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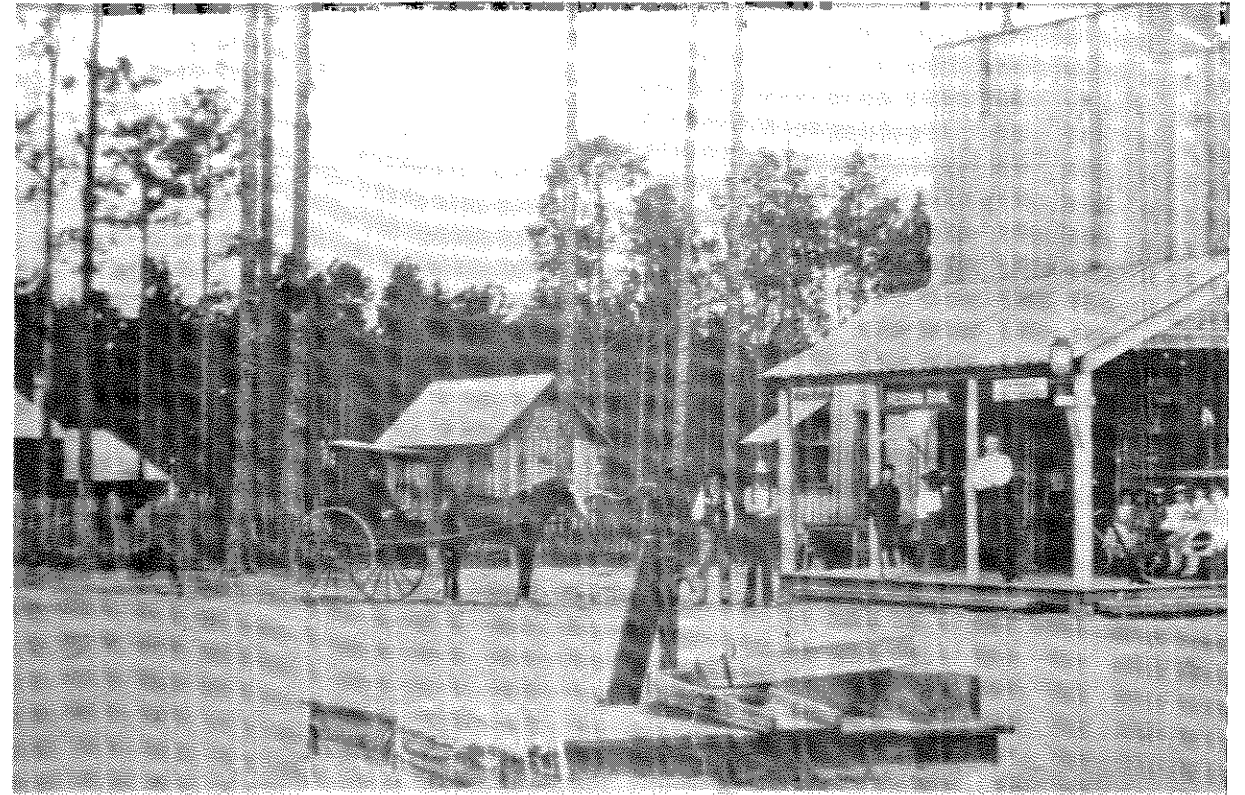
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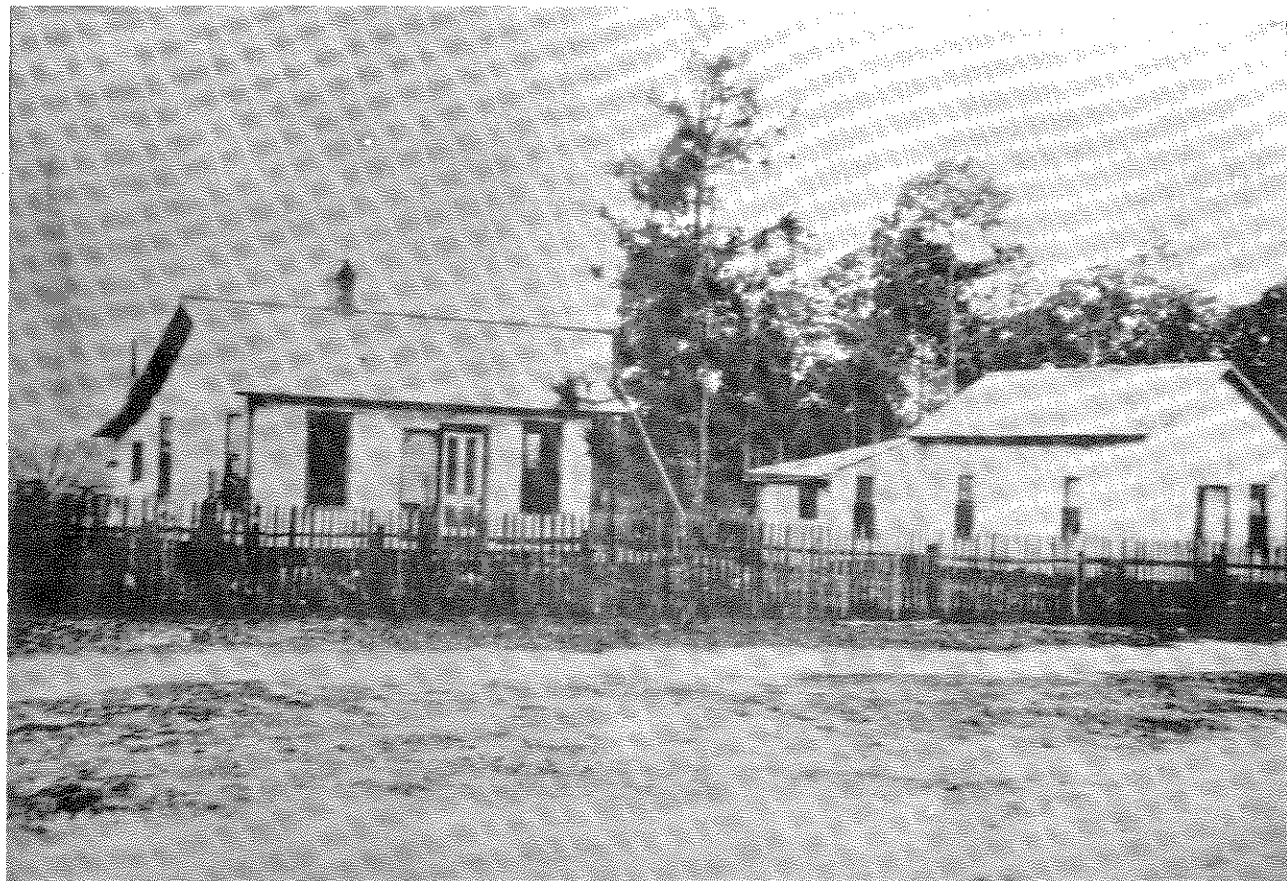
These photographs were selected to represent Fairhope as it was in earlier days, from the very beginning with rustic buildings and houses, dirt streets, and the wharf with steamers for freight and passenger service along the Eastern Shore and to and from Mobile, to the 1930s with more modern buildings and homes, better hotels, and paved streets. A lot of the town's activity is still concentrated at the modern pier and in the tree-shaded beachfront park overlooking Mobile Bay.



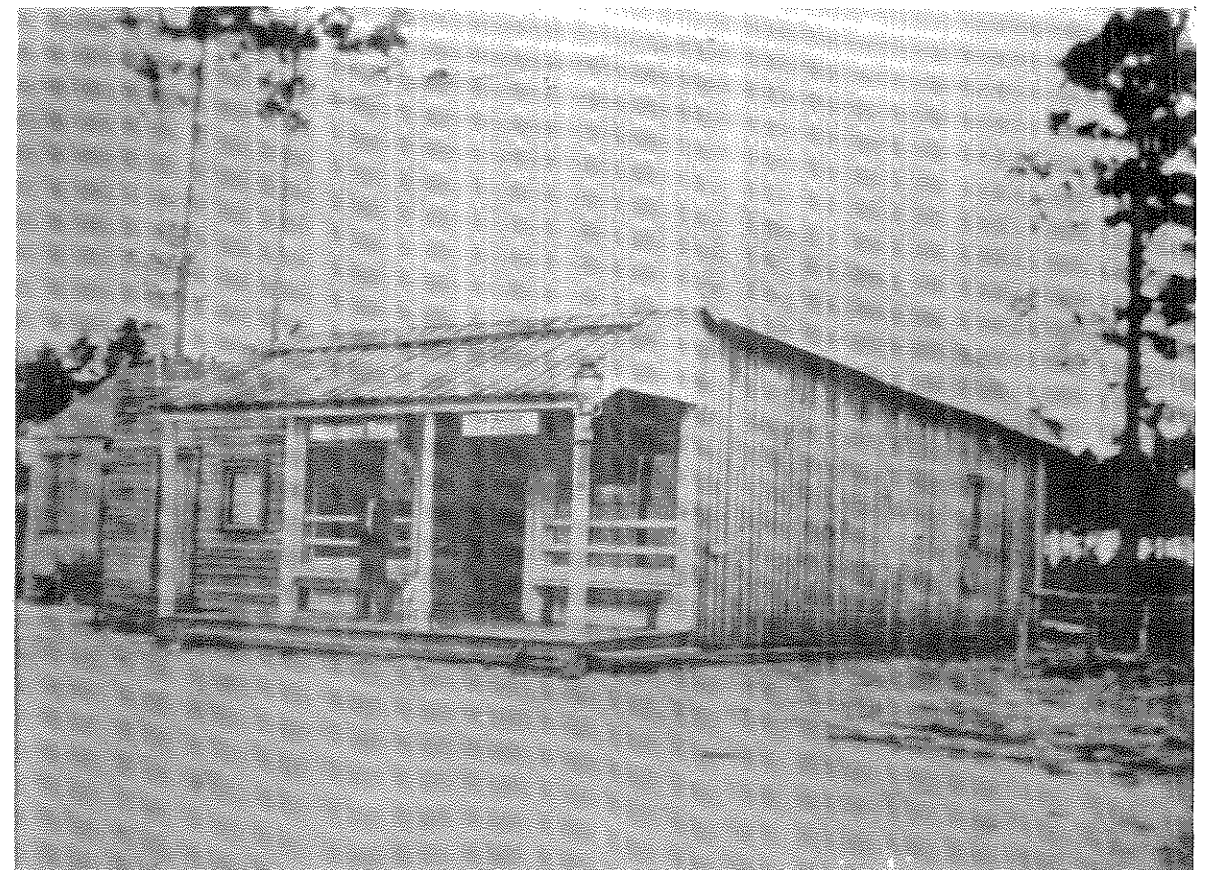
First elected town officers, 1908: J. Pilcher, J. Bellangee, treasurer, W. Sweet, C. Coleman, C. Nichols, N. Mershon, P. Albright, and Dr. H. Greeno, mayor (seated).



Town pump at Fairhope Avenue and Section Street, 1897.



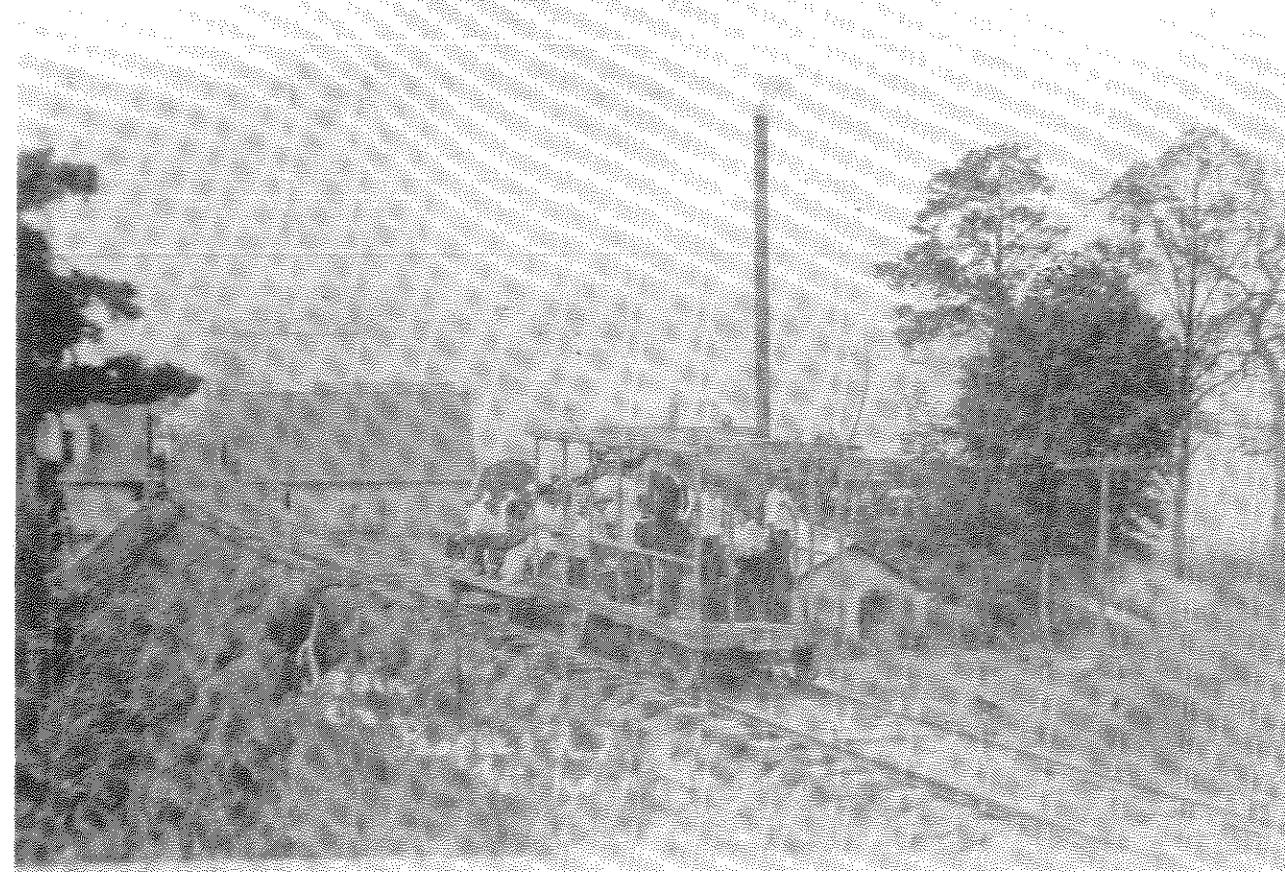
Mershon and Gaston homes, 1895.



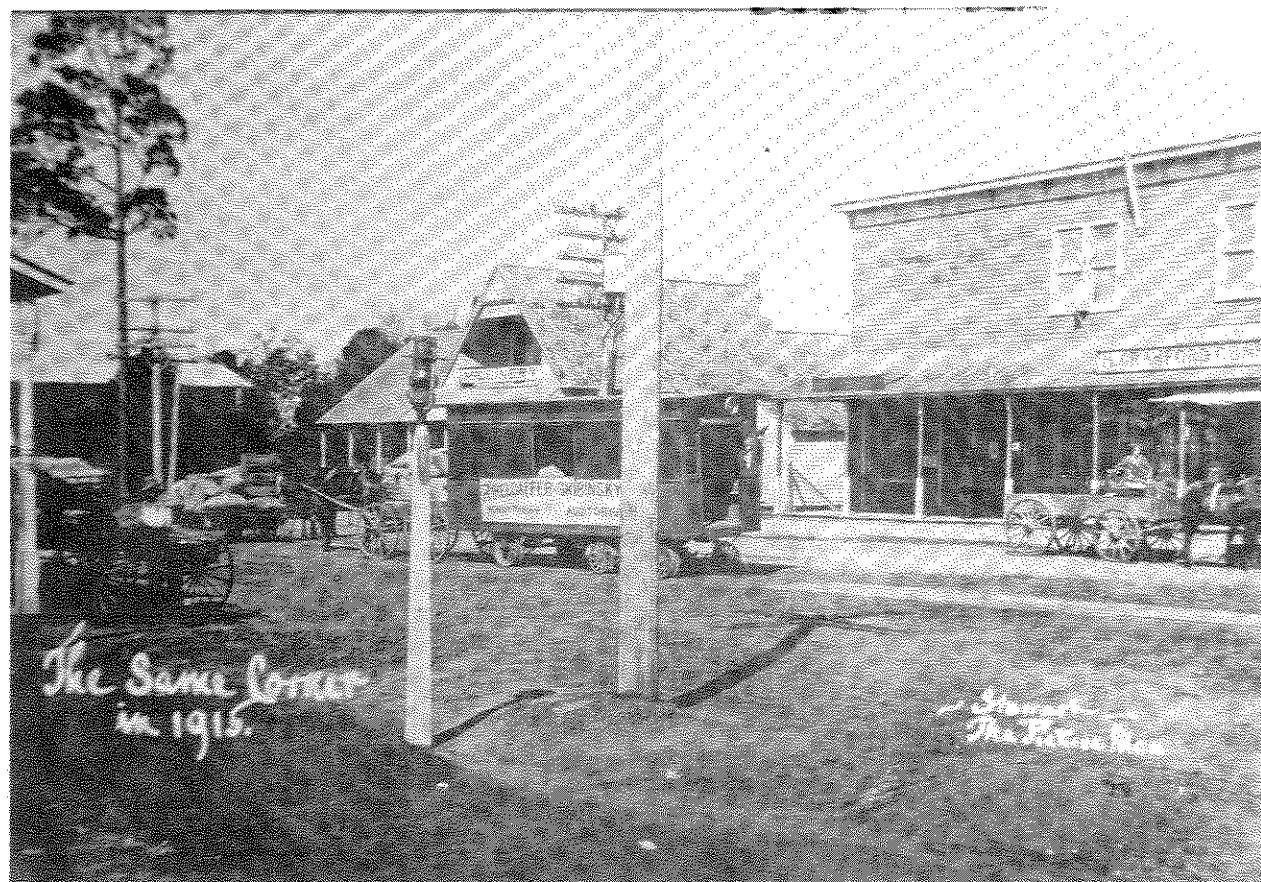
Mershon Bros. General Store and Post Office, 1899.



Section Street, 1897. Fairhope Avenue in background.



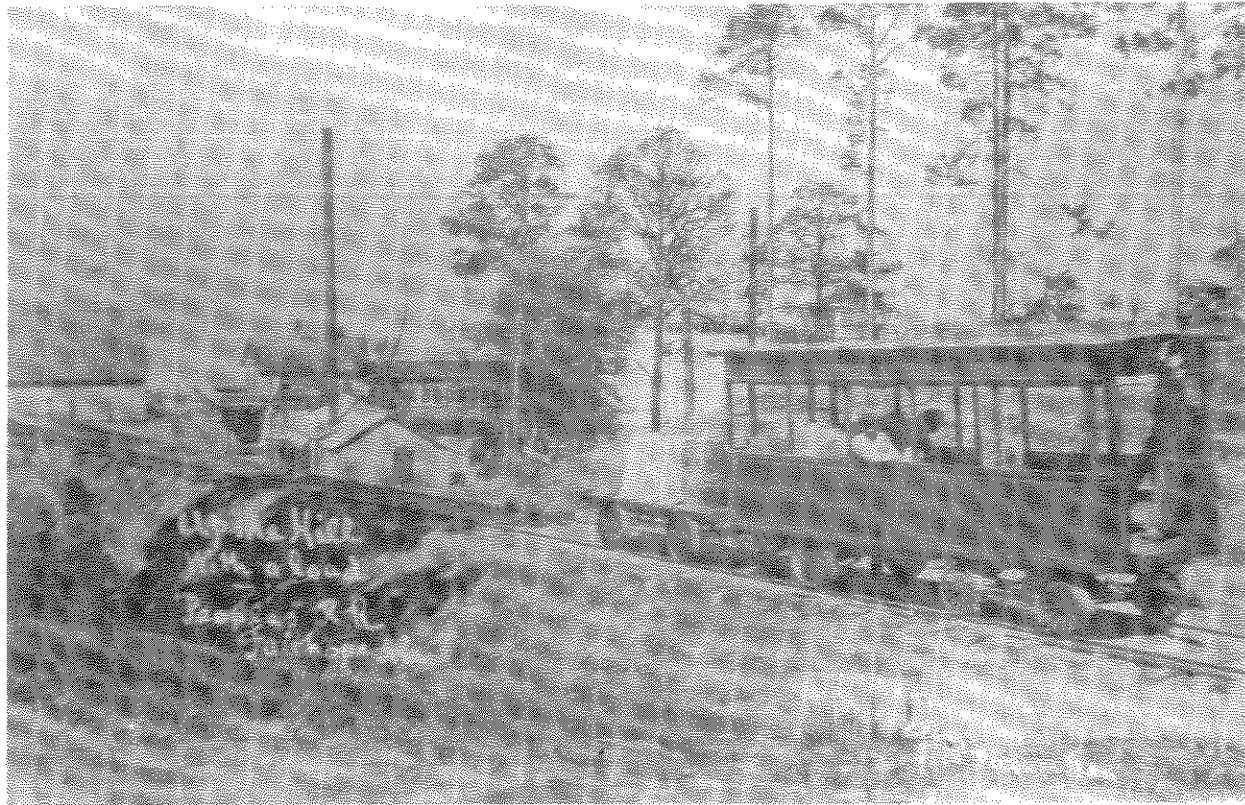
Peoples Railroad carrying passengers up the hill from the pier, circa 1914.



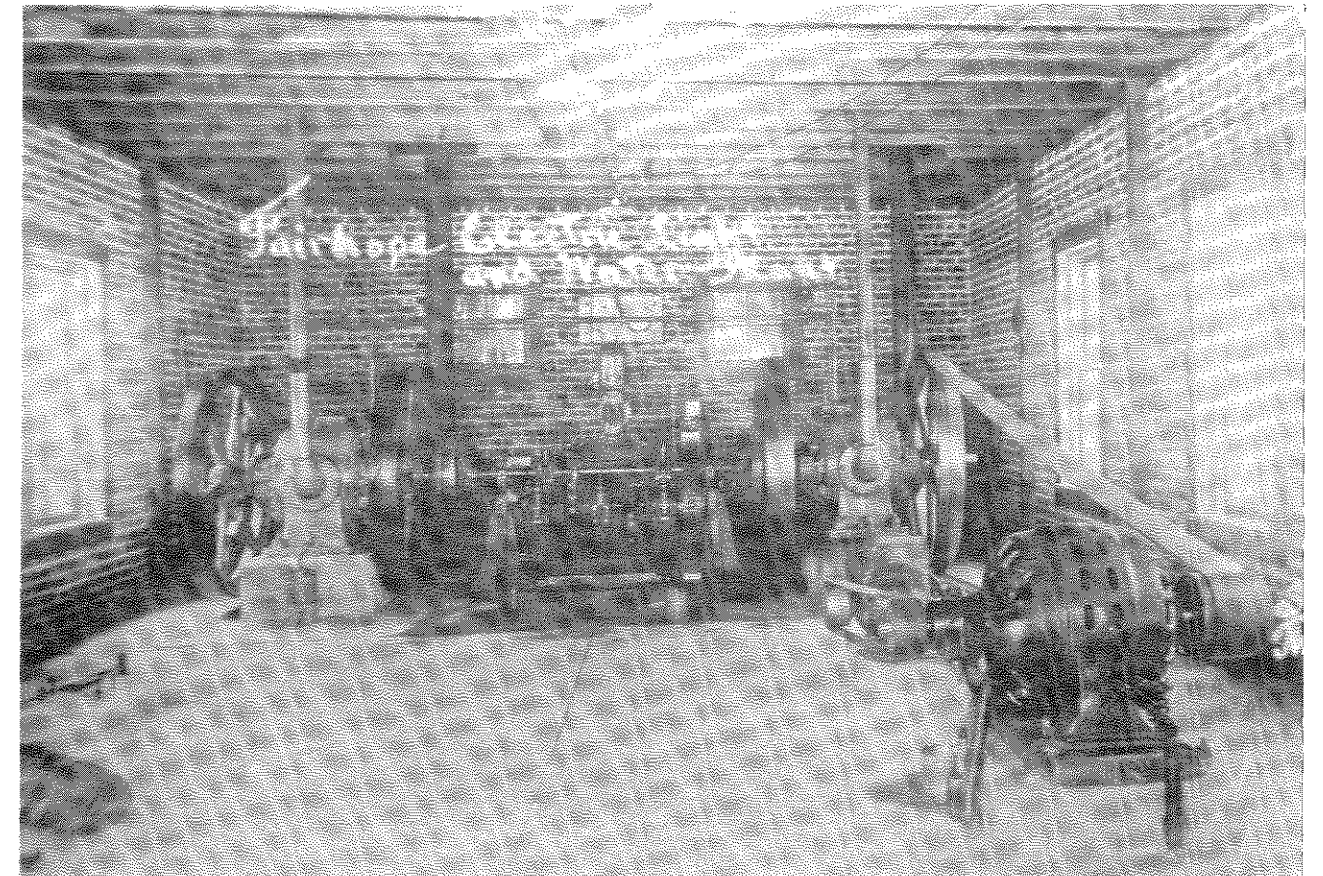
View of Fairhope Avenue and Section Street in 1915. The millinery shop later became the Pinequat Shop, and the location of Crawford's Store is presently occupied by Wilkin's.



Early Fourth of July celebration, circa 1900.



Bringing freight up the hill, 1914.



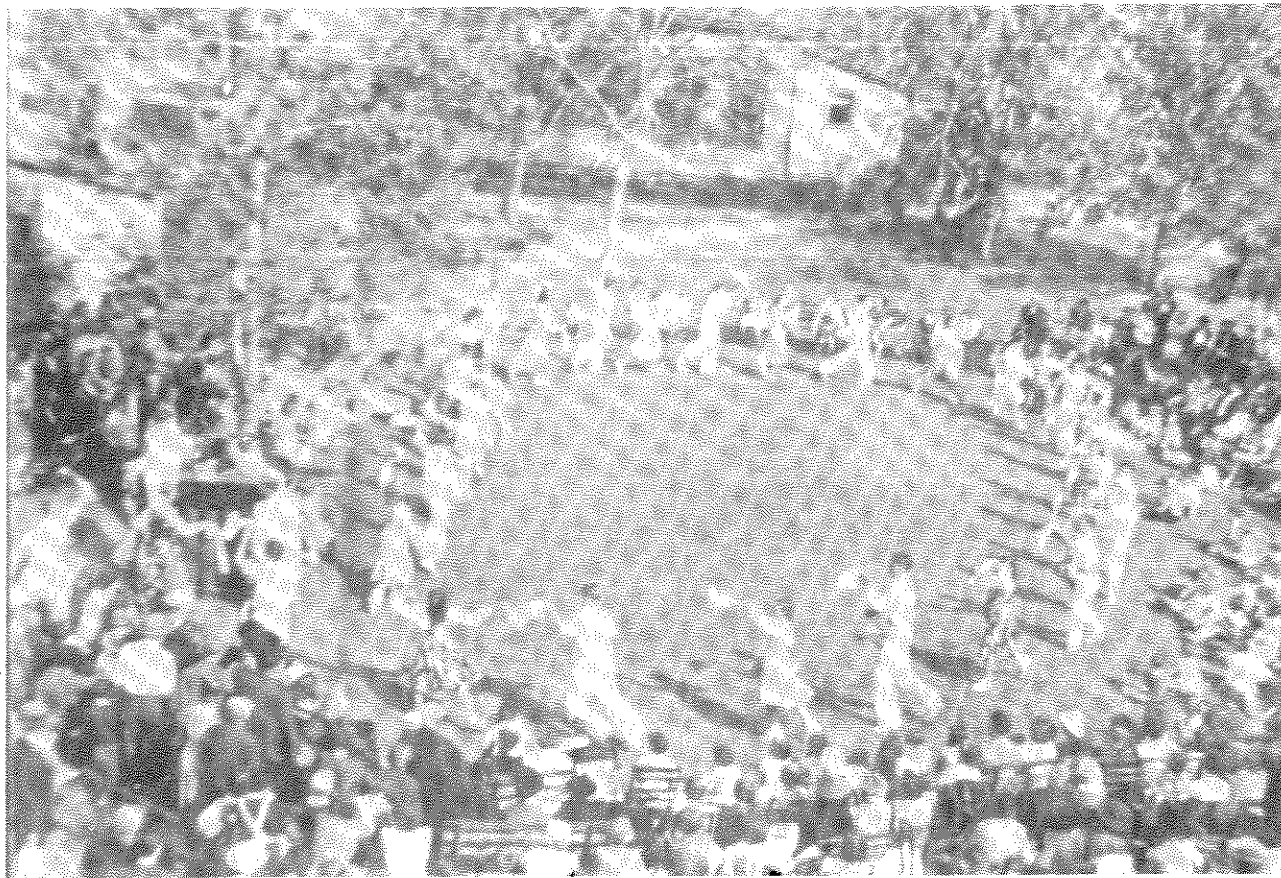
Water and electric plant at bottom of bay hill on Fairhope Avenue, 1900.



Enjoying a picnic at the bay, circa 1910.



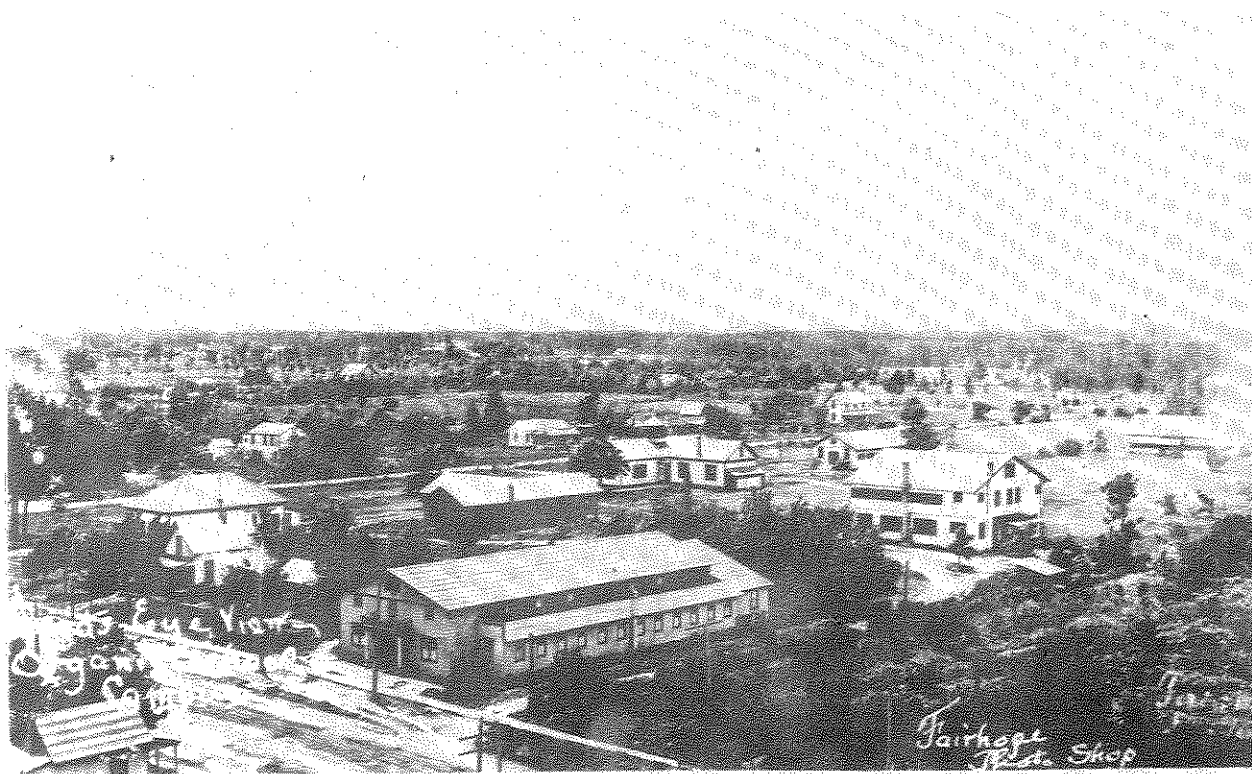
First water tank, replacing town pump.



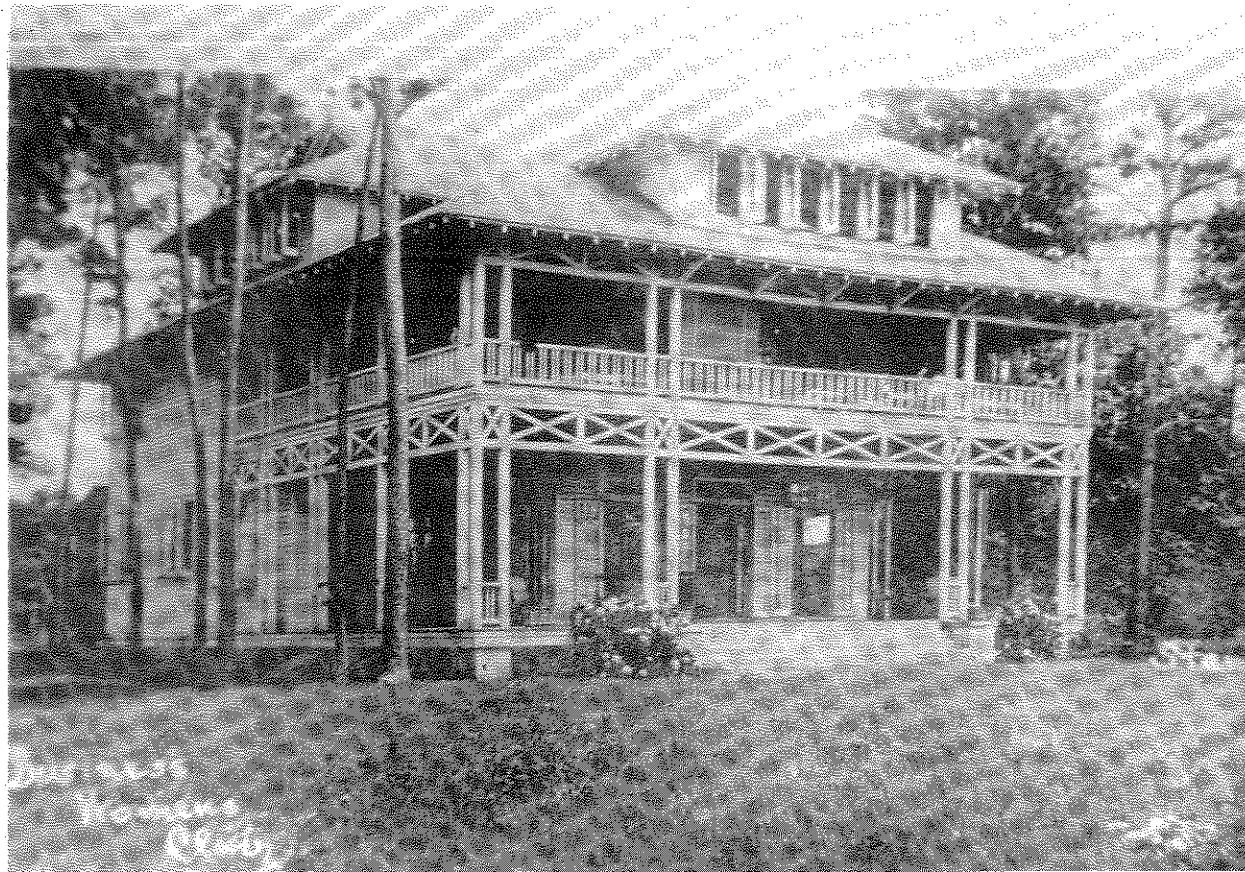
Students of the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education performing an English dance, 1930s.



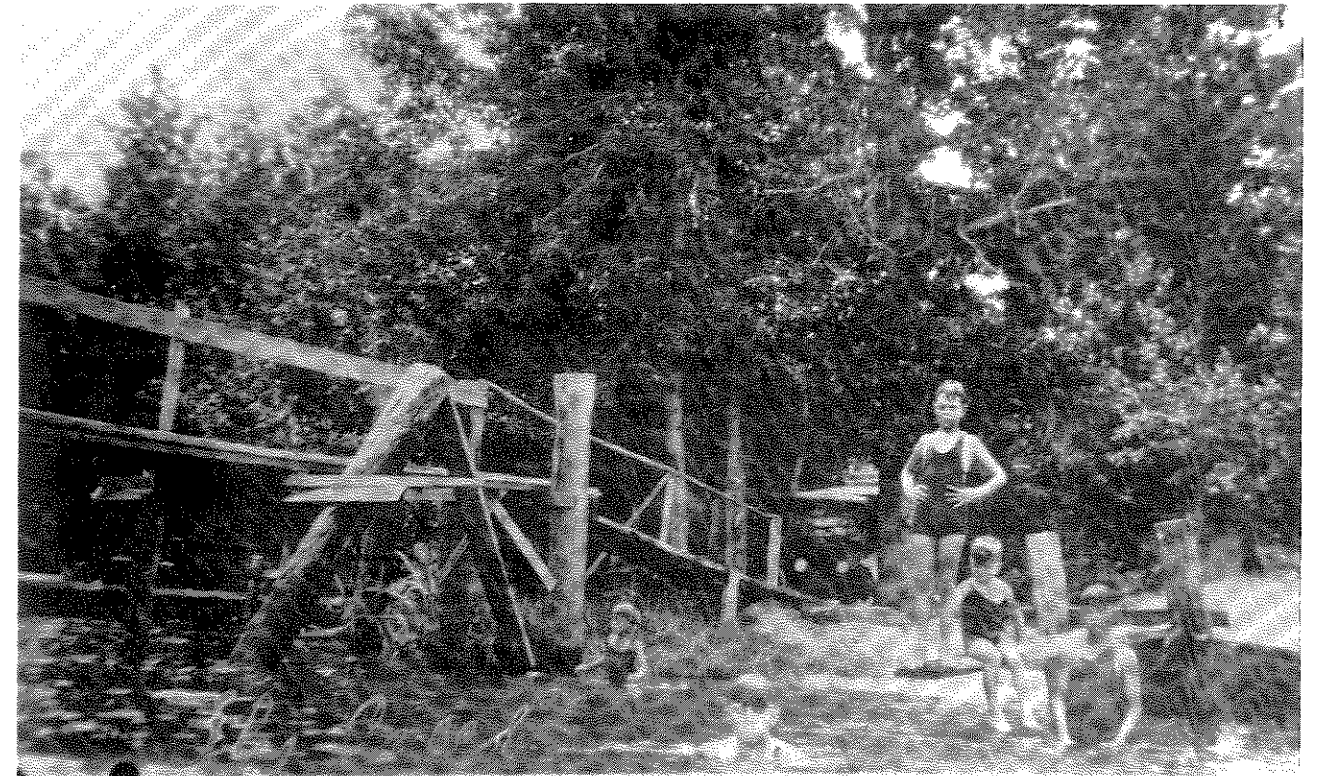
Mrs. Marietta Johnson, founder of the School of Organic Education.



Campus of the School of Organic Education, circa 1930.



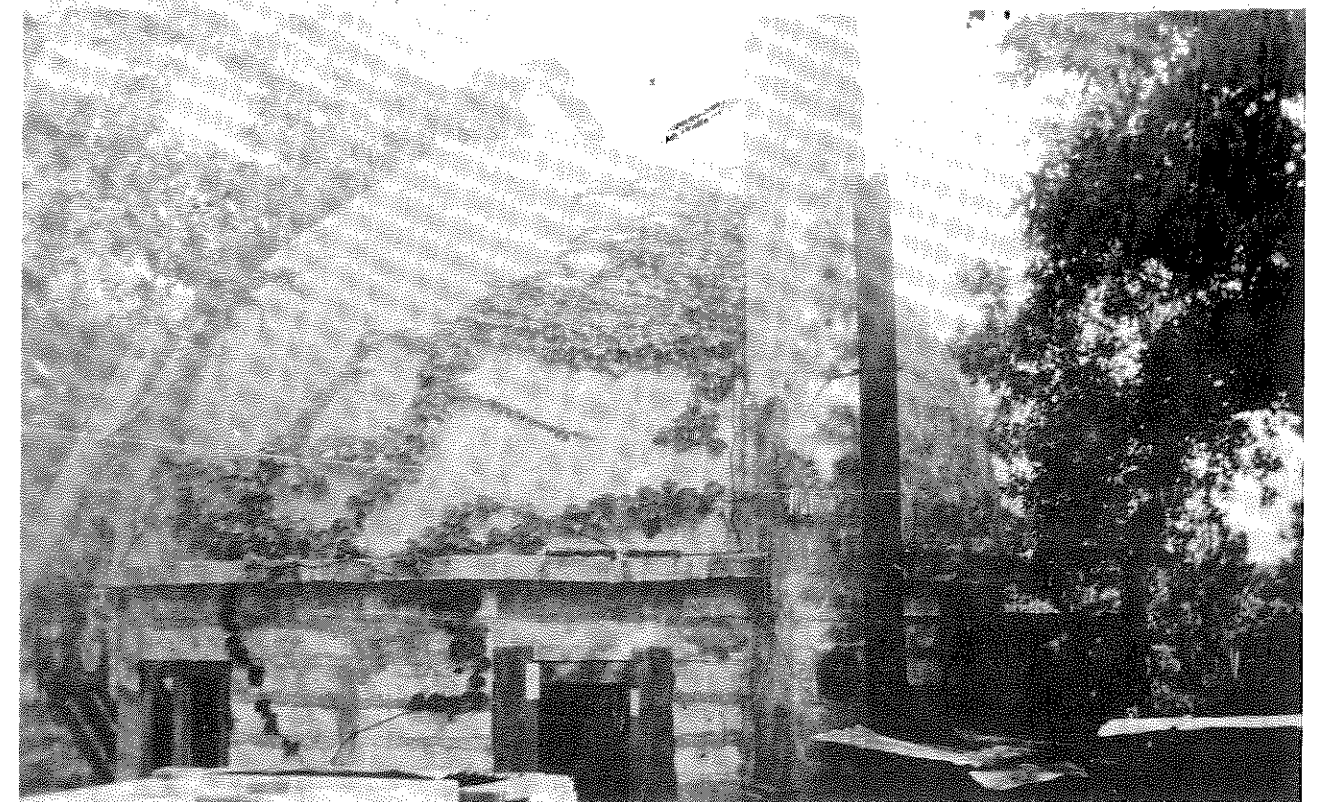
Business Women's Club, present location of the American Legion Hall.



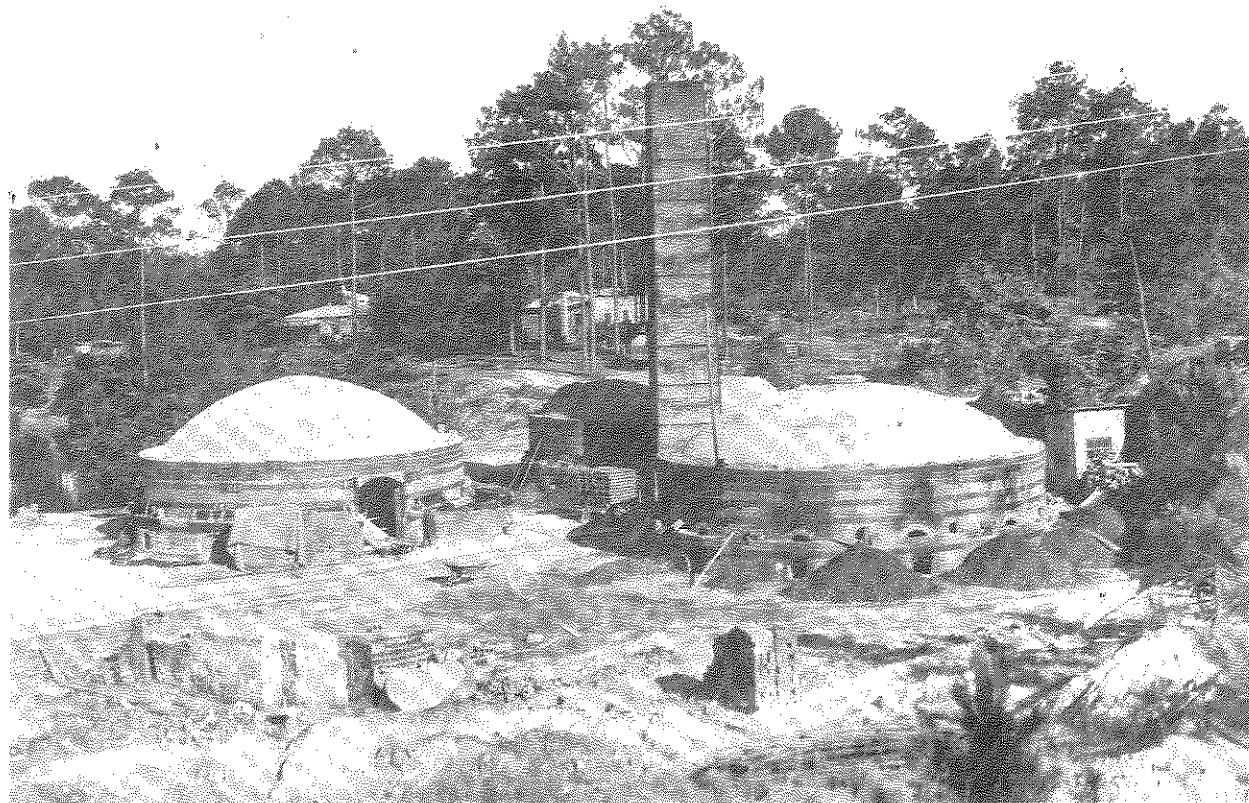
Fly Creek in the 1930s, present site of the Fairhope Yacht Club.



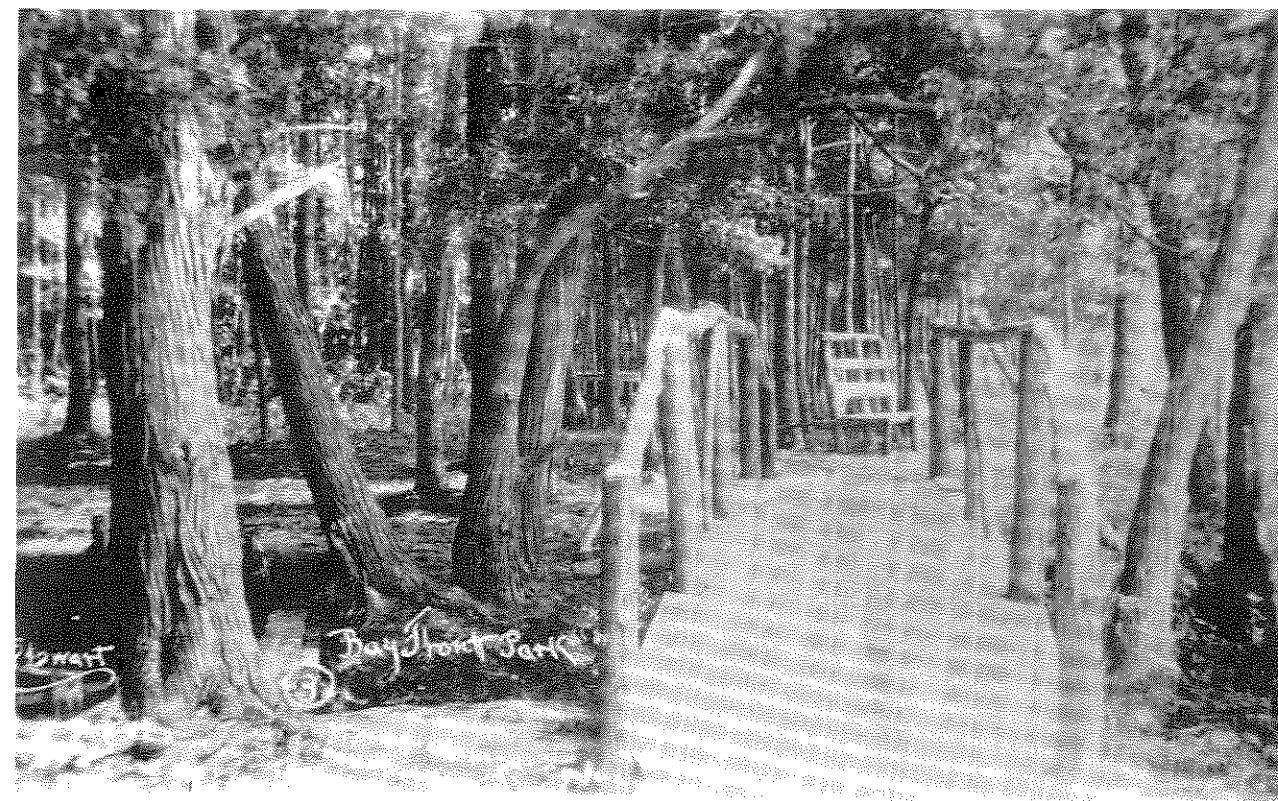
Drugstore at corner of Fairhope Avenue and Section Street, present location of Fairhope Pharmacy.



Mr. Weaver's hermit's home in Montrose.



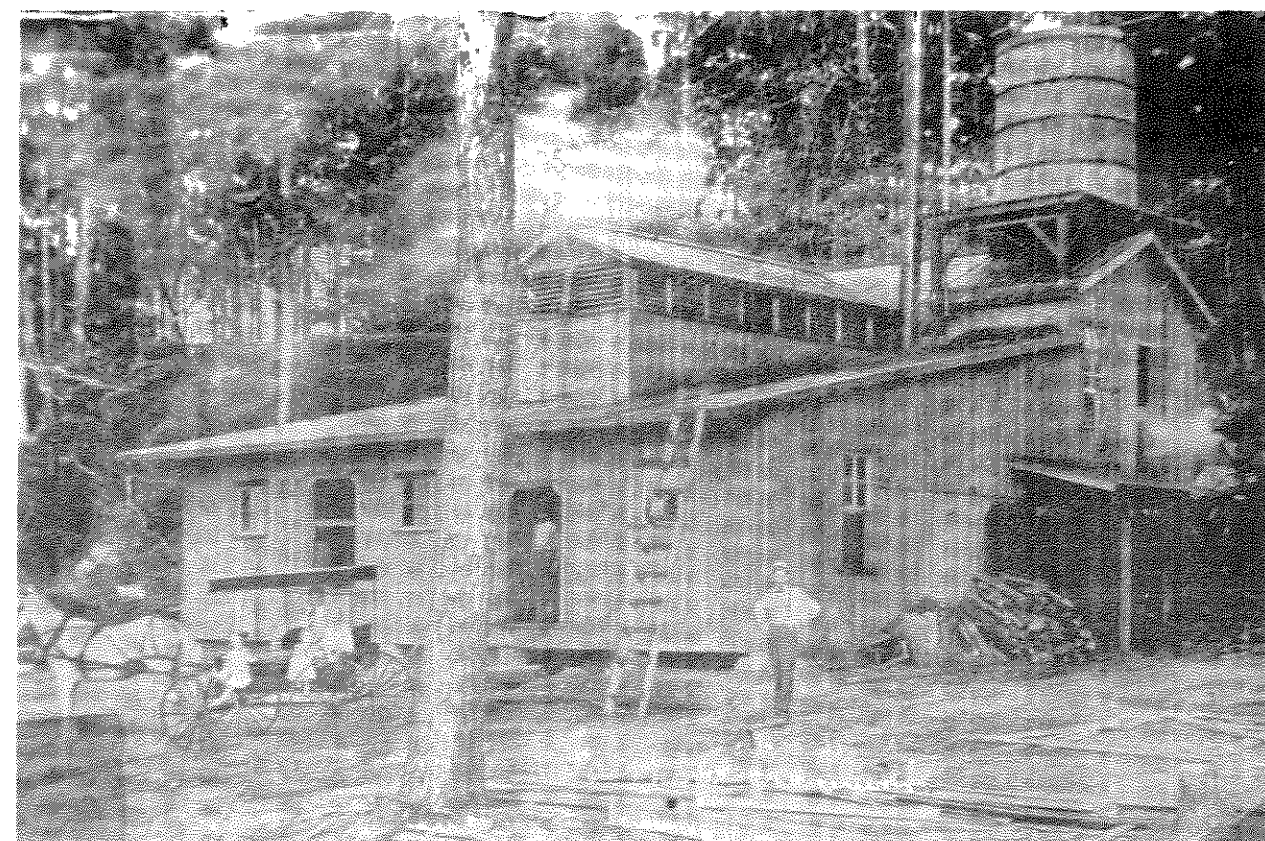
Clay City, east of Fairhope, where tile and brick were made.



Foot bridge at north end of park in the 1930s, near present Duck Ponds.



Early sawmill east of Fairhope.



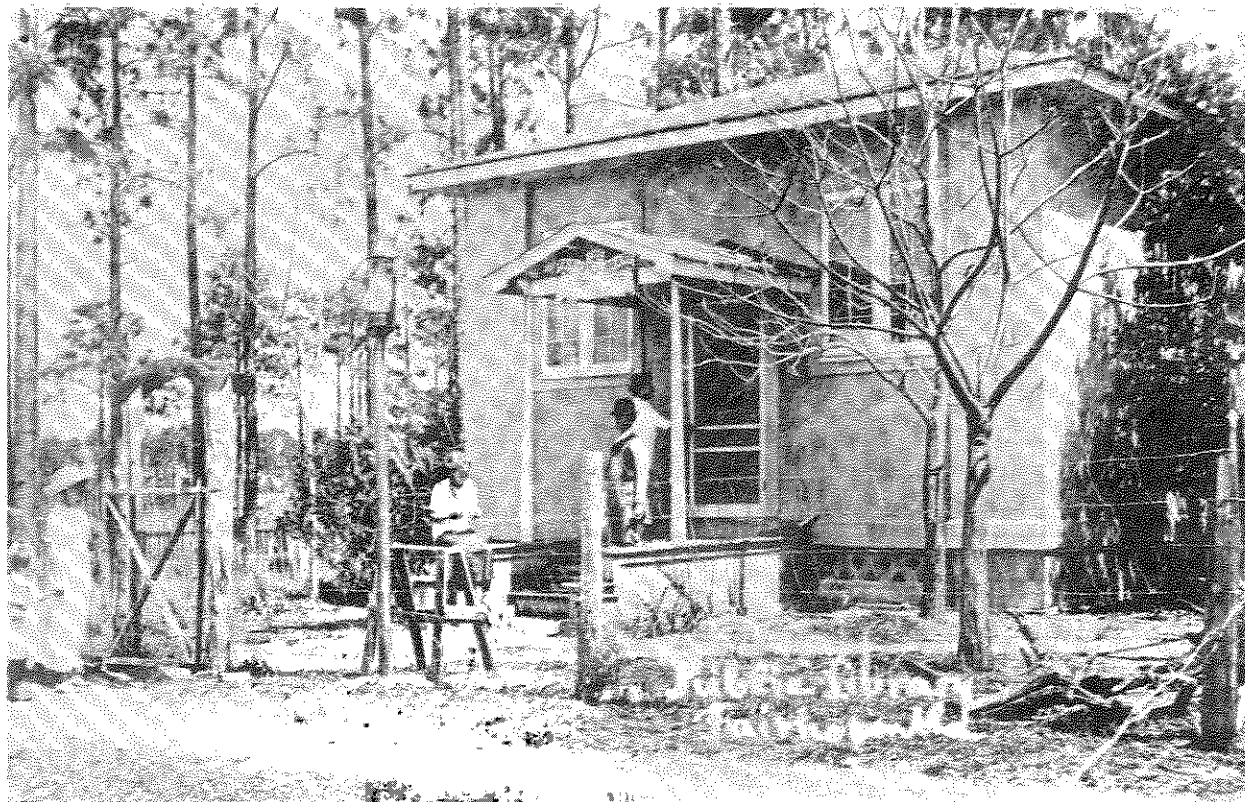
Berglin's Ice Plant at the bay, circa 1910. Mrs. Berglin with Lavign, Myrtle, and Marvin in the surrey; Mr. Berglin wearing straw hat.



Gaston's automobile agency, circa 1921.



Looking north on Section Street at De La Mare Avenue, 1928.



Original Fairhope Library, circa 1910.



Metropolitan Restaurant at the corner of Fairhope Avenue and Summit Street, circa 1922.



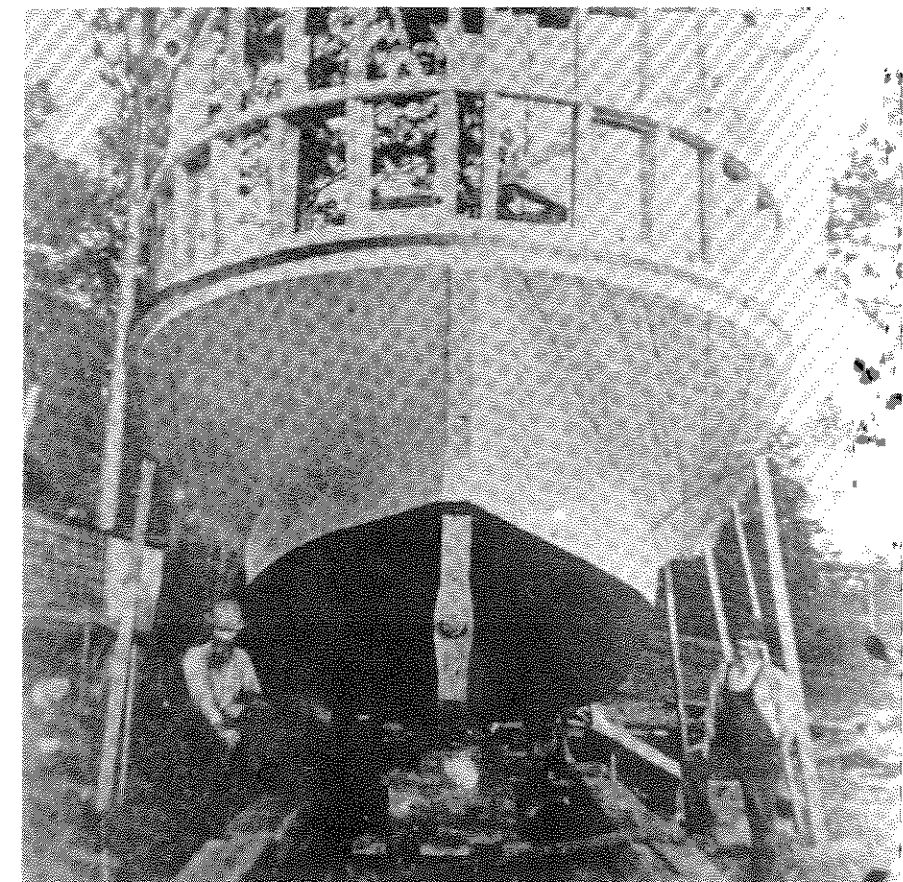
Corner of Section Street and Johnson Avenue, 1923.



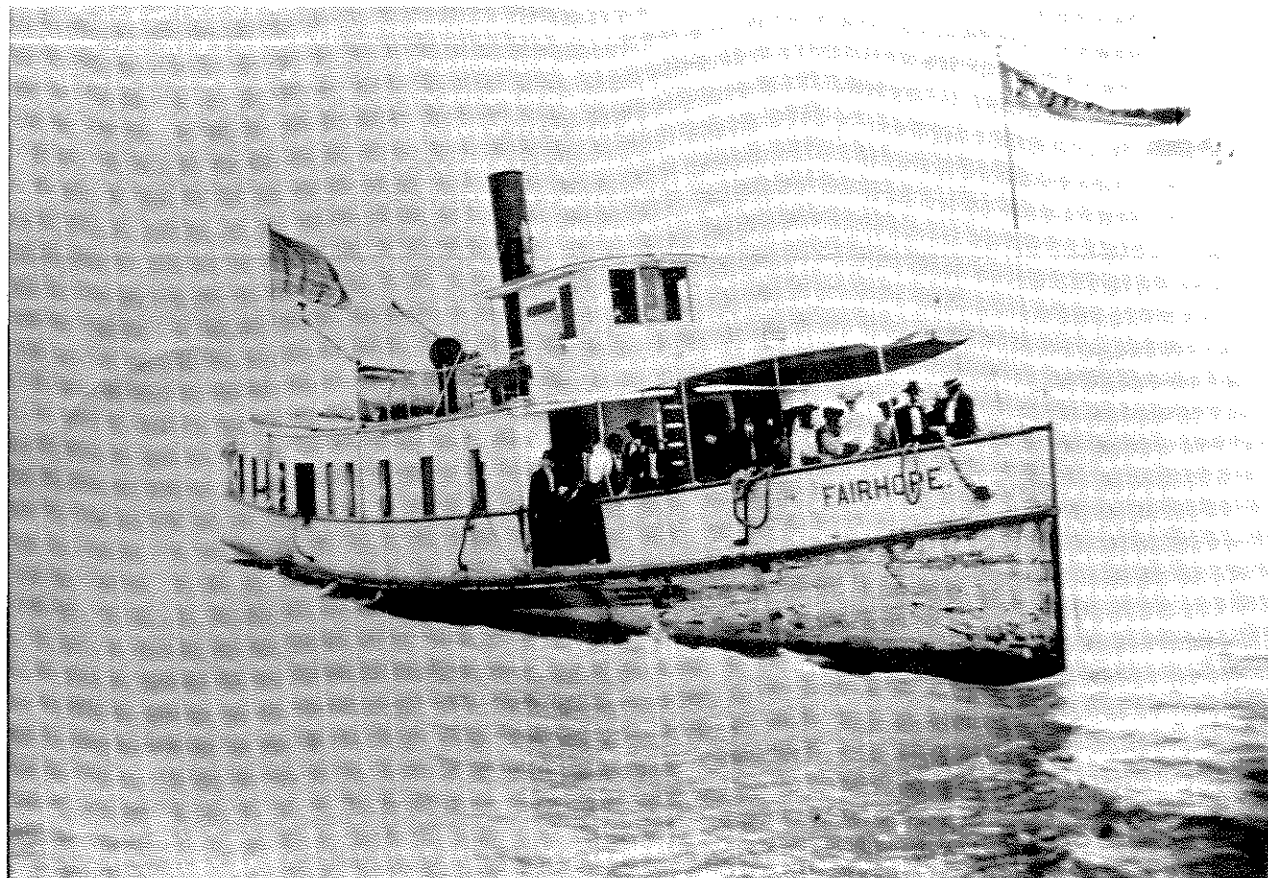
Colonial Inn, circa 1905.



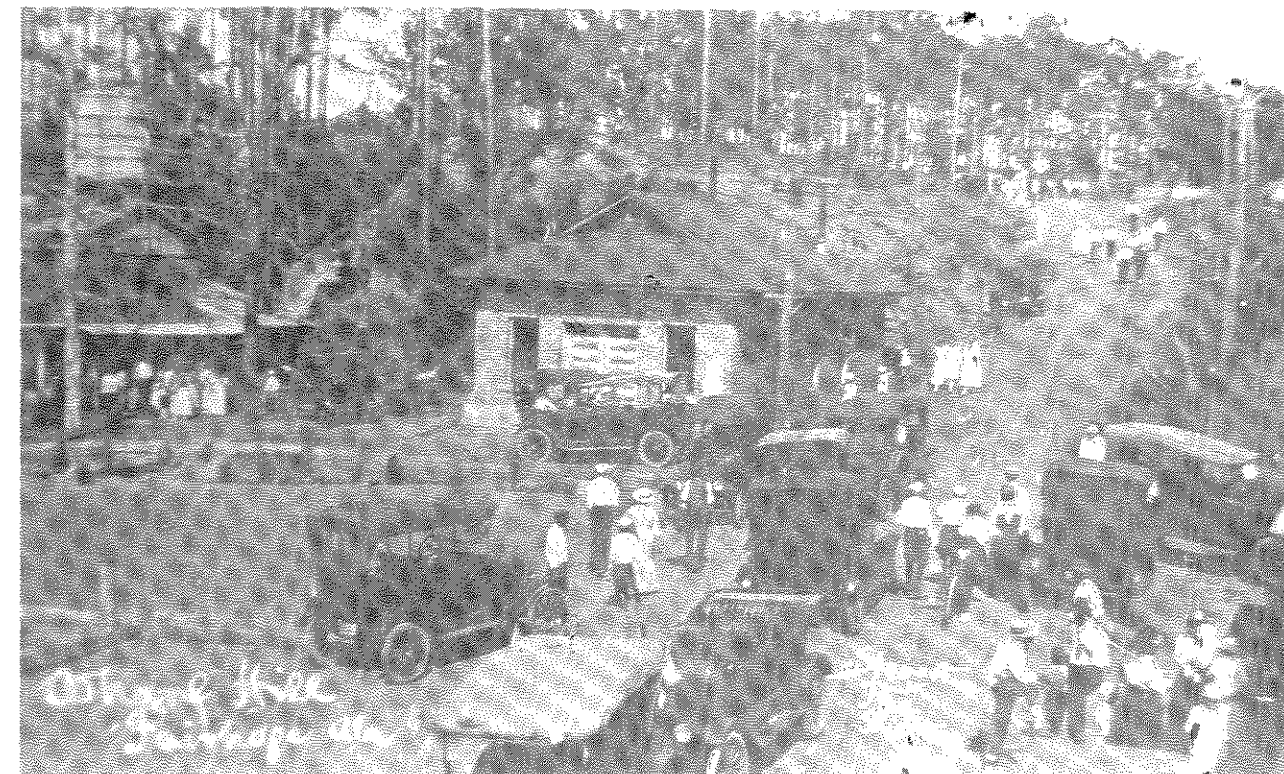
First steamer FAIRHOPE, circa 1905.



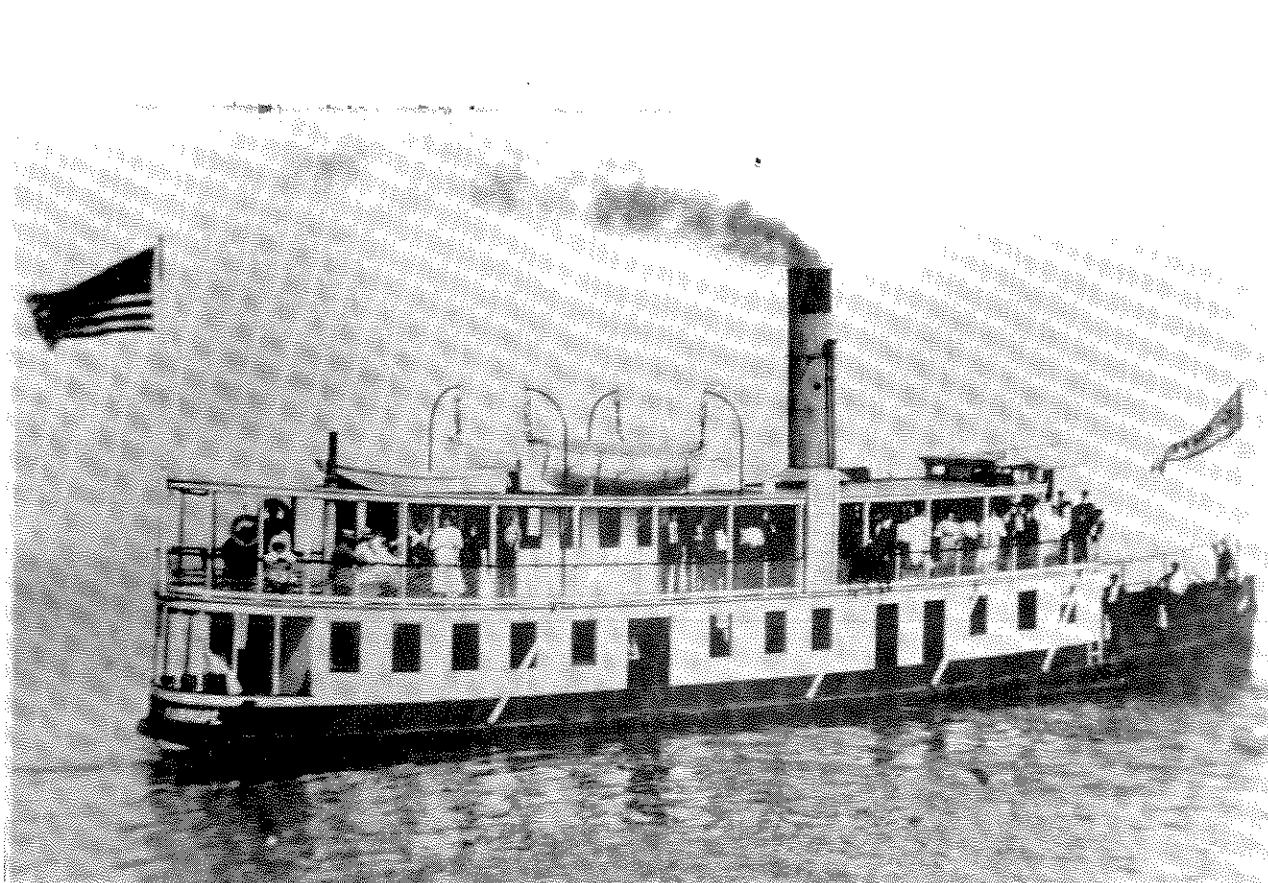
First FAIRHOPE steamer under construction, 1900.



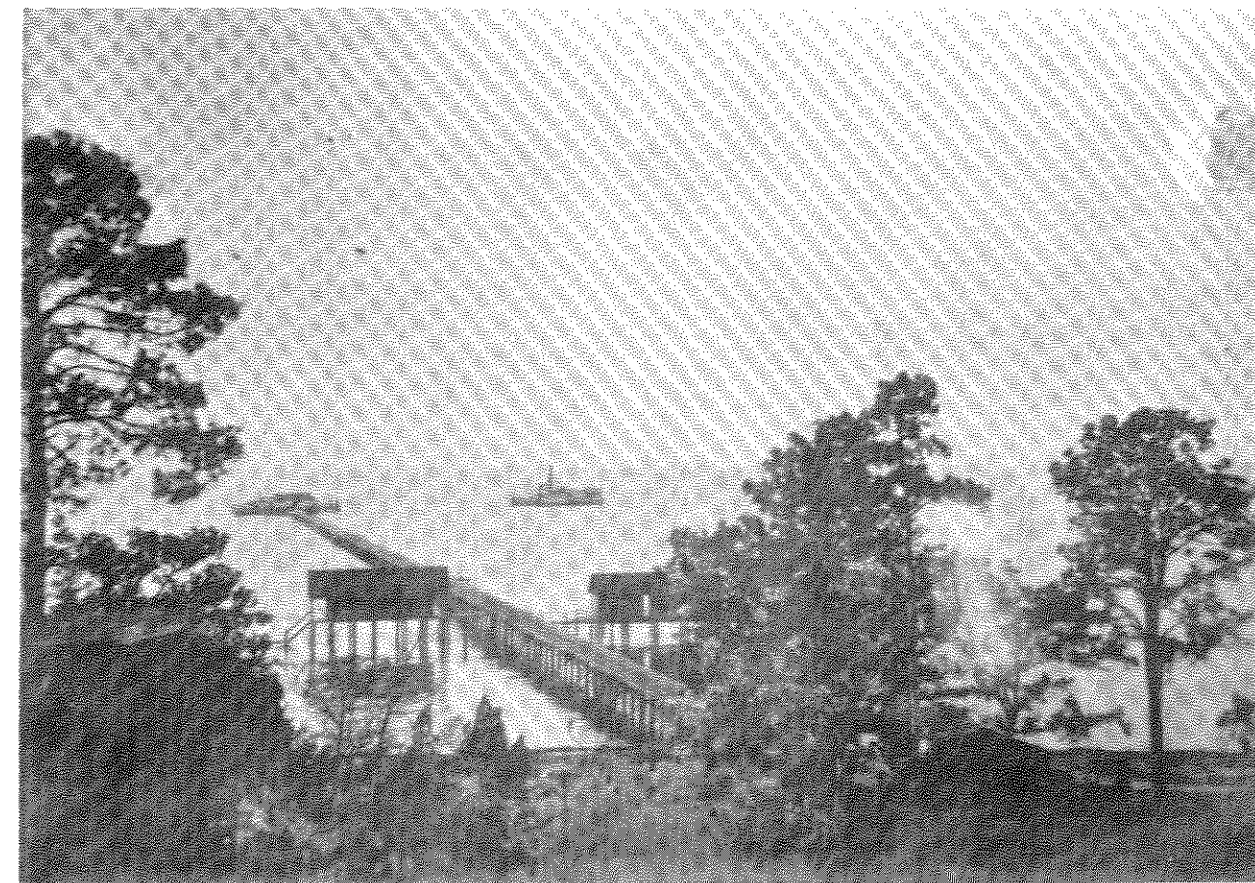
Steamer FAIRHOPE, built in Fairhope in 1900.



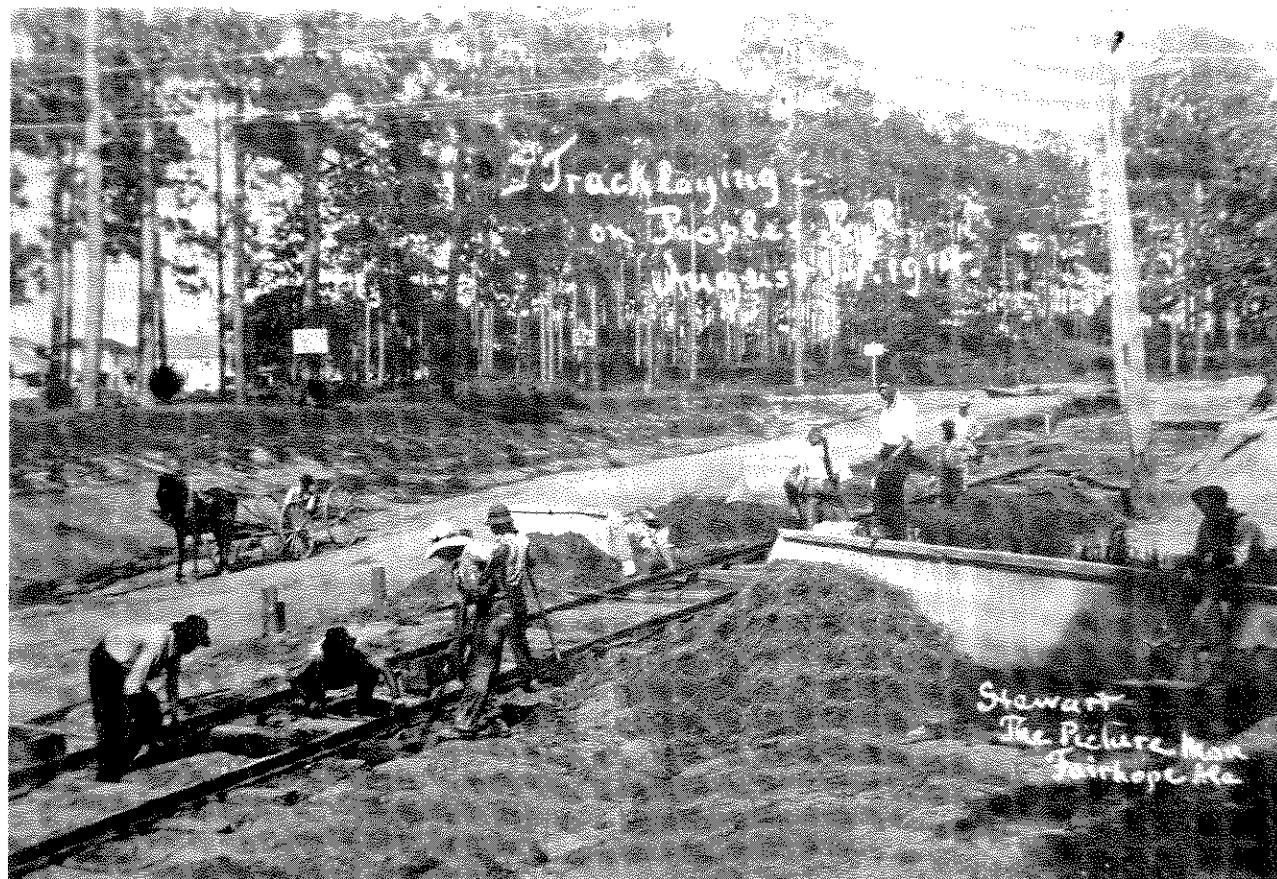
A gathering at the foot of the hill, circa 1910.



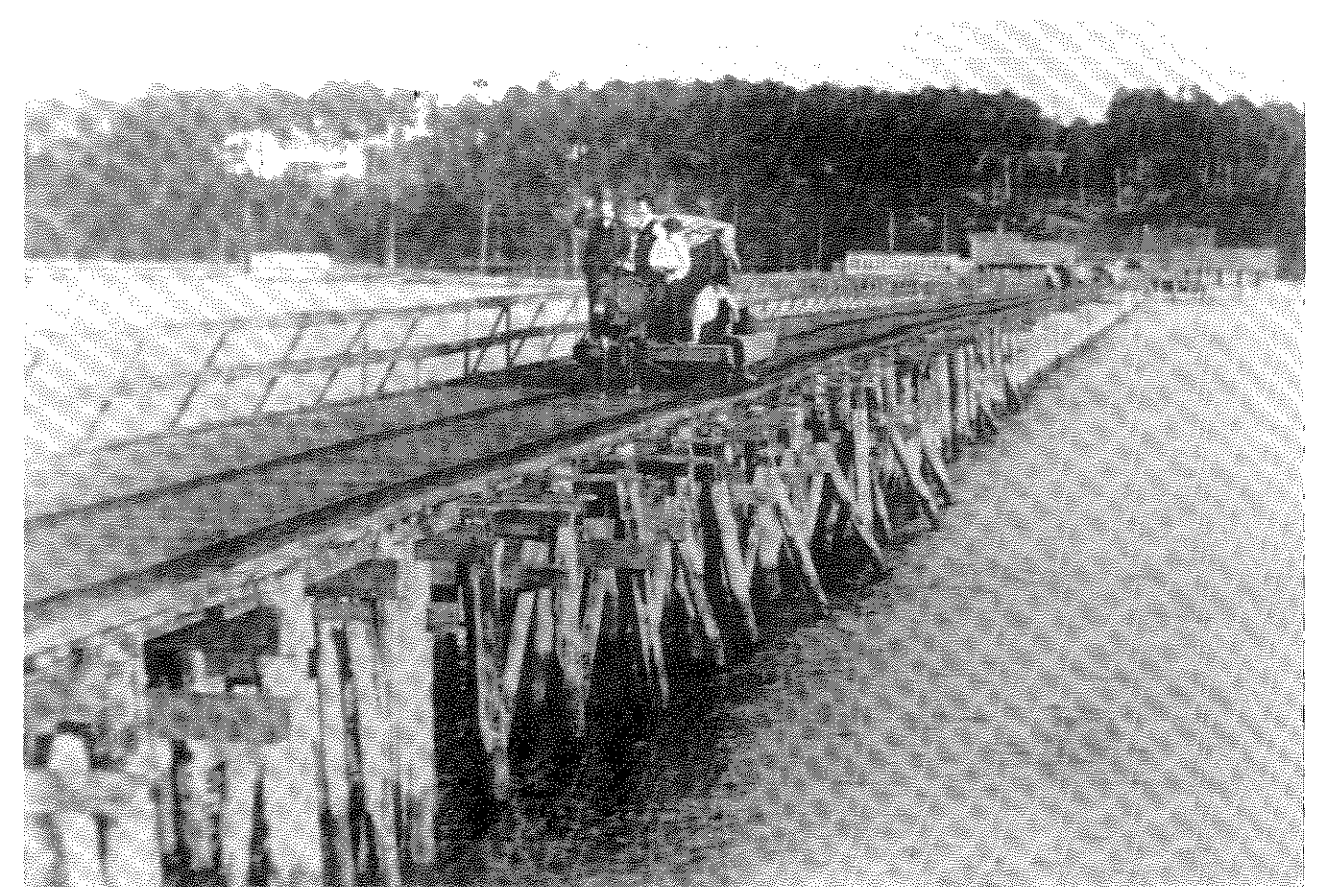
Second steamer FAIRHOPE.



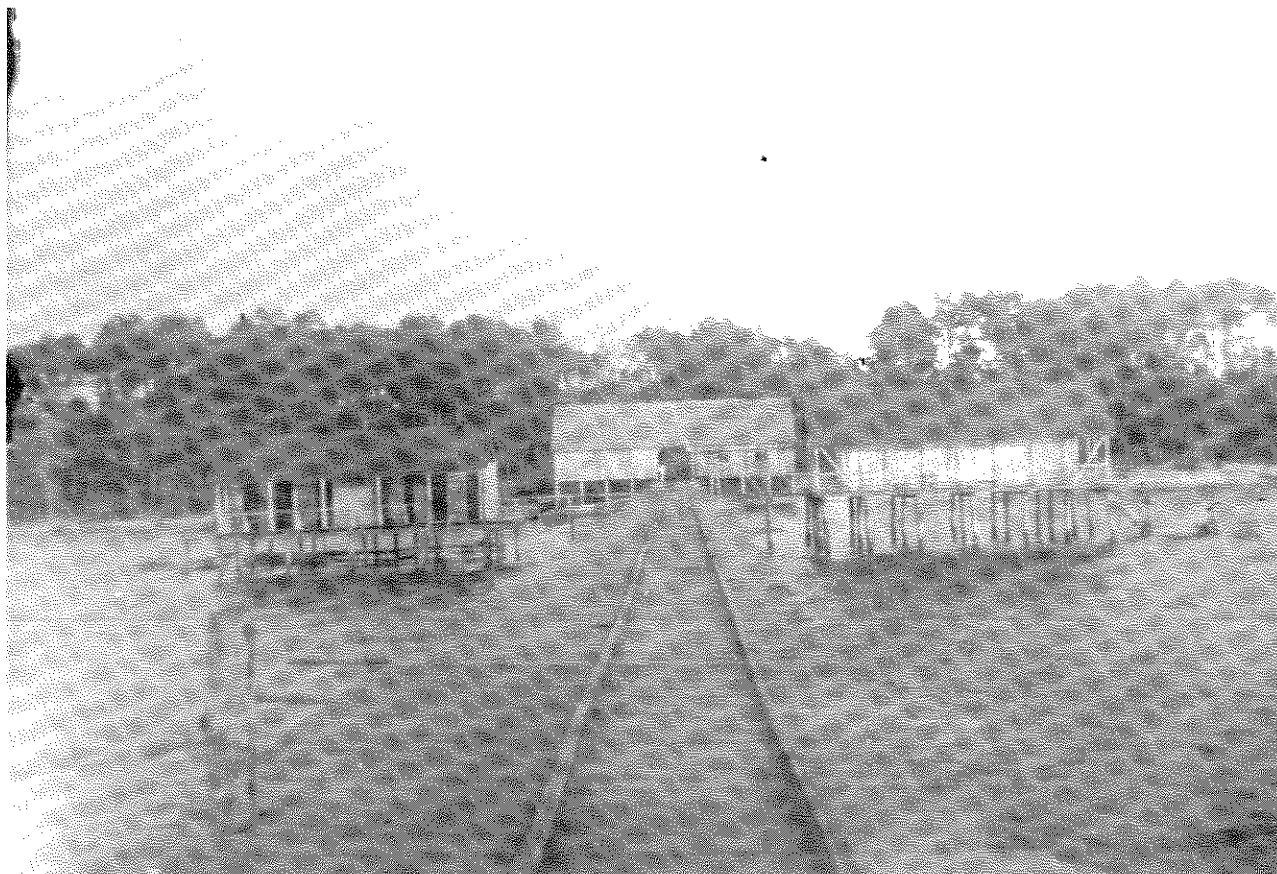
Wharf and bathhouses, circa 1908.



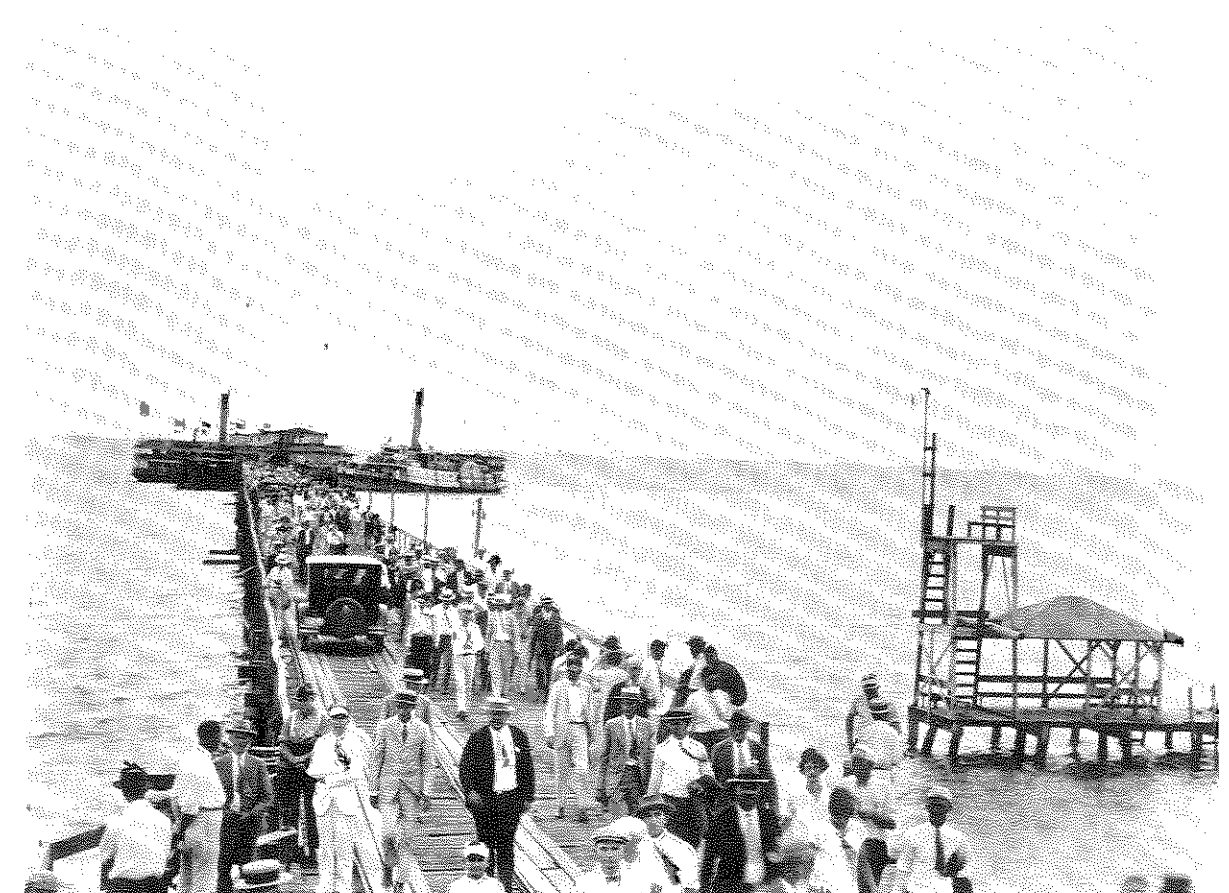
Laying track down bay hill, 1914.



Mule-drawn freight car, circa 1915.



Fairhope wharf circa 1900.



Arriving from steamers, circa 1930.



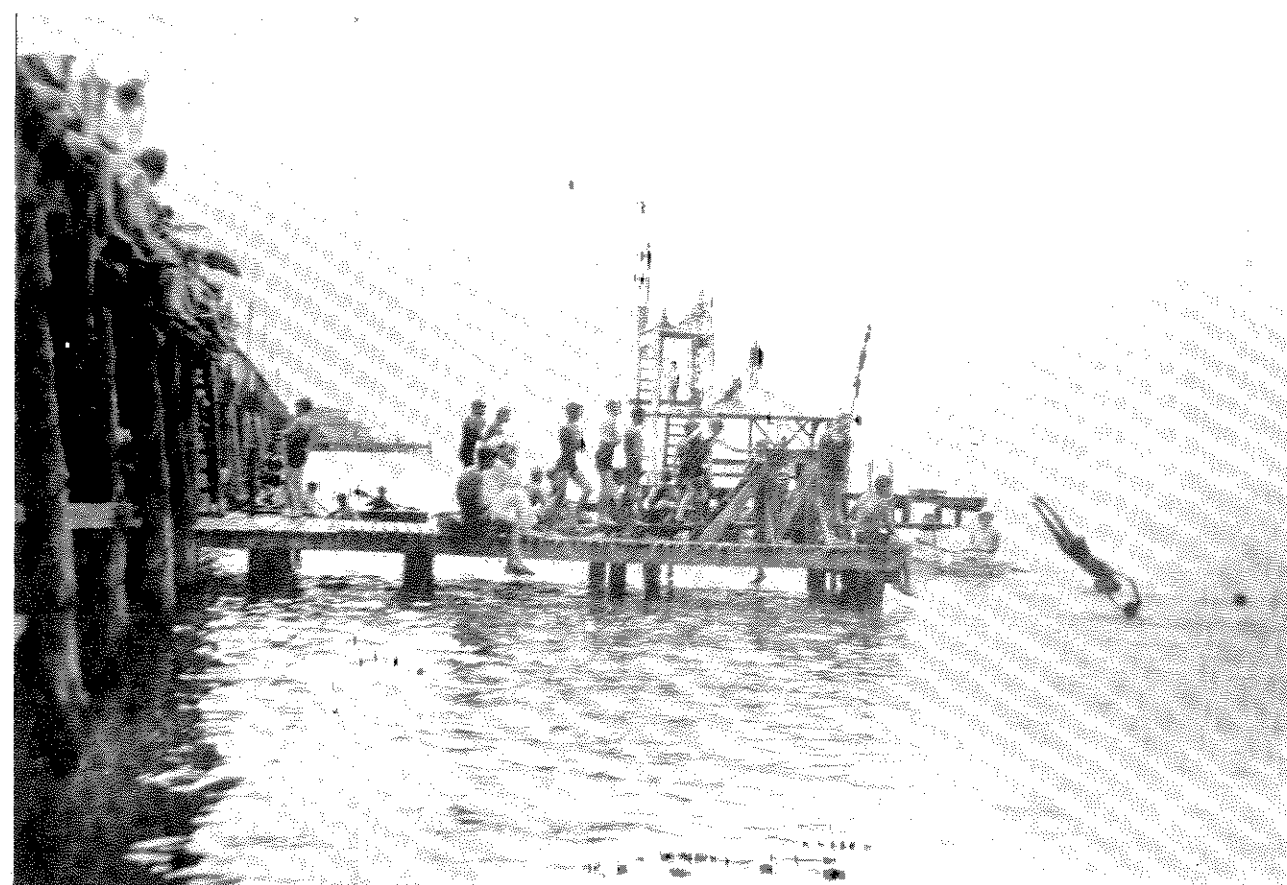
Wharf with steamers EASTERN SHORE and BAY QUEEN, 1927. Fairhope Casino at right.



A walk on the wharf, 1930s.



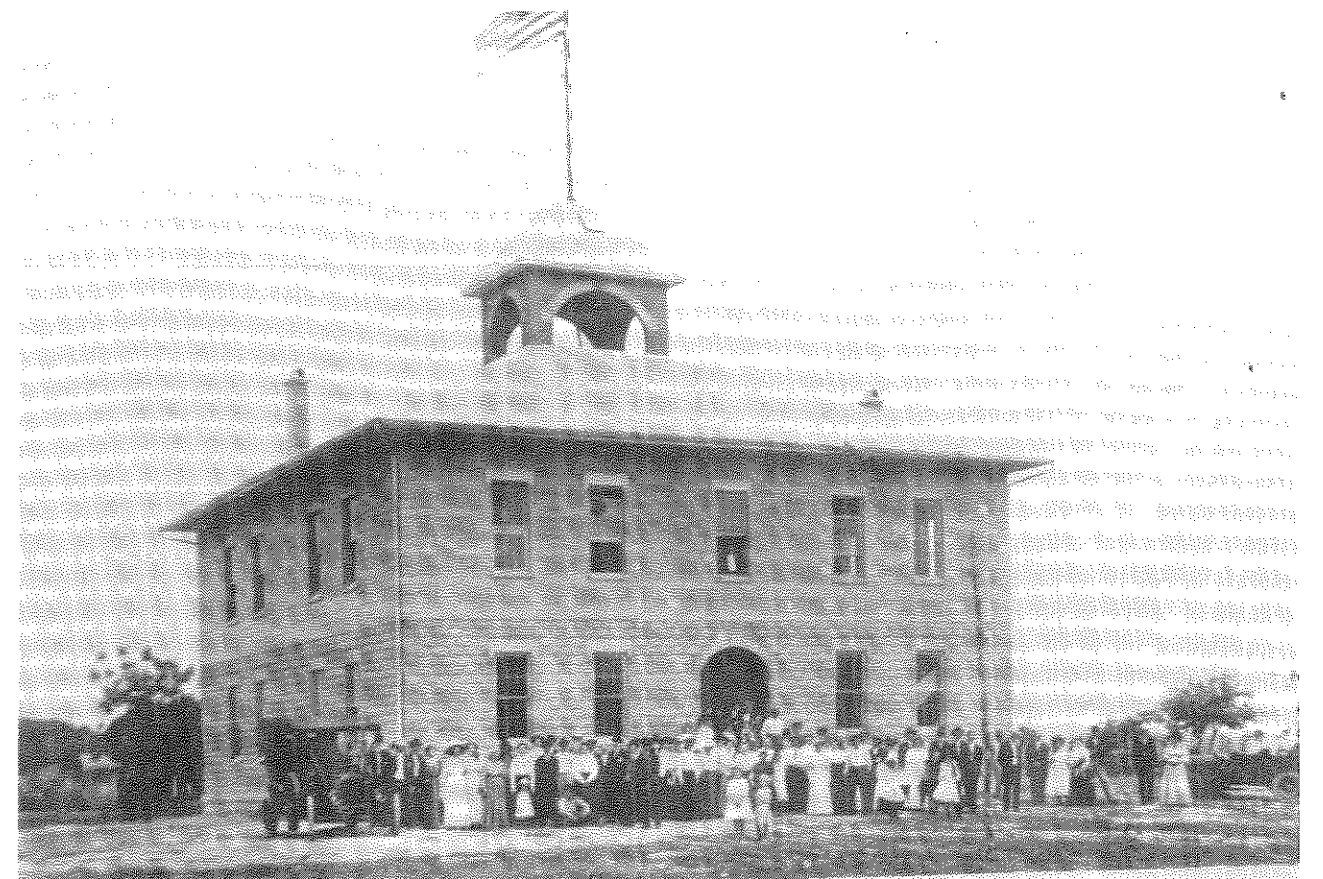
Arrival of steamer BAY QUEEN, circa 1930.



Bathing platform, north side of the wharf, circa 1930.



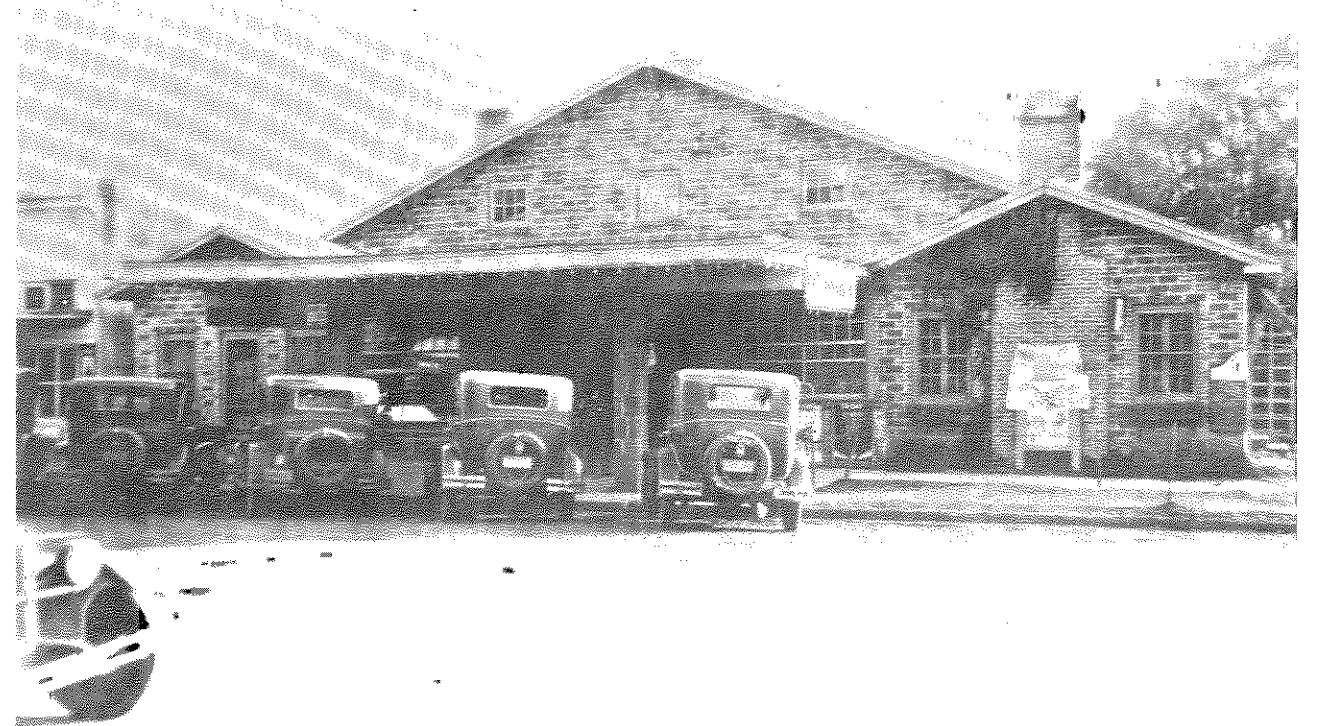
Enjoying life on the bay, circa 1912.



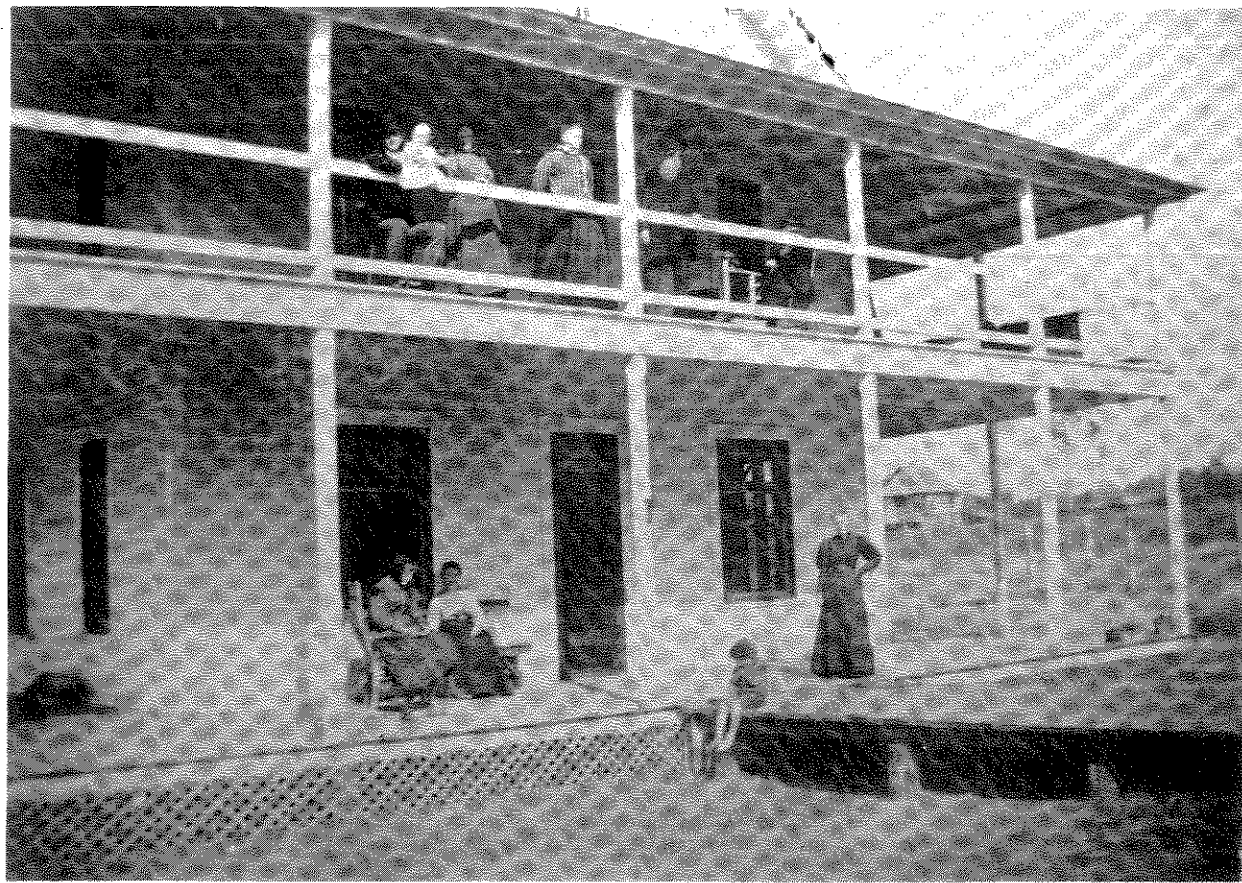
Old Fairhope School on Church Street.



Summer scene on the wharf, circa 1929.



Theatre and sandwich shop, circa 1932.



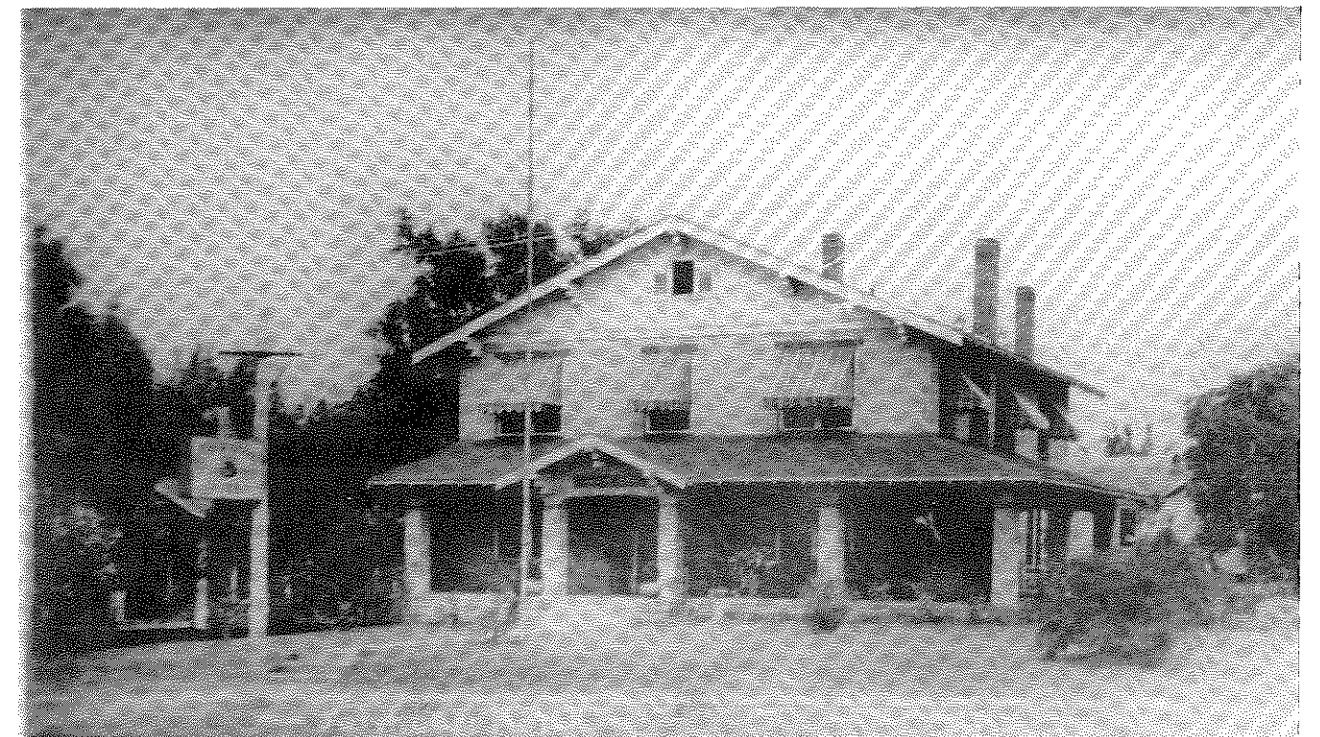
One of Fairhope's original hotels, 1898.



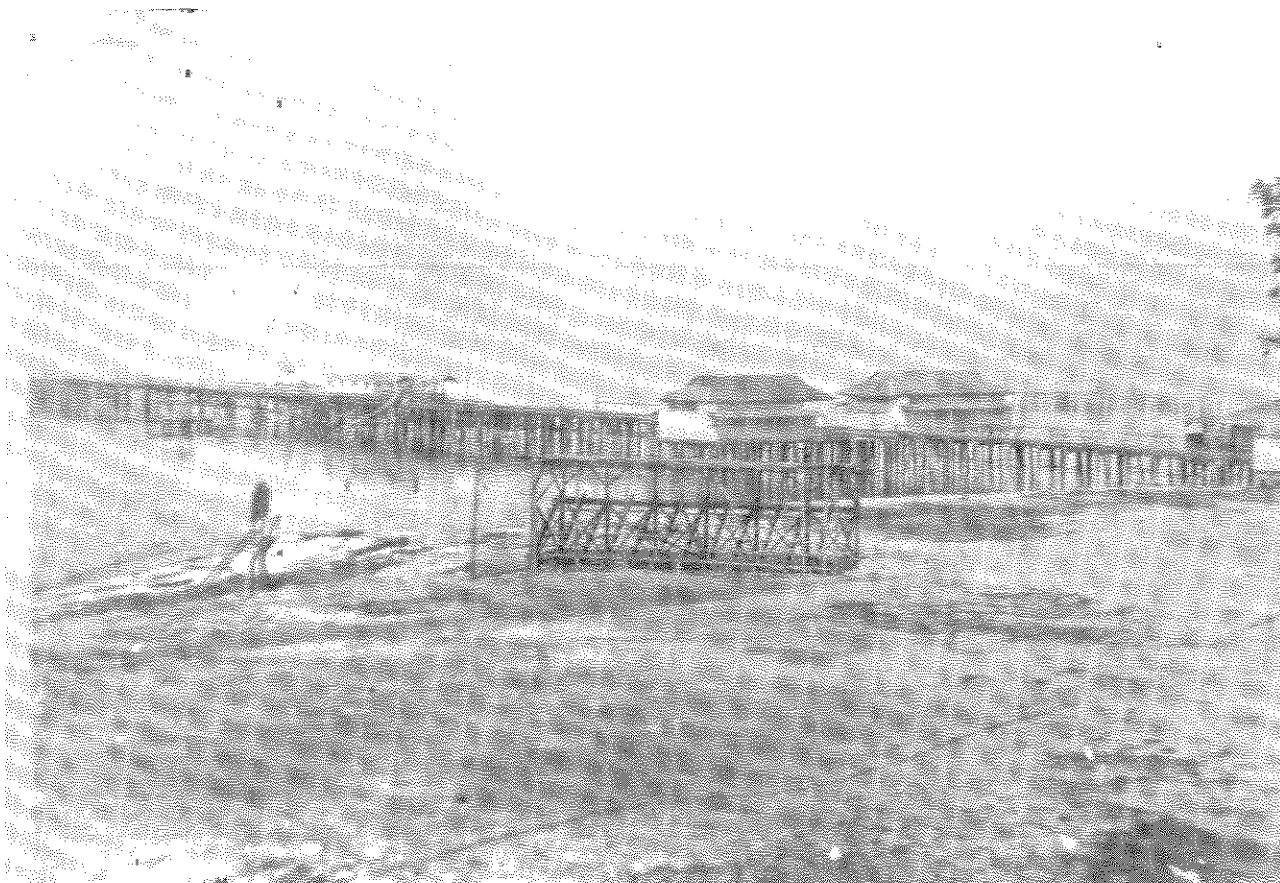
The Pinequat Shop, built in 1899 and located in the area of the present Colonial Bank, the oldest business building in Fairhope, with over 50 years of continuous operation by its original owner.



Log Club House (PPK) on De La Mare Street, 1920s.



A later Fairhope Hotel at the corner of Fairhope Avenue and Summit Street.



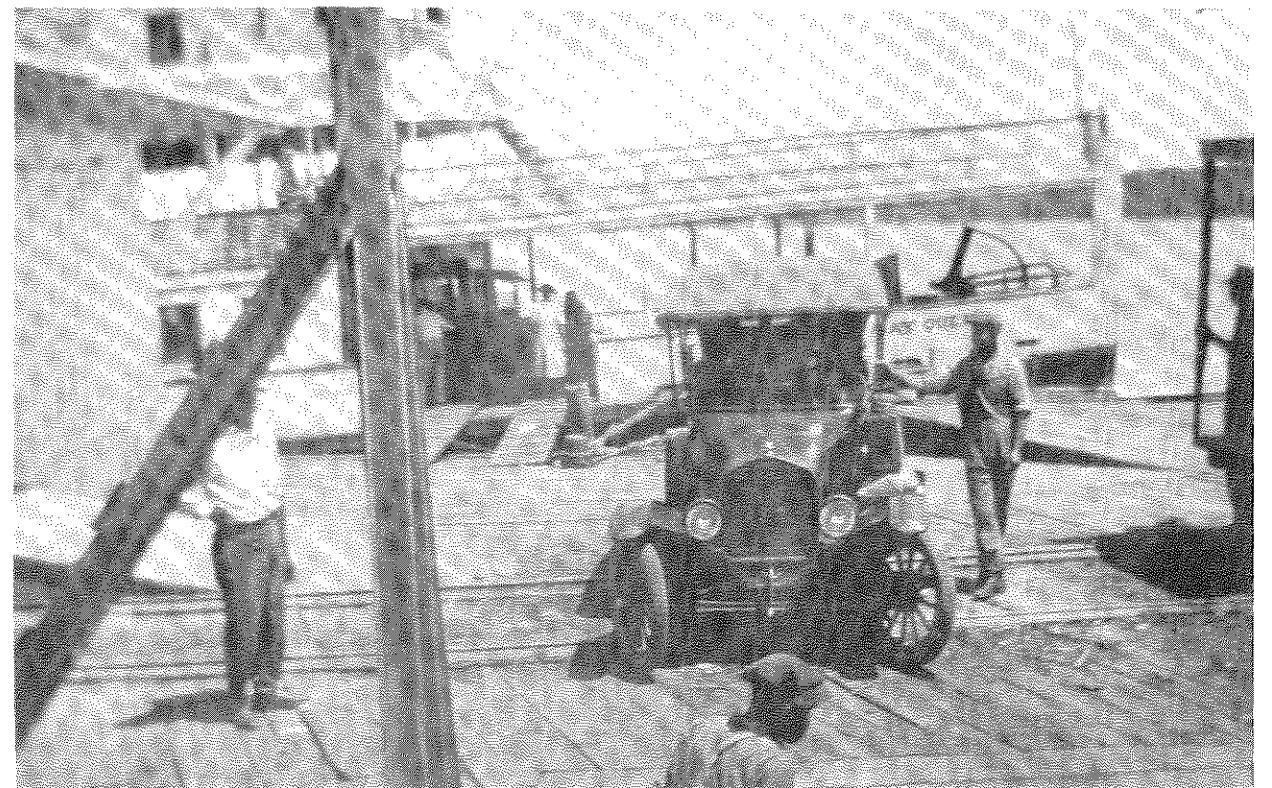
Original baseball park, circa 1930.



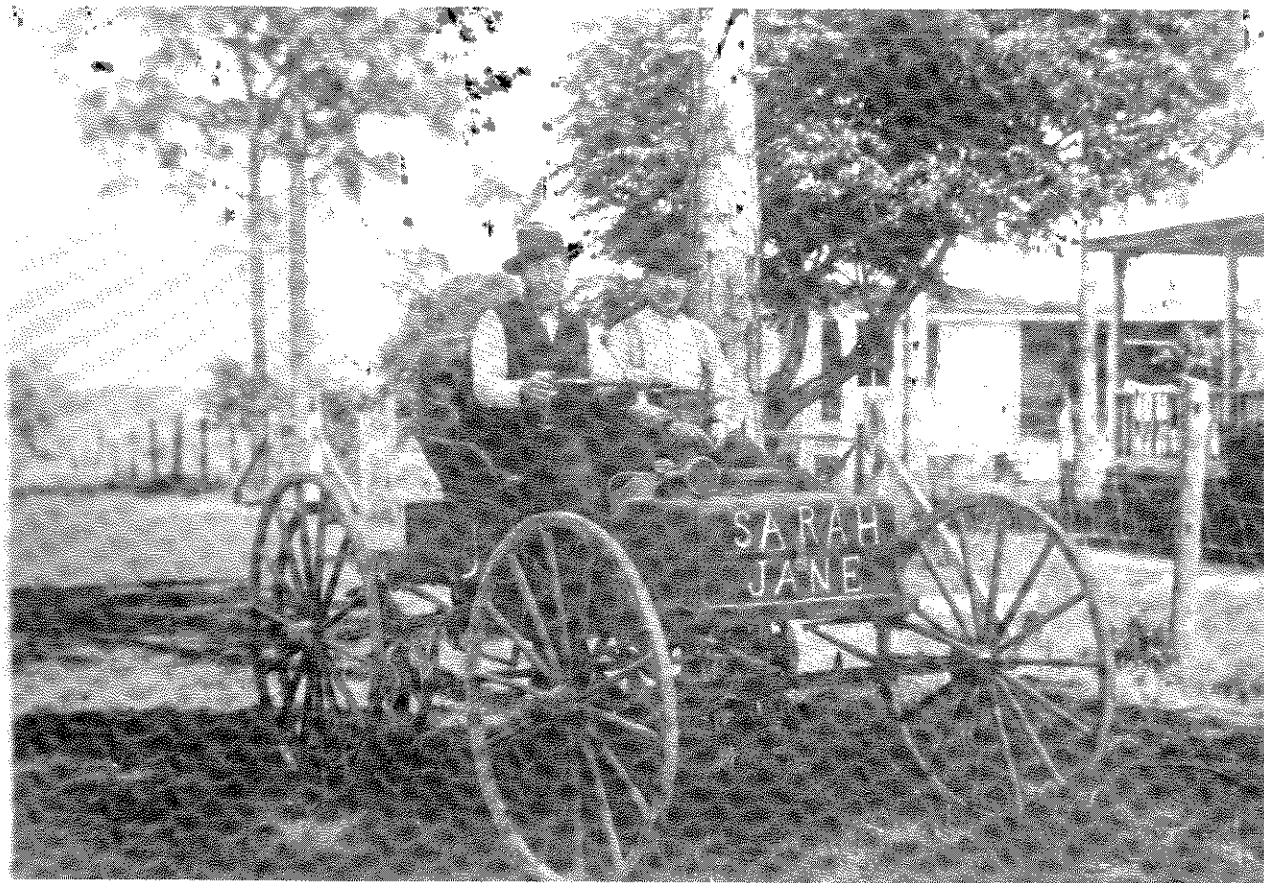
The Weeks family delivering ice, circa 1920.



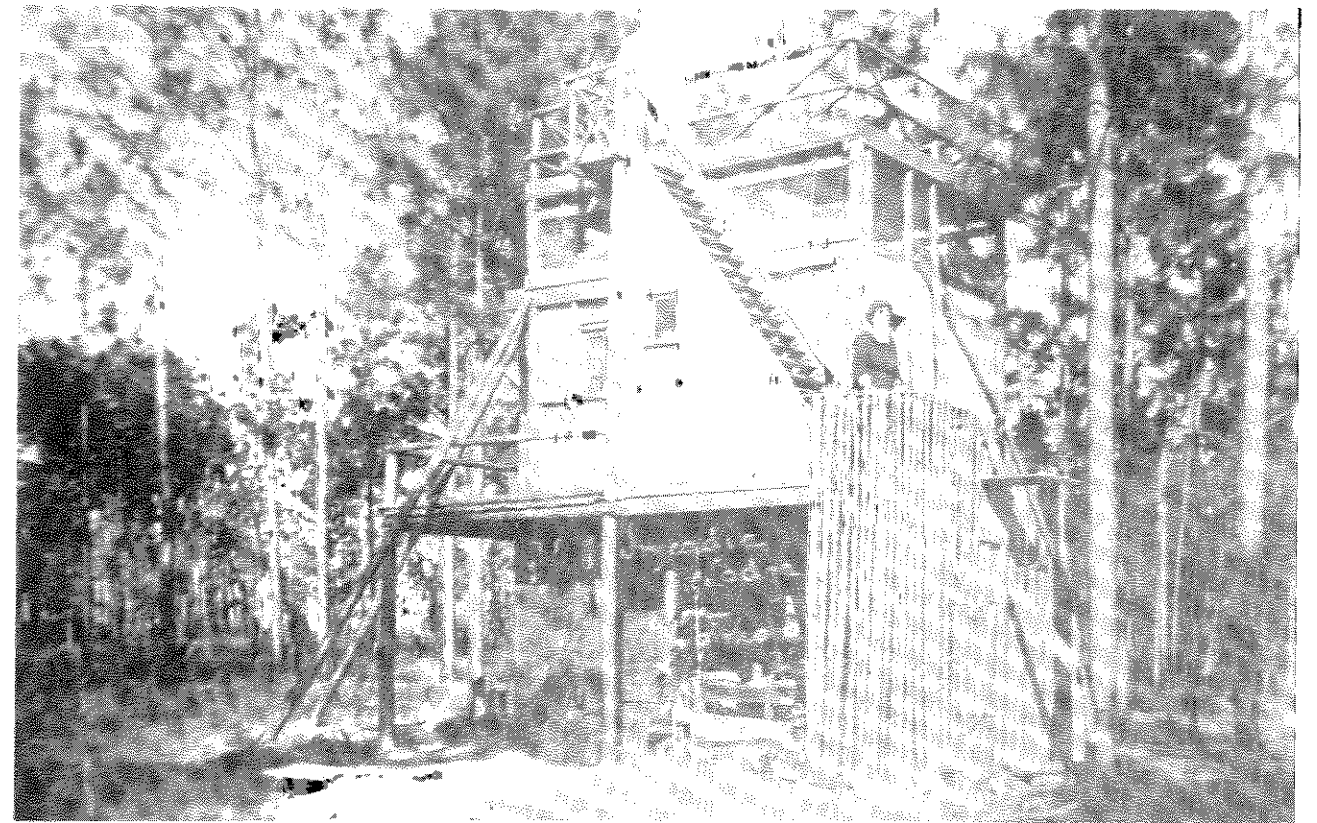
Burkell's pavilion and wharves at Magnolia Beach, 1920s.



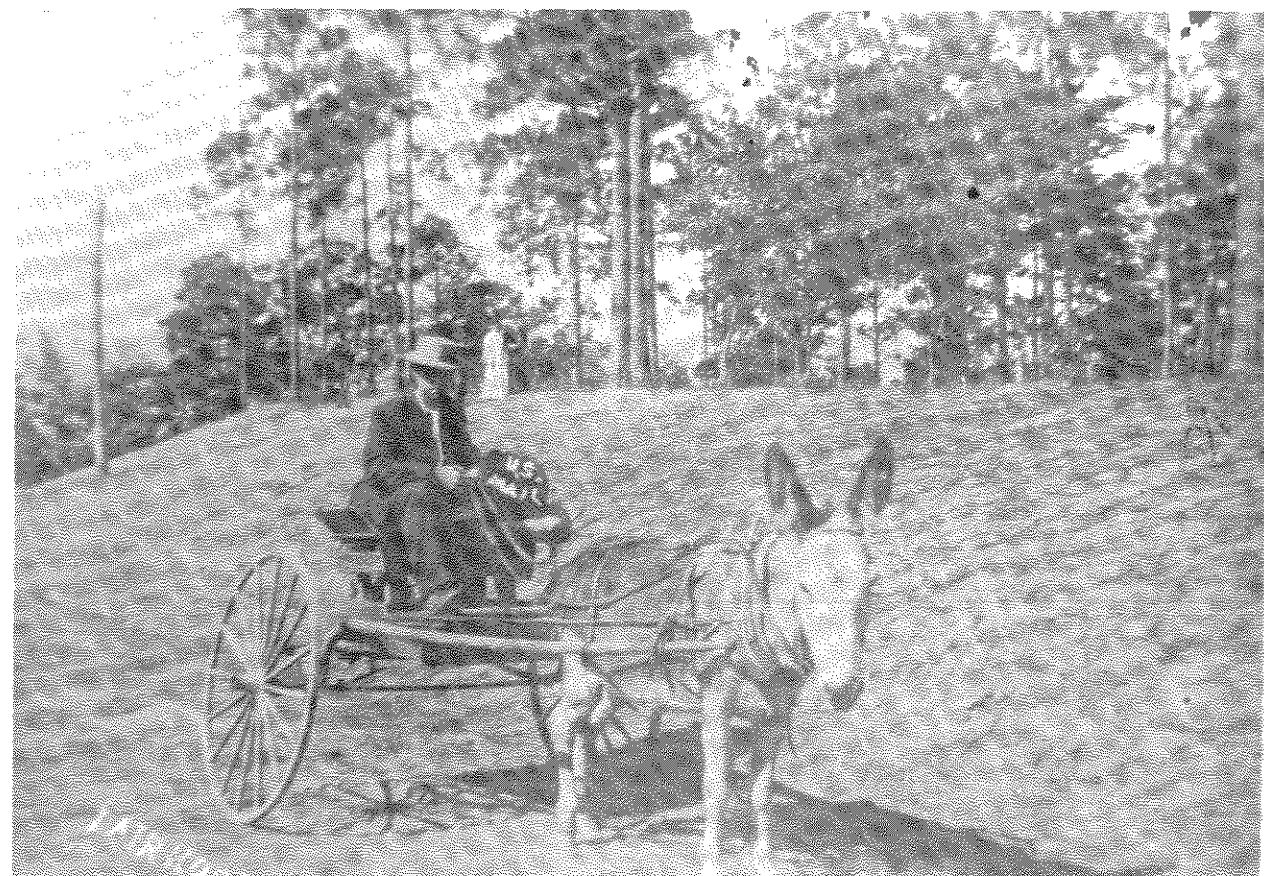
Just departing the BAY QUEEN.



"Sarah Jane," the first auto in Fairhope, owned by Dr. Mershon, 1900.



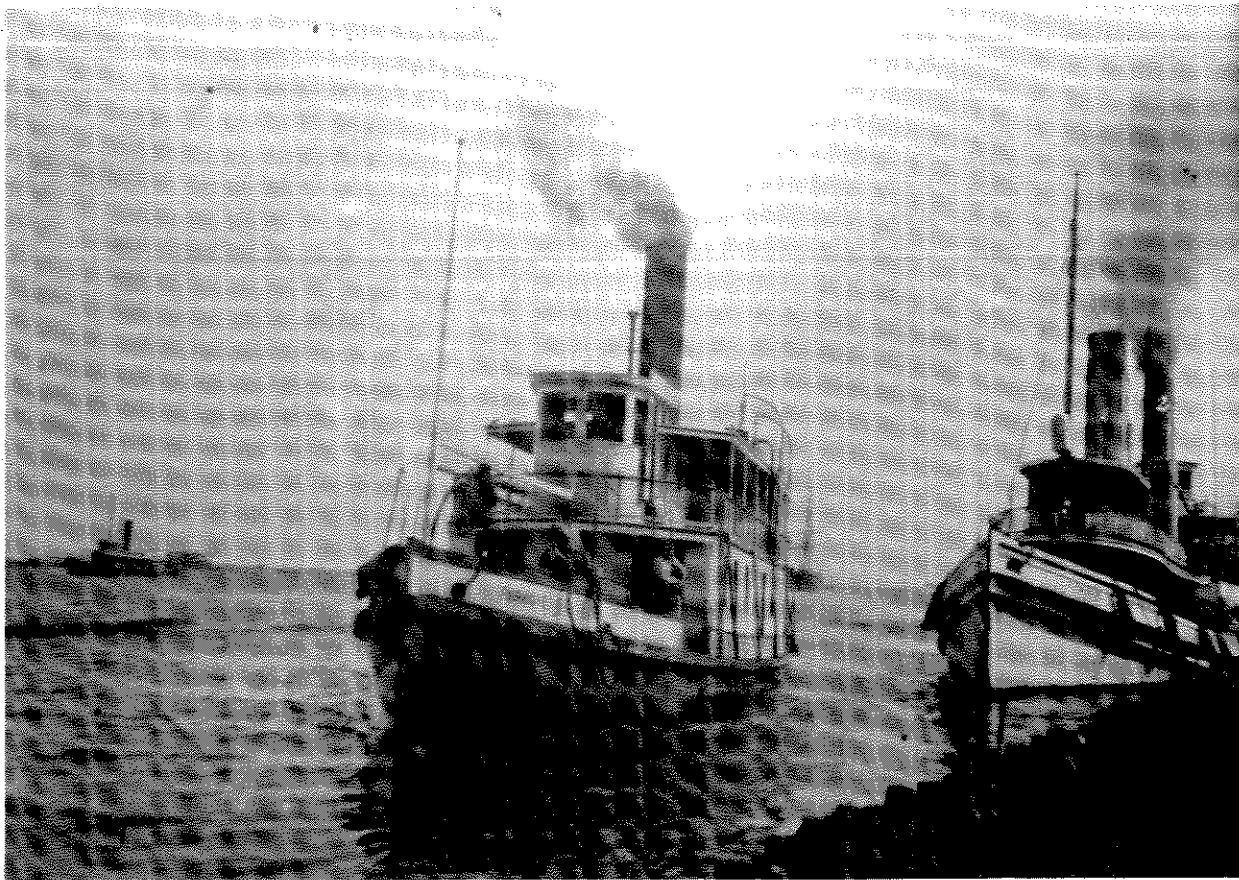
Trycadia Lodge in south Fairhope.



First Fairhope mail carrier.



Hauling logs to the sawmill.



First steamer FAIRHOPE, circa 1905.

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