

May 1929 Correspondence FSTC

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May 13, 1929

Mr. Wm. Call,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is called to the Contract of Sale between Mrs. Ella Zeis and husband, R. H. Zeis, parties of the first part and Miss Carrie Cooper, party of the second part.

Said party of the second part having violated and voided their contract, we are hereby asking you as President of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to reinstate us as possessor of said property and to notify the Cashier, George F. Martin of the Bank of Fairhope of such proceedings.

Yours truly

*Mrs Ella Zeis.  
R H Zeis*



May 14, 1929

Anton Aranza,  
Rural Route,  
Fairhope.

Dear Mr. Aranza:-

Please call at the office at your early convenience  
and check over with me your holdings of Colony land, as you  
understand same.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



May 14, 1939

Marion Smith,  
Rural Route,  
Fairhope.

Dear Marion:-

In order to properly figure the rent on land retained by Mrs. Buell, in Sec. 16, we should have an appraisal of "defects" on same.

I attach little map, showing what she appears to still have under lease, Would be well for you to try to look this over before next Monday night.

Fraternally,



May 14, 1929

Hon. G.W. Robertson,  
Tax Assessor,  
Bay Minette, Ala.

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

I am publishing for you the notice to taxpayers of completion of assessment of taxes for 1929.

Am I correct in inferring that no advances have been made except where notices have been given to the property owner and that we, having had no notice of an increase will have the same assessment as for 1928?

In regard to assessment against the Fairhope Coal and Supply Company, of which I am enclosing blank as furnished them by you. Where <sup>does</sup> the tangible property come in on this? The building and stock of goods, etc.? Under our contract with lessees we agree to take care of taxes on tangible property only. As I understand, the State Tax Commission levies in addition an assessment on the stock, based on its presumed value on the basis of earnings, which would come under our head of "monies and credits" on which we do not allow the taxes.

Would appreciate your <sup>E</sup>wising me up" on these matters.

Yours very sincerely

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION,

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary.



May 16, 1929.

Mrs Ella Zeis,  
c/o Harlan State Bank,  
Harlan, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, relative to the contract between yourself and Mrs. Carrie Cooper, I am informed by the Bank of Fairhope, Fairhope, Alabama, that all payments previous to June 1, 1929 have been made.

Such being the case you will appreciate that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation cannot take any action in the matter.

Very truly,

President.



M. F. NORTHROP, President  
~~HENRY CRAWFORD, President~~  
WM. McINTOSH, Vice President

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# THE BANK OF FAIRHOPE

FAIRHOPE, ALA.

"ON MOBILE BAY"

May 16th. 1929.

Mr. William Call, President,  
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.,  
Fairhope, Alabama,

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that all payments on  
the Ella Darby Zeis and Carrie E. Cooper  
contract and agreement to purchase and  
convey, held by this bank, are now paid,  
the next payment being due June 1st. 1929.

Yours very truly,

  
Cashier.



May 17, 1926

Mrs. Ida Menefee,  
~~Mrs. Ida Menefee,~~  
Dear Troyer:-

Dear Mrs. Menefee:-

Enclosed letter has been received from Mrs. Ida Menefee, Mr. Connolly also has a letter. I wish to make reply but need information which I think only you can give me. Please give me your reply with return of the letter. I presume the improvements upon same are of very little value. Our Mr. T.P. Lyon resident here, has the two lots immediately adjoining on the south, which he advertised recently in the Courier, local paper for sale at \$50 for the two. I enclose slip from the paper showing his ad. So far as I know he has found no buyer. I was out and inspected the same with a gentleman who thought he might be interested. I did not go over on to your lots, my attention having not then been directed to same, but glancing over that way I did not note anything in the way of worthwhile trees. In fact, as I now recall, it appeared as if fire had been permitted to sweep through the same.

I am sure that the intentions of Messrs Troyer and Dougherty were quite honorable in regard to the Satsuma Park development. At that time the prospects for the Satsuma industry seemed rosy; less was known about pecans, since then the bulk of oranges have been all, I think, destroyed of early plantings and the only trees now standing are later plantings, and the bulk of people around here have given them up entirely.

~~xxxxxx~~ The work of various pests affecting nut and fruit trees is so destructive that I would not advise any person to spend a dollar on tree plantings, except where he expected to live on the premises and give them his personal attention. We have a pecan tree in our back yard at home from which we picked two hundred and eighty-seven pounds last year; but every time either my wife or I was in the yard, during certain seasons we were on the lookout for caterpillars and on discerning a bunch would burn them out. That was the reason why we were able to get such a crop. (Incidentally I have been unable to locate a single nut on it this spring.)

I shall try and find out more fully about your particular lots, but frankly, there is very little if any value to the same.

Yours very sincerely



Madison, Wis.

May 17, 1929.

Fairhope Single Tax Corp.,

Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

Will it be possible for you  
to send me a copy of your lease form.  
I am much interested in the 'single  
tax' and would like to use this for  
purposes of reference.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

*Carl Fries, Jr.*

Adams Hall.



May 20, 1939

Carl Fries Jr.,  
Adams Hall,  
Madison, Wisc.

Dear Sir:-

We take pleasure in supplying you with a copy of our lease form, with that for application for a lease, which is now made a part of the lease contract. We are also enclosing a copy of an illustrated folder regarding our Colony, which gives essential information in condensed form. Hoping same reaches you promptly and proves to be what you desire,

Yours very sincerely

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary.



May 21, 1929

Capt. Ed. J. Roberts,  
City.

Dear Captain Ed:-

Mr. Patterson presented to the Council last night the petition for referendum election handed him by you and the Council voted to call the election, as prayed for, on June 1, 1929.

I am instructed however, by President Call, this morning, to notify you that two more names will be required to constitute certainly, under the existing enrollment of members who would be entitled to vote on the question ~~and~~ if "on the Corporation ground on the day of election" (and there is no way of telling in advance who, or how many, may avail themselves of the privilege) the "ten per cent of the qualified membership" required by Sec. 1, Art. VI, ~~entitled~~ to call for a referendum. These you can, of course, easily secure and I am returning the petition for you to have the two additional signers added thereto.

I am directed also to call your attention to the fact that, while your petition calls for "all acts and notices necessary for holding of said election as required by law and the constitution and by-laws of the Corporation be done and given by" <sup>the</sup> executive council of this corporation" that such necessary acts for the carrying out of the will of the petitioners devolve under the constitution upon the trustees. However, the Council in its motion calling the election, referred such duties to the Trustees.

Yours very sincerely

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Sec. Fairhope Single Tax Corp.



# THE FAIRHOPE COURIER

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

May 23, 1929

Honorable Mayor and  
Town Council, Town of  
Fairhope,

Gentlemen:-

At the regular meeting of Executive Council this Corporation, Monday evening, 20th, the request of your committee, Messrs Baldwin and Gaston, was received for ten feet from the land of the Corporation, on the west side of Section St., to widen that street from Fairhope Ave. to the cemetery. By motion duly made, put and carried, the Council expressed its approval of the proposed widening that as fast as the Town was ready to pay the damages sustained by lessees of the Corporation, on account of such widening, the Corporation would exercise the right of eminent domain reserved in its leases to take possession of the needed land for public purposes; such purpose being to place it in the hands of the Town.

At the same meeting in consultation and agreement with Mrs. V.E. duChaine, it was decided, subject to approval of the town to change the alley running north and south across block four, div. 3, of the Corporation land, to run north from the point where this alley ~~south~~ in the center of the block turns at an angle northeastward, to terminate on the north side of the block at the point where it originally terminated. Several years ago a change in this alley from the line shown on the plat, to line as indicated on sketch accompanying this was agreed to by the then Council, reserving the right at any time to enter upon the original alley for the purpose of maintaining or replacing the water main laid therein. The line then agreed upon and the line now desired are indicated on the sketch.

The officers of the Corporation have received many complaints of the condition of Nichols St., west of Mobile Avenue, which they consider to be a street, from Mr. Hemley, and hope that the town will find itself able to give Mr. Hemley relief. The present condition is understood to be largely because of the Town running a ditch on the north side of the street for drainage purposes, and from time to time digging the sand out of same and throwing it either along the sidewalk space or outward from the line. If there is any question of the town as to the dedication of this street by the S.T. Corporation it will be glad to take the matter up with the Town, the writer is sure.

Very respectfully yours,  
SINGLE TAX CORPORATION,

By \_\_\_\_\_ Sec.



# TOWN OF FAIRHOPE

ALDERMEN:

C. C. BALDWIN  
J. E. GASTON  
R. P. GREGG  
GEO. W. MORGAN  
WALTER H. ROBERTS

Home Phone 144

Bell Phone 51-J

*Fairhope, Alabama*

May 27, 1929

President and Council of  
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

At the regular meeting of the Town Council held May 23d it was voted to extend the thanks of our body to you for your action regarding the donation of ten feet on the west side of Section Street between Fairhope Avenue and the Cemetery.

At the same meeting it was moved, seconded and carried that the Town request the Colony at this time to donate ten feet on the west side of Section Street between Fairhope Avenue and the Saxe building. Trusting for a favorable action upon this request at your next meeting we are

Yours very respectfully,

TOWN OF FAIRHOPE

By Gladys Lowell Clerk

*Before Council  
6-17-29 and  
moved and carried  
to do same*