

Oct 1926 FSTC Correspondence

Marion Davis Oct 30

Pictures came in fine condition.

E. B. Gustaf

Fairhope. Ala.

Dear Mr Gustaf.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the package of photos of Fairhope which you so kindly sent to me at my request. I also on the same day received your good letter. I note what you say as to express, register and post charges, and I most certainly appreciate your kind offer and generosity, but let me say that I note the amount taken and paid by ^{you} in sending these photos and that amount I will hand to you on my return to Fairhope, and would enclose same herein but am "short" on stamps in my home and you will note that the Post Office is not open today. I will use these fine pictures, as I have already done, to arouse an interest of our people in Fairhope its past, present and future, especially its future.

I will only send just a line to advise you of the receipt of these pictures, as I have been in bed the most of the day on account of a very severe cold. We have had the most abnormal Sept weather that we have experienced here in the last 60 years. Rains that have forced all of the streams out of their banks and over miles of territory, and it is still raining. I do hope that it will stop very soon.

I will write you more fully in a very short time. Glad you suffered no worse on account of the recent storm. Regards to Mrs. D. Glad to have you back safely. Yours &c D E Davis

Oct. 5, 1926

T.J. Larkin,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Larkin:-

I wrote you Sept. 10th that I hoped to make you a proposition for settlement with regard to your surrendered land here which I hoped would be satisfactory. The storm hit us on our meeting night in September and we were all so busy following the storm that we failed to hold the usual second meeting in the month.

At our meeting last night I got attention to the matter with result that I was authorized to make you a proposition to allow you the amount set by the committee for the trees on the portion surrendered plus the clearing at \$25 an acre, \$126 for trees, 4.66 acres at \$25, or \$116.50, total \$242.50, to be credited on your rent account. Our superintendent of lands and highways says he asked two or three disinterested and informed persons as to the value of the fence, and they said they did not consider it worth anything, which conformed to his own judgment. So many of the posts are rotten and the wires so badly rusted, that no one who would want a fence in front of any part of the property would give anything for it, according to him.

Rent was of course stopped at the time you surrendered this part of the land on the portion surrendered, but that did not cancel the rent already accrued.

This proposition is for prompt acceptance and is departing from our usual rules, because we would like to have the land available for people who would like a lot or so in that locality. I hope on this account that it will be accepted.

Yours very truly

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

October 7, 1926.

Secretary, Fairhope Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in discovering the status of the land-value-taxation movement in the United States at the present time and the progress it has made recently. I am especially interested in your own project, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. If you have any report or other literature which will give me this information, I shall be glad to receive it. Perhaps you can refer me to recent literature in which your project has been discussed.

Yours very truly,

Ernst D. Jensen

Professor of Economics.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
 LAWRENCE

October 2, 1936.

Mr. J. H. Lawrence,
 University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in the states
 of the land-value-taxation movement in the United States
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J. H. Lawrence
 University of Kansas

Oct. 11, 1926

Jens P. Jensen:-
Professor of Economics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 7th at hand and it gives me great pleasure to supply you with printed matter which will I think, lay you before you the situation regarding our Colony.

Included are the following:

- Copy of our constitution,
- Copy of lease form,
- Copy of illustrated folder descriptive of Colony and methods,
- Copy of "Quarter Centennial History" giving information regarding founding of Colony.
- Copy of decision of Supreme Court, confirming legality of organization, purpose and methods
- Copy of Fairhope Courier of Sept. 2, giving address of writer, before International Conference for promotion of land values taxation and free trade, at Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Copy of Courier of last week, with marked report of Colony treasurer, for Oct. 1, showing balance of cash on hand, \$7,585.94; items of expenditures on roads amounting to over \$333 during the month, and advancing of funds to Municipality for repairing storm damage to streets.

A pretty good demonstration of the practicality of the Single Tax is afforded by the fact that with rents for its land so much more attractive than buying in the usual way, that 4/5 of the population is on the one-half of the land which the Colony owns; that all hotels and all business houses with two unimportant exceptions, are on its land; that almost all of the improvements now in progress are on its land; and yet that after paying for its lessees state, county and town tax on land and their improvements and personal property held thereon, it has such a cash balance, while the town will be out of funds until tax payments come in in December, except for receipts of municipal public service plant.

You are probably familiar with the Single Tax in general but I am also including the "The Single Tax, What It Is and Why We Urge It" by Henry George, as republished in the Congress-

sional Record some years ago, and also a republican in the Record, by Senator Lynn J. Frasier, of N.D., of an extract from the later Herbert Quick's book, "The Real Trouble With the Farmers."

I hope you will find the matter of interest and giving you the information you desire and will be glad to serve you in any other way I can.

Yours very sincerely,

ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION

MEETING OF MEMBERS

MINUTES

A stated meeting of the Members and Directors was held at the Engineers' Club, 32 West 40th Street, New York City, on October 13, 1926, at 12:30 o'clock P. M. pursuant to notice duly sent to each member. There were present Messrs. Brown, Eyre, Fairchild, Hall, Hennessy, Ingersoll, Leubuscher, Miller, Murphy, Pleydell, Polak, Post, Purdy, Rusby, Schalkenbach, Stephens. There were absent: Messrs Allen, Cohen, Moody, Root and Seabury.

Mr. Eyre presided as chairman and Mr. Fairchild acted as secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Eyre explained that Mr. Root had been called away to Florida most unexpectedly, and that he had been requested to conduct the meeting in Mr. Root's absence.

The secretary presented a letter from Mr. E. Yancy Cohen, stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Post stated that Mr. Moody sent his regrets that he could not attend the meeting.

1. The minutes of the last meeting, held May 11, 1926, were read. Upon motion by Mr. Stephens and seconded and carried, the minutes were ordered amended by inserting therein the quotation from Henry George which was read at the last meeting by Mr. Stephens. The minutes were otherwise approved.

2. The treasurer presented his report for the period from May 6, 1926 to October 13, 1926. The report showed a balance on hand October 13, 1926, in the income account of \$1,132.66. The treasurer also reported that the sum of \$78,000.00 had been received on account of principal from the estate of Robert Schalkenbach, which had been

invested in First Mortgage bonds guaranteed at 5½%. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the treasurer's report was approved and ordered filed with the minutes.

3. Mr. Leubuscher stated that as Executor of the Estate of Robert Schalkenbach, he expected to be able to pay over the balance of the residuary estate about January 1, 1927, and that there would be included an accumulation of income which he roughly estimated would be about \$6,000.00 or upwards. Upon motion made by Mr. Purdy, and duly seconded and carried, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee be instructed to treat the surplus income accumulated in the hands of the Executor as a reserve fund.

4. The chairman called upon Mr. Charles Johnson Post who reported upon the publicity propaganda to date. He reported that an interview with Mr. Root had been sent out by the Consolidated Press to over 155 newspapers with an aggregate circulation of 8,000,000 copies daily. That another interview with Mr. Root for release October 26th, which was the climax of a series of three interviews on taxation, would be sent out by the United Publishers Syndicate covering approximately 50 papers and with an aggregate daily circulation of 3,000,000 copies. He reported that he had formed the "American Association for Scientific Taxation" for supplying the business and trade periodicals with bulletins and articles on taxation. That out of a list of 1760 of these periodicals he had received 223 requests for a continuance of this service of tax articles and bulletins. This represented a circulation per issue of approximately 800,000 to 1,000,000 copies per issue.

5. Mr. Ingersoll spoke briefly in commendation of the work

done by, and results accomplished by Mr. Post, and expressed his opinion that this form of publicity should be continued. A general discussion of the subject followed.

Upon motion made by Mr. Purdy and seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried, it was,

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting that the work done by Mr. Post so far as he had gone and as outlined by him, be approved and continued.

At this point Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Hall and Mr. Stephens, after recording their votes in favor of the foregoing resolutions, were excused from the meeting because of other appointments.

6. The Chairman brought up the subject of the book proposed to be published by the Vanguard Press, the text of which has been prepared by Mr. Louis F. Post under the title, "What does the Single Tax Mean?" The Chairman stated that this matter had received the consideration of the Executive Committee, and the publication of the book had been approved by the Executive Committee, but that it was the feeling of the Executive Committee that this subject was of such importance that the approval by the full Board of Directors was desired.

Upon motion by Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Polak, and unanimously carried, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation regards Mr. Louis F. Post as the ablest person to prepare a book setting forth, "What Does the Single Tax Mean", and we approve the book he has written under that title for the Vanguard Press, and that this resolution of approval be stated in a form acceptable to the Publishers.

7. Mr. Hennessy brought up the subject of a reasonable compensation to be paid to Mr. Louis F. Post for his editorial work in the

preparation of this book, that Mr. Post had undertaken this work at the specific request of the Executive Committee, and had completed the same at great labor and had declined to receive any compensation other than reimbursement for stenographic bills paid out by him, that Mr. Post had returned a check for \$100.00 which had been sent to him on account of his editorial services; that such services were professional in character, for which compensation should be made. Mr. Brown also spoke on this subject as well as other members, and it was the unanimous feeling of all present that Mr. Post should accept a reasonable compensation for his services.

Upon motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Hennessy, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated and paid to Mr. Louis F. Post in compensation for his editorial work in preparing the book "What Does the Single Tax Mean", and that the Executive Committee be instructed to transmit this sum to Mr. Post.

8. Upon motion made by Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the acts of the Executive Committee in the interim between the meetings of this Board to date be approved as the acts of this board.

9. Mr. Pleydell brought up the question of keeping in print the works of Henry George, and read part of a letter received from Hannibal, Missouri, addressed to Land and Freedom.

Upon motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and unanimously carried, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee be authorized in its discretion to make arrangements to keep all of the works of Henry

George in print so far as possible within the financial limitations of the Foundation.

10. Mr. Polak spoke upon the subject of creating a demand for the books of Henry George by means of essay contests in schools, by publication of news articles, in local papers, calling attention to the works of Henry George on the shelves of libraries and by other similar means. Mr. Polak was requested to present his suggestions in concrete written form to the Executive Committee.

11. It was the desire of the majority of the members present that the next stated meeting which will be held Tuesday, February 8, 1927, be held in the evening.

12. Upon motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded and unanimously carried, it was voted that the thanks of the Foundation be extended to Mr. Root, for arranging today's meeting at the Engineers' Club.

There being no further business, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

WALTER FAIRCHILD

Secretary.

ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING,

May 6, 1926, and ending October 13, 1926.

Income Account.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand May 6, 1926, as per report submitted at annual meeting, May 11, 1926,		\$ 1,746.70
Add: for correction of petty cash item		1.00
		<u>1,747.70</u>
May 11, 1926, Trustees of Estate of Robert Schalkenbach	\$ 1,500.00	
May 31, Bank Interest	22.97	
June 29 N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co., Interest on Mortgage	36.67	
June 29 Bank Interest	69.23	
Aug. 27 Trustees of Estate of Robert Schalkenbach	1,500.00	
Aug. 31 Frederic Leubuscher, gift of Commission on purchase of securities,	40.00	
Sept. 30 Bank Interest	2.60	<u>3,171.47</u>
Total		\$ <u>4,919.17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rent and Clerical:		
Office of Walter Fairchild, \$288.75		
Louis F. Post, stenographic, 186.00	468.75	
Supplies and postage	189.81	
Charles Johnson Post, services,	791.66	
Members traveling expenses, 9.00		
Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown 200.00	209.00	
Printing, Multigraphing, stationery	224.45	
Miscellaneous	96.59	
Magazine advancement & Contributions 1,800.00		
(United Committees England \$1,500.		
Mfrs. & Merchants Fed.		
Tax League) 300.)		
Sundry Expenses	6.25	<u>3,786.51</u>
Balance October 13, 1926		<u>1,132.66</u>
Total		\$ <u>4,019.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER FAIRCHILD, Treasurer.

ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Receipts:

May 14, 1926, From Estate of Robert Schalkenbach	\$50,000.00
June 15, 1926 " " "	<u>28,500.00</u>
	\$78,500.00

Expended:

For securities purchased for investment:	
June 7, 1926, N. Y. Title & Mtg. Co. 1st Mtg. to Bank guaranteed at 5 1/4%	16,000.00
June 15, 1926, Lawyers Title & Trust Co. 1st Mortgage & Bonds guaranteed @ 1 1/2%	<u>62,500.00</u>
	\$78,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER FAIRCHILD

Treasurer.

Oct. 13, 1926,

Mrs. M.R.F. de Peneloza,
Ferguson, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

Rev. Lisenby has just advised with me regarding your contract with Mr. O.K. Cummings, for purchase of a leasehold interest under our Colony, in lots 4 and 5, blk. 28, div. 2, of our land.

Regarding same, I would say that this contract is looked upon by us as not in harmony with the purposes of our Colony, and in my opinion would not be approved by our Executive Council and according to clause 11 of our form of lease, as signed by Mr. Cummings, "leases are assignable only to members of the Corporation ~~xxxxx~~ or to persons acceptable to it" and that "assignments must be filed in the office of the Corporation."

In order to further protect the Corporation against action by lessees contrary to the principle of our organization we nearly a year ago amended our form of application for land adopting the longer form of which I am sending you copy, in lieu of the shorter form also enclosed. We have on file with his lease Mr. Cummings application on shorter form. You will note that this says: "I have read your constitution and pledge myself that while I hold lease of Fairhope land I will not oppose the full application of the principles set forth therein and contracted in your leases." To charge any one more than the value of improvements thereon for transfer of a lease, is certainly contrary to the principle of the constitution and lease and as a transfer under such conditions will not be knowingly approved by the Corporation.

Mr. Cummings being unable therefore to make you an effective assignment of his lease it is my opinion that you have a right of action against him for the recovery of the amount you have paid and release from the contract to pay him additional payments.

I regret any annoyance caused you, appreciating that you were presumably an entirely "innocent party" but our Corporation is here demonstrating a policy which appears very vital to it and must not be expected to permit the flouting of the same.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Oct. 16, 1926

George W. Clifton,
430 Cattell St.
Easton, Pa.

Dear Clifton: Is a dern shame that you have not received an answer to your letter. First let me say that I was mighty glad to hear from you once more. Had about made up my mind that you had "gone hence" though I thought I should have heard of it if you had. Glad you think you would like to get back to Fairhope again. Hard to beat it, Friend Clifton and so much improved that you will hardly know it.

Now as to the business end of it I do not know what to say. There is not a vacant business room in town. I have nine double-fronted two story building now in the place of the little old building as you remember it. One side we occupy and the other has been rented for nearly two years to the Fairhope Electric Company. They have moved into a new building east of Wheeler, and Funk and Sons, who have been in your old place are moving in; the building you used to own is to be torn down and make place, with other ground alongside for a new Bank of Fairhope building. John Lawrence talks of putting up a new building alongside the bank but do not know whether he will make the ripple or not.

We appear to be well supplied with Cafes, the Metropolitan Cafe, down on the corner where I think Rucker was when you left, with a very nice place; one in the new Moving picture house, which is on the corner east of The Gables, another across the street in the Walker building; another in the Tumble Inn, or Norton House; another opposite Jim' place east of Fairhope avenue; with The Gables furnishing meals as well as rooms, The Kanuck, and the new Fairhope Hotel, on the corner west of Dr. Mershon home.

Think it very desirable that you come down and look situation over before making an expensive move.

Am sending you a couple of late Couriers,
With best regards, Sincerely Yours

Oct. 18, 1926

C.B. Wooley,
2510 E. 27th St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I am very sorry to have been delayed in replying to you valued favor for nearly a month.

Replying now I am taking pleasure in mailing you printed matter explanatory of our Single Tax Colony plans and workings and also late copies of the Fairhope Courier, of which I am editor and publisher and would be pleased to receive your subscription to same.

Yes, C.L. Coleman is still living here; as is old Mr. Bowen and Carl Larrison of Volanta Home.

There is nobody in Fairhope operating a Candy Kitchen and I rather think there would be an opening for such, if goods were such as to strike popular fancy, so that those who tried them came back for more.

Would be glad to see you here.

Very sincerely Yours,

Oxt. 18, 1926.

C.B. Wooley 2510 E. 27th St.,

Fairhope, Ala. 10/19/26 1

The Committee representing the
Succes of the Fairhope Single Tax
Corporation met at the Council
Chamber at 7.30 p. m. and organized
by electing Mr Pound as chairman
and L O Bishop secretary. It was decid-
ed to begin work of valuations at Block
12 ^{along Fairhope} and it was placed at 100%, Block 11-
100 Blk 10-50 ^{Div 1}

Block 10-80%, Block 2-60%, No 1-70 Blk
Div 2 No 1 on Mobile ave at 70%. No 7-90% Blk 8
90% Block 9-10 and 11 reconsidered
and placed at 50%.

Block 9 placed at 50%.
No 2, placed at 60%, Block 8-at 60; Bergles
crannery & ice plant 60 Casina 80%, Bay View
Ave Between 2810-at 30%. Div 2, Blk 1
Fels ave 50%. Blocks 2 & 3-30% Block 4 both
sides of Fels ave 40%, West end Blk 1 & 6
Div 2, -40%, both ends 7 Div 2, 30%

Blocks 9 & 10 Div 2-30%. Blocks 19 & 20 Div 2
30% Block 22-25%, Blocks 28 & 27 Div 2-25%
Blocks 30 & 31-25%. Blocks, Cliff Drive-2 No.
25%. Block 1 on Cliff Drive 25%. Block 3 on
Cliff Drive 25%, Block 8 on Cliff Drive 20%

Block 4-15%
2 No. 2 25 on Murphy Ave. 15%. 3 & 4 on Mor-
phy-15%. 8 & 9 on Murphy-20%. 20 on
Murphy 20%-298 28 on Murphy 12%
Block 30 on Murphy 5%. Block 5 on Bay Front
70%. Block 6 & 6 on Mobile ave at 35%,
137 & 13 on Mobile ave 35%, 14 & 14 on Mobile
Ave 30%. Blk 137 on Bay Front 60%. Block
14 on Bay 7 60%. 13 & 14 on White Ave 25%
13 & 14 on White Ave 35%, 12 & 15 on White
Ave 30%. Blocks 11 & 12 16 on White 12%
Blocks 17 & 18 on White 12%. 23 & 24 on
White Ave 10% 25 & 26 on White Ave 10%
32 & 33 on White Ave 10%.

On Gaston Ave 10 & 11 - 15% 19 & 18 - 15%⁽²⁾
22 & 23 - 15% 26 & 27 - 15% 31 & 32
15%

On Freedom St 14 & 15 - 20% 25 & 24 on
Frd St 20% 22 & 23 Frd St. 20% 1 & 2 1/2
on Short St 15% all thru

On Bay View Ave 3 & 8 - 25% 4 & 9 20%
7 & 10 15% 11 - 12% 12 - 12% 15 & 16 - 11%

On George St 16 & 17 10% 11 & 18 - 12%
10 & 19 - 15% 9 & 20 - 20% 8 & 29 - 15%
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On Equity - St 20 - ~~25~~¹⁵% 19 & 22 - ~~20~~¹⁰%
18 & 23 - ~~20~~¹⁵% 17 & 24 - 15%

All blocks on Liberty St was made same
as on Equity St.

On Summit 28 & 30 - 18% 27 & 31 - 16%
26 & 32 - 15% 25 & 33 - 12%

On Church St 33 - 12% 32 - 15% 31 - 20%
30 - 20% 15 - 30% 13 - 31%

11 & 12 - 40%

On Summit St 10 & 11 - 20%

On Section at west side, 80% 13 - 50%

14 - 30%

On Murphy Ave 14 - 20%

Delamar St 12 & 13 - 30%

Adjourned to meet 10/21

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Committee made the following rates on
the Divisions named below: Both sides

Sec 1. Blocks 6 & 7 on Magnolia ave - 25%
Blks 5 & 8 - 25% Blks 4 & 9 - 30% Blk 3 - 50%

Blk 3 Bay Front 70%

On Bayview St - Blk 9 - 35% Blks 4 & 3 - 40%
Both sides st

Blk 10 - 60% Bay Front - 60% Blk

On Bayview, Blk 10 - 45% Blk 10 - north side
bath side
40% Blk 2 on Bayview ave - 50%

On Summit St. 9 & 8 - 50% Blks 4 & 5 - 25%
Both sides
both sides

Blk 1 & 2 - 75% On Blks 2, 1, 5, 3, 4, 5, 6 - 10%

On Church St - Blks 7 & 8 - 20% Blks 5 & 6 - 20%

Section St. Blk 7 - 40% Blks 6 & 4 - 23%

Blk 3 - 20% Blks 8 & 2 - 15%

Oak St. Blk 8 - 10% Blks 6 & 7 - 10%

1 & 2 - 25% Blk

Kiefer St Blks 2 & 3 - 20% all way thru

Powell St - Blks 3 & 4 - 15% Blk

Blakely St - Blks 4 & 5 - 12%

North side Blk 5 - 10%

Division 4 both side 26 90% Blks 11 & 12 -

Fairhope Ave, Block 5 - 90% Blks 11 & 12 -

40% 20 & 21 - 20% Blks 26 & 27 - 15%

32 & 35 - 15% 39 & 34 - 15% Blk 42 & 38 - 15%

Next block 46 - 15% 20% thru to Road

So side Moulton & Mill place 15%

Magnolia Ave - Blk 4 & 5 - 15% 13 & 12 - 15%

Stimpson St. Blk 20 - 12% 27 - 12%

Equality St - Blk 19 & 28 - 8%

Blks 2 & 3 on Pine St - 8%

Blks 1 & 2 - Oak St - 5%

Bancroft St - Blks 5 & 12 - 20%

Blks 4 & 13 - 20%

Bancroft 3814-10% 2815-5%
School St 12820-15% 13819-15%
14818-5%

On Pine st between 14815-5%
Blk 17 on Pine 5%

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Section St. So. East side-65%
Blk 7-35% Blk 8-30%

Bancroft St Blks 6-11, 10%
Blks 7 & 10, 829-5%

School St Bath side-Blks 118.21-20%
Blks 10822-20% 9823-20%
Blks 21826-15% 22825-15% 23824-15%

Merston 35839-10% 36840-8%
Blks 37841-15%

Blk 55 on County road-8% Blk 56-3%
Blk 57-5%

Morphy Ave Blk 8-15% Blk 23-12%
24-12% 37-12% Blk 41-12%
44-8% 48-8% 51854-8% 57855%

Section 17 No half 3% Lower half 2%

East side No 17-2%

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Council to act on

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mend that all country not remain
as at present except in such cases
as need adjustment

Stromberg-Allen & Co.



TELEPHONE
HARRISON 5600

430-432 SOUTH CLARK STREET
CHICAGO

Oct. 20th, 1926

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

Dear Mr. Gaston:-

My Mother's lease at Fairhope was transferred to me some time ago; proper endorsement appears on the back of lease. Would you please advise what steps are necessary in order to transfer this leasehold to me.

Also could you please advise me what you would consider the leasehold worth, as it will be necessary for me to include this in an inheritance tax schedule.

Thanking you for any information you can give me in this respect, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elmer Stromberg".

Oct. 20, 1926.

T.J. Larkin,
City.

Dear Mr. Larkin:-

Your communication was presented to the Colony Council at its regular meeting Monday evening, with result that I was directed to inform you, as I now do, that having rejected the proposition made you the same is withdrawn and you are requested to make prompt settlement of the rent due from you, or sale of the improvements will be made to collect same.

Yours very truly

MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HENRY W. CHEHOCK, SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Director of Boys

Milton Weiffenbach

Director of Girls

Evelyn K. Hunt

School Nurse

Bertha M. Clark

MARION, IOWA, October 25, 1926.

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

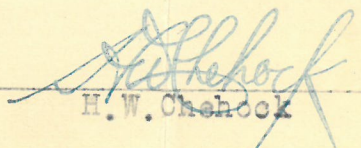
Dear Mr. Gaston:-

In conversation with Atty. D.E. Voris today, he told me of the great possibilities of Fairhope and suggested that I write you for additional information and literature. Judging from what Mr. Voris said that must be a great country down there and a place where a man can forge ahead rapidly if he has the ambition.

Nothing would please me more than to secure the superintendency of the schools, providing of course the present superintendent does not care to remain after this year, and with my two sons put under cultivation during the spring and summer months as large an acreage as possible. I suppose negro help is obtainable at a low cost. I have had a desire for some time to get into just such a territory as yours - where there is culture as well as financial expansion - and establish a home where the fuel bills will not bankrupt a man and where living is as cheap or cheaper than in Iowa.

I shall appreciate hearing from you and if you can offer some suggestions as to how I can get in touch with some one who can make me a good proposition as well as give me some figures on land values and the cost of building a six or seven room house, that will be fine.

Thanking you sincerely for an early reply, I am, Yours respectfully,


H.W. Chehock

P.S. Perhaps Mr. Cummings, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce may have some literature, etc.

What would you suggest as the best procedure to secure a superintendency of schools in that region for next year? I have an B.Di., A.B. and A.M. Degree.

Oct. 29, 1926

Henry W. Chenock,
Supt. Schools,
Marion, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I was pleased to receive yours of 25th and learn of the interest awakened in this section by Mr. Voris, on the stay at his old there, from which he has just returned to Fairhope.

In regard to the matter of a position in connection with the public school, it does not appear likley ~~axxi~~ that there will be such an opportunity at Fairhope in the near as our scool now has a superintendent, who is in just that situation and who is very satisfactory. He was superitendent of a high school in Dallas, Texas, for many years, though having a farm home here where his family was, and as our own school reached a stage where it needed a superintendent and was justified in paying a salary which would justify some one in taking the place, he was persuaded to accept it, though the salary was a good deal less than he was getting in Texas.

There is a great demand for competent men however, in the growing communities of our County, and I would suggest that you get in touch with our County Superintendent, S.M. Tharp, at Bay Minette, the county seat, as to the probability of there being an opening.

I am taking pleasure in sending you a folder regarding our Colon; one of the Chamber of Commerce of Fairhope and also a copy of Alabama Coastal News, which has a lot of general information about conditions in this county.

Yours very sincerely

Oct. 29, 1926

Chas. J. Stromberg,
430 - 432 So. Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Stromberg:-

Replying to your recent favor, it will be necessary in order to have the lot held by your mother transferred to you on our records, to send in the original lease with endorsement, accompanied by signed application in duplicate, as per enclosed;

I would consider the property worth, considering its age and not including the value of the lot, ~~between~~ about \$1800 to \$2,000.

With very best personal regards,

Most sincerely yours,