

March-April 1928 FSTC Correspondence

Treasurer's report for March, 1928.

	Recd.	Paid.
Rent	\$3898.94	
Penalty	23.98	
Wharf	485.42	
Telephone	9.00	
St. Imp.	241.08	
Cemetery \$10.00, Int. cemetery fund \$6.34	16.34	
Taxes		\$2092.41
Wharf		196.53
Library		75.00
St. Imp, Bl. I & 2, Div. 2		248.04
Salaries		125.00
Beach & Park imp.		9.31
Comings Hall		10.00
Reg. Courier ad. 12.50, job printing 6.40		18.90
Rent Council room \$14.00, Trustee service 3.00		17.00
Rent acct. via tax refund		327.66
	\$4694.76	\$3119.85
Cash Mar. I	2943.93	
Certificates Mar. I	177.25	
Cash Mar. 31		4517.84
Certificates Mar 31		177.25
	\$7814.94	\$7814.94

M. H. Brown, Treas.

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

ADMINISTERING

Fairhope Single Tax Colony

ESTABLISHED 1895

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

Executive Council, F. S. J. Corp.
Gentlemen,

Presented to Council
3-5-28

I was much interested
in Mrs. Bradley's - Banquet Of The Pines.
She so well expressed my own thoughts
about the beautiful trees.
A rumor has come to me that
there is a possibility of putting
a tennis Court in ^{one of the} parks
lying between Bay View St. and
the Bay. I cannot see how this
could be done without sacrifice
of more of the pines, it seems to
me that this would be a crime.
What many of the tourists like
about Fairhope, is its natural
setting. Its difference from most
resort towns. We come here
because of this. How could we,
who love to wander thro' these
parks and listen to the story
the pines are forever telling,
hear it, if we must listen
to the laughter, the loud
talk of people playing tennis?
It's fine to have these places
for out of door sport, but

Why take for one of them
the most beautiful of the few
natural parks you have in
Fairhope? Why not put the
Tennis Court out near your
fine Country Club?

Sincerely hoping that your
Council will prevent the
quite unnecessary spoiling
of this beautiful, peaceful
spot. I am, very truly yours,
Katherine D. White

Fairhope, the second of March.

Malone, Alabama.
March 24th, 1928.

Secretary of Fairhope Community
Fairhope, Alabama.
Gentlemen:-

I am wanting some information about the Fairhope community and know no better way of getting it than to write direct to those who are in charge.

- (1) How much land does the colony own?
- (2) By whom is this land farmed; by those who own a stock in the company or is some of it rented?
- (3) If this land is rented, what are the terms for renting?
- (4) Does the colony own any horses, mules or tractors?
- (5) What crops are raised principally in the colony?
- (6) Who are the real owners of the land; does any one outside of the community have any interest in it?
- (7) How do the members of the colony buy their supplies and how do they market their farm products?
- (8) Is there a hard-surfaced road up the bay to Cochran Bridge?
- (9) Is there regular boat service to Mobile?
- (10) Who is the colony doctor and how is he paid?
- (11) Is there a hospital in the colony and how is it supported?
- (12) Is the famous 'Johnson School' in your colony; if so how is it supported?

I am a young married man (age 29) with one child (age 15 months) and my wife ~~and~~ make my entire family. I have taught school for the last ten years but I want to quit and farm. I mean to try to get recognition in the Fairhope colony before I try to get connected with farming any where else.

If I receive any satisfactory reply to this inquiry I mean to visit Fairhope this summer.

As to my character I refer you to Supt. Education Geo. D. Owen, ~~XXXXXXX~~ Ashland, Alabama, Clay county.

Sincerely yours

Aubrey Ward

Aubrey Ward,
Malone, Alabama.

April 1, 1928

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in replying to yours of 24th April. Presuming you have a copy of your letter, I am replying to your questions in the order of their numbering.

1. Approximately 4,000 acres.
2. It is farmed by lessees on their individual accounts--all land is rented--no stock in CO
3. I enclose a rent list--or rather mail under separate wrapper, and enclose blank lease.
4. No, the Colony owns no horses, mules, tractors or other farming equipment.
5. Principal crops, Irish and sweet potatoes, snap beans, cucumbers, corn, velvet beans, vetches, pecans, Satsuma oranges, Japanese persimmons, etc. Peanuts.
6. The land is owned by the Colony corporation, incorporated but having no stock, persons not members can rent on the same terms as members.
7. Colonists as a rule buy individually and sell the same way. Orange growers usually sell through the Citrus Exchange.
8. No.
9. Yes.
10. No Colony doctor, 3 resident physicians, and a chiropractor. Paid by their patients.
11. Yes, there is a sanatorium, supported by patients in usual manner.
12. Yes, supported by private subscription and tuitions.

I should have mentioned in connection with 5, dairying and poultry. We have a creamery here making a regular demand for milk and cream; this is a fine poultry country and several are making a success of poultry.

We are out of illustrated folders--another edition now on press, but our Colony is a success and well worth your careful investigation, is you want to get started on a piece of land. What about bringing the wife and baby and driving down?

Yours very truly

TOWN OF FAIRHOPE

ALDERMEN:

J. E. GASTON
GEO. F. MARTIN
W. C. MASON
ALEX MELVILLE
WALTER H. ROBERTS

Fairhope, Alabama

M April 2, 1928

Mr. E. B. Gaston
City

Dear Mr. Gaston:

At the meeting of the Town Council February 13, 1928 a petition signed by the leasees of lots on Powell St asking that the name of Powell St. be changed to Dog wood Terrace was filed. By unanimous consent of the Council this petition was referred to the Colony Council.

I have misplaced this petition and ask that you bring the matter up before the Colony Council at there meeting. This petition was signed by all of the leasholders on Powell St. as far as I am able to learn.

Yours very truly,

Gladys Lowell

Clerk

Secretary, Fairhope, Ala.

Please send me information regarding the Fairhope Colony.

Have long been interested in the Single Tax idea. If one wished to live at Fairhope, what is required? How much must they invest, etc, etc.

Yours truly, *F.T. Crane*

Bernardston, Mass.

April 3, 1928

F.T.Crane,
Bernardston, Mass.

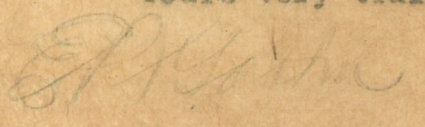
Dear Sir:-

Replying to your recent favor, I am sorry to say that our proper literature has been exhausted new edition of illustrated folder now in hands of printer.

I am enclosing a page from Real Estate News, of Chicago, giving an article on the Colony by me with illustrations and also a copy of our form of lease, in addition to which I am sending you a late copy of my paper, the Fairhope Courier.

You will get the idea I think, that the Colony simply leases land, in town or country, on terms which prevent land speculation and give the community as such the benefit of its increasing growth in population and development, and makes no requirements of persons desiring the use of land than to make application for it in due form and pay the rent; leaving everything else to individual initiative.

Yours very truly



Amendment as agreed upon and petition filed April 8, 1926:

" The secretary shall each year make a revision of the list of non-resident members, writing on or before the 15th of January by registered mail to the last given place of address of each non-resident member who has not been heard from officially since the beginning of the preceding year, requesting a verification of his address; and any members from whom no reply is received before December 31st of such year shall be reported to the Executive Council and their names dropped from the list, provided, that any member who has been so dropped shall be reinstated upon his application therefor reported by the Secretary to the Executive Council."

" Amendments agreed upon by Mrs. Call and Mr. Gaston, in lieu of above:

Add as Section six, of Art. III the following:

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Also add to Section 2, of Art. IV, after the word "constitution" the words following:

" provided that if a non-resident ~~he~~ shall have complied with the provisions of Sec. 6, Art. III, making such Section two, of Art. IV read as follows:

Sec. 3. Each member not in arrears to the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote and one vote only, at all elections involving changes in this constitution; provided that if a non-resident he shall have complied with the provisions of Sec. 6, of Art. IV; but on elections of officers and questions concerning ~~is-~~ administration of local affairs, only those shall be entitled to vote who are in person on the Corporation grounds on the day of election and who are not in arrears."

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Executive Council:-

On April 8th 1926, a petition signed by the requisite number of members was presented to the Council asking for resubmission of an amendment to the ~~Constitution~~ which had been voted on at the regular election preceding and declared lost.

It was moved and carried that Council recommend to the petitioners that the election be held at a different and earlier date ~~than the~~ regular election.

Largely on account of arrangements to have the secretary attend the International Conference at Copenhagen, it was generally agreed to lay this matter over until a later time and nothing has so far been done about it.

It appears however ~~xxxxx~~ that the amendment is a desirable one and that action as prayed for by the petitioners should be taken.

The amendment proposed is as follows:

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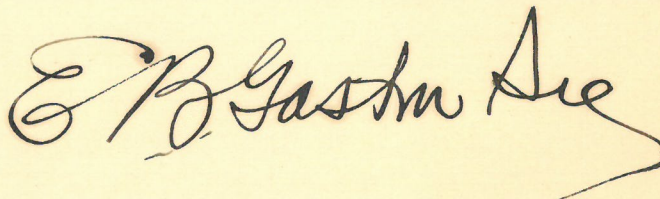
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April 24, 1928

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

Marion Smith, Supt. Lands and Highways, reported to Council April 17th 1928, that five acres surrendered by Mrs. L.O. Bishop, so. $\frac{1}{2}$ of se. $\frac{1}{4}$ of se. $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 1t, had six pecan trees he valued at \$200 and small pine grove and clearing at \$150, which was approved by Council that date.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. B. Gaston Sec", written in dark ink.