



EDITOR'S MUSINGS

With National Newspaper Week October 1 to 8 coming up we are reminded of our father, the late E. B. Gaston and that long ago year 1894 when he founded the Courier in Des Moines, Iowa, in the interest of founding Fairhope under the principles of Henry George, one of the world's greatest economists. From then on until the time of his death he espoused not only the cause of Single Tax, but used the columns of the Courier to promote all activities he thought would be of advantage to the town in general. Looking back on those early years of no linotype, electricity or other modernized methods newspaper publishers have nowadays it really must have been a tough job and not a very lucrative one for a young man with a wife and five children. In spite of drawbacks and shortage of capital the Courier however continued to grow and at the time of it's founder's death in 1937 was a full fledged weekly. We, who have taken over the job are ever mindful that the Courier should be truthful, in-

formative and always a medium for promoting whatever is of value to its home town and surrounding area.

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Fairhope Single Tax Corporation Protests City License

Dr. C. A. Gaston secretary of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was present at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night in the interest of a protest the Colony had made by letter as to the license fee the City had billed them for.

Following the reading of the letter by Mayor Overton and some discussion as to the same Secretary Gaston called to the attention of the Council that the Corporation was a non-profit organization and that funds derived from lessees' rents was spent for the common good of the Colony's lessees and the town in general.

He also reminded the Council that the Colony was keeping up the Fairhope Public Library, had furnished all park lands and piers to the City, the site the City Hall was located on, lands for schools, easements for city owned utilities, large cash contributions to education, etc.

Following discussion the matter was laid on the table for further consideration of the liability of the Single Tax Corporation for such levy.