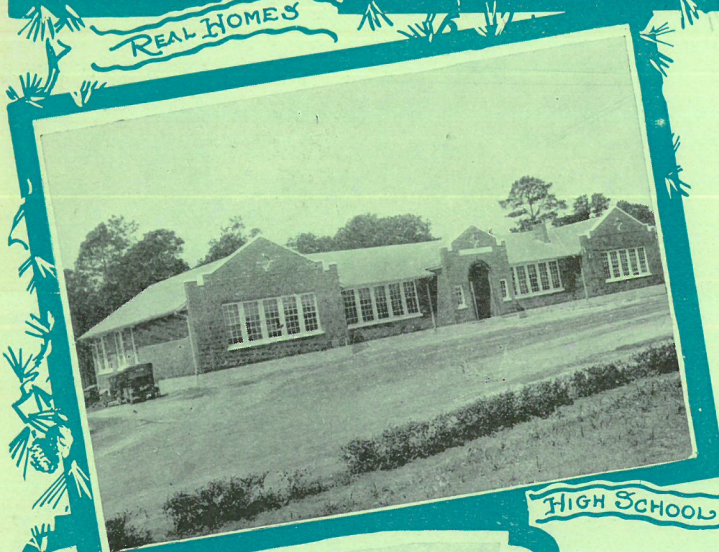
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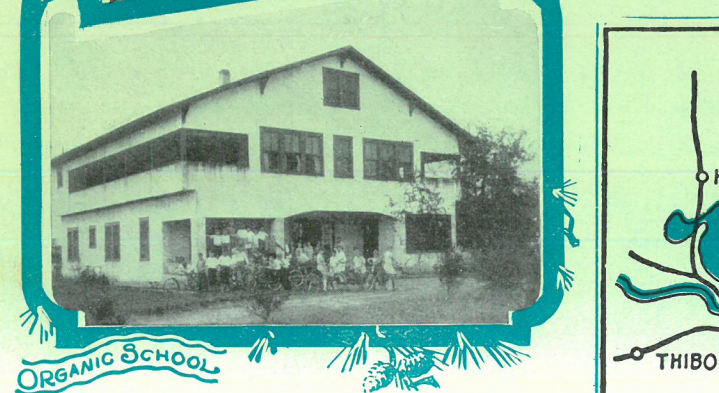
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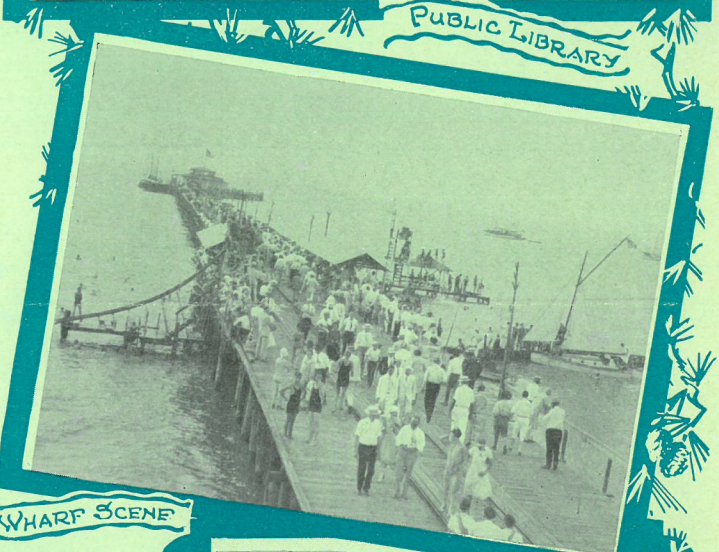
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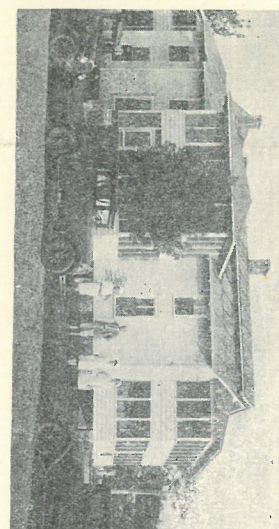
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Chamber of Commerce

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June 22nd, 1929.

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:-

We have and thank you for your kind letter of June 22nd, giving us permission to use the Bay Front Parks for our Fourth of July celebration.

Referring to the matter of cleaning the beach before the Fourth, inasmuch as the work is to be done under the supervision of your Superintendent of lands and highways, we are enclosing our check to your order for \$15.00, which is our share of the costs.

We trust this will be satisfactory.

Yours respectfully,

George Martin
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*Turned over
to Dean*

GFM/F.

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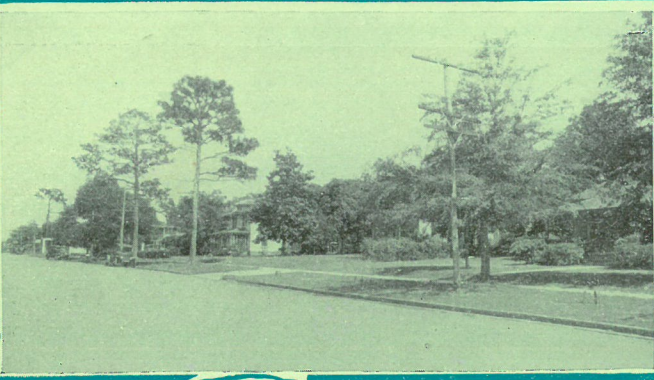
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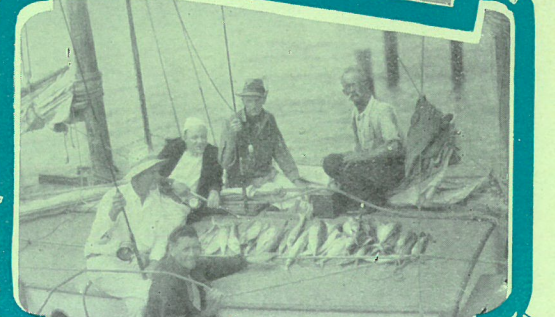
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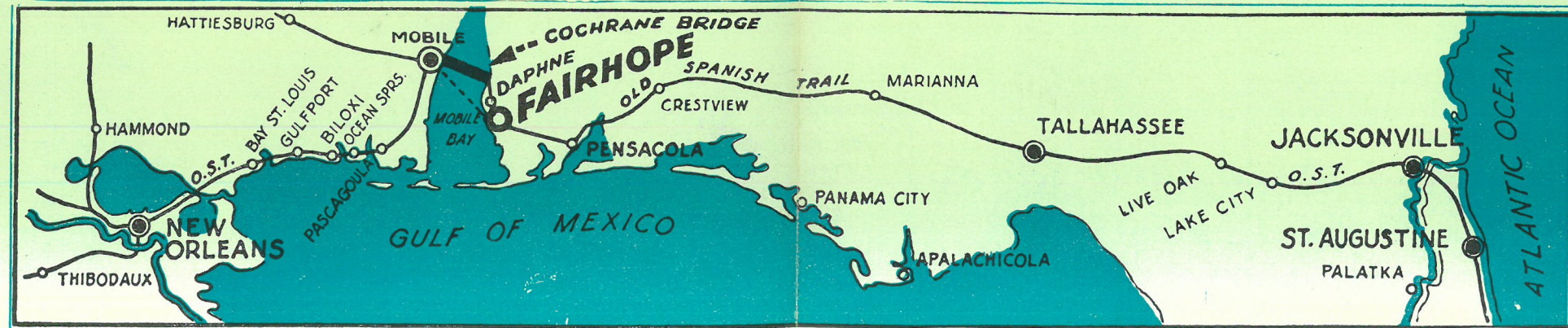
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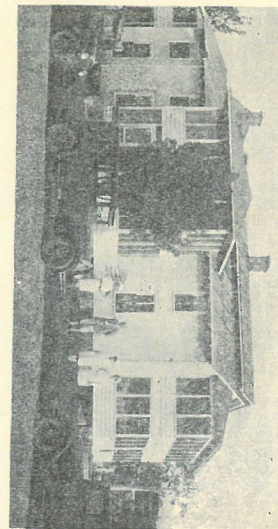
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June 23, 1929

Fairhope Chamber of Commerce,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:-

Your request for permission to use the Bay Front Parks of this Corporation, for purpose of a Fourth of July celebration, was before the Executive Council of the Corporation, today and the permission requested was granted subjected to the following conditions, (in substance the same as on former occasions)

That the use be given for purpose of celebration only; not to include granting of any concessions for use of any portion for private profit; and that there should be no official participation in the celebration, nor use of the parks, by any organization whose qualifications for membership (other than adherence to the principles and rules of the organization) would exclude any persons qualified for citizenship in the United States.

We hope this will be satisfactory and that your celebration will be a great success.

Occasion is taken to advise you that your offer through Mr. James Gaston to give \$15 toward cleaning up the beach before the Fourth, provided the Corporation would appropriate an equal amount, was accepted at an earlier meeting, with thanks; the work to be done under the supervision of our Superintendent of Lands and Highways, Mr. Marion Smith.

Yours very respectfully,

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION,

By _____

June 25, 1929

Paul Deig,
818 Wrightwood Ave.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your recent favor, we are glad to have additions to our number from those understanding and approving of our policy.

The cost of membership is \$100 and one has to stand an examination to determine whether he sufficiently understands our policy. However one does not have to become a member of the Colony organization to lease land of the Corporation and become a resident of the community.

Enclosed folder will give you condensed statement regarding our policy and community. Hope to hear from you further.

Yours very truly

THE FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION,

By _____
Secretary.

June 25, 1929

J. H. Lanham,
Rome, Georgia.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of 17th, your questions therein are given
reply as follows:

1. What is the value of land used in Fairhope? Ans. Varies
from approximately \$3,000 for a business lot, say 50x132 to land at
\$35 an acre in the country.

2. Are there many animals used in Fairhope? Ans. Few animals
used in town; a number in farming operations in the country.

3. How many acres compose the Colony? Ans. approx. 4,000

4. What is the population at this time? No exact census. Rate
population of town about 1500.

5. Average Wages? Carpenters, good, \$5 a day; masons, \$6,
printers, \$5, linotype operator \$6.

6. Is there plenty of work for all the people? Ans. No,
work in building line is rather slack. We think our policy generally
applied would solve labor troubles, but our small amount of land can-
not much affect general conditions. If we could guarantee steady
work at fair wages, our population would go soaring. Those work
who are able, as that is the only way they have of getting a living
I am sending you folder and some other matter as well as copy of
my paper.

Would be glad to hear from you further.

Yours very sincerely

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION,

CHARLES F. NESBIT
INSURANCE COUNSELLOR
1200 FIFTEENTH STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.



June 27, 1929.

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

My dear Mr. Gaston:

I am planning to go to Scotland early in July and will probably be at Edinburgh in time for the big conference there the 29th of Single Taxes.

If you would like to send me a letter certifying to my long time interest in Fairhope, or in the movement, I would probably make it a point to attend this conference.

I did not get down to Fairhope this winter, as I was sick a good deal of the time, but am now better than for many years.

I am confidently expecting to see you next year.

Very truly yours,

CFN:KN

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
D. D. CARROLL, DEAN

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

June 29, 1929

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Fairhope, Alabama

Gentlemen:

I am very much interested in the system
which you have established in your community and would
greatly appreciate the courtesy if you could send me
any literature explaining the arrangement.

With much esteem,

Cordially yours,

D. D. Carroll

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