Fisher, Margaret Collier -Correspondence with Carl G. Fisher, 1935

A TALE ****

There was a good Skipper in Montauk -He lived in a house by the sea, When he got a bit squiffy he loved to talk And who had to listen but me!

One evening he was in a gay-giving mood And talked about watches in glee, He gave me a watch and said if it stopped -Just throw it into the sea!

Now, of this lovely gold watch I was proud -As it kept good time you see --But, LO! - it seems there's a bit of Indian - in the Skipper by the sea!

> Composed by Mickey. Words by Mickey. Lyrics by Mickey.

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THE DREAM GARDEN AT "PARADOU"

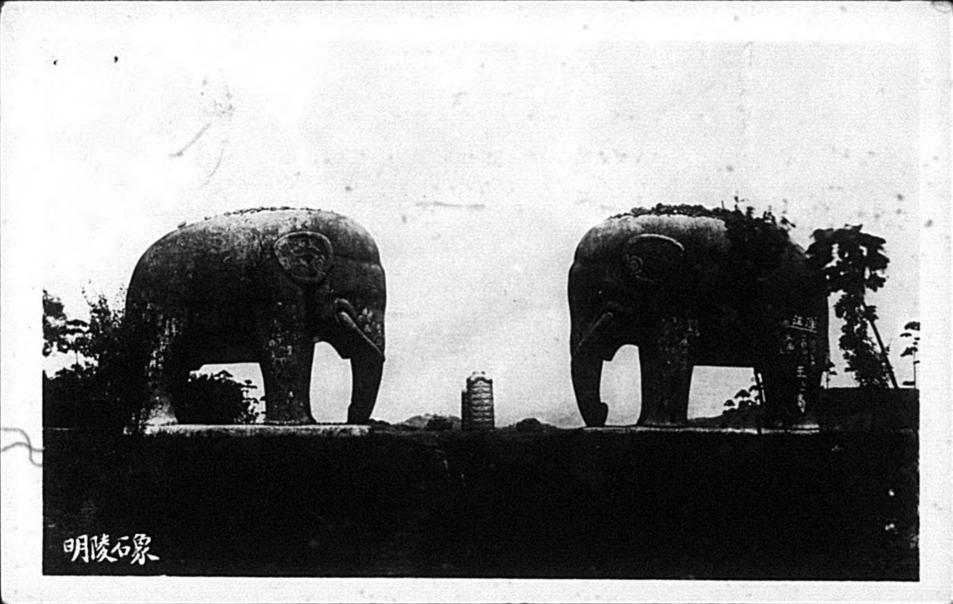
At Brookville, Long Island. only four miles from the Roslyn exit of the beautiful Grand Central Parkway, I have planted a garden—the realization of a Life Dream. And now to lovers of gardens I cordially extend an invitation to see naturalistic sweeps of springflowering bulbs against a background of sky and trees only possible from the palette of The Master Painter.

My wild garden is now ablaze with naturalistic sweeps of Chionodoxa, Scilla and Daffodils in great variety, against a background of Dogwood, Birch and Oak.

The gate will be open to our guests from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. May I suggest that you bring your rubbers and keep your dogs on leash. My Holland hostess, Miss Klasina Mathilda Keessen will welcome you.

JOHN T. SCHEEPERS

Dost Card 935 Mr. Carl Fisher Pain Beach



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May 16, 1935.

Dear Margaret:-

Glad to have your wire. Sorry I could not know just where to keep in touch with you.

Lovely weather here, and no mosquitoes so far. You better leave that damp country and come back here for another thirty days. You can come on the train and I'll haul you North in my new "wild cat".

I remember, according to your wire, all details but I can't be too free with my language to my secretary.

If you decide to come down for the next thirty days, wire me.

Have one good sized deal in the making here, that may or may not come through. Will let you know later.

I wish I knew more about your plans with Earl and Frankie to live in the house. I am rather in a quandary about any details.

CGF:AVM

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Port Washington, L.I., New York.

c.c. to Montauk, L.I.

May 18, 1935.

Dear Margaret:-

If you have made any arrangements for the Brittens to be with you at your house, I want to know about it immediately, because I don't want to be in the same house with them. They are too dictatorial and too damned arbitrary, and I don't care to try to furnish a cook or any other house assemblage for them.

If they want to take a cottage of their own, it is O.K. with me. I admire both of them very much, but I don't care for their administration at the house and I will not put up with it.

I will make different arrangements altogether for my summer vacation if you have made arrangements that interfere with same. Please advise me immediately.

> Yours, Carl

CGF : AVM

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N.Y.

May 18, 1935.

Dear Margaret :-

Yours received.

If Fred and Alma want to take the cottage, it's O.K. with me, but I won't live in the same house with them again because Alma is too damned bossy about everything.

If they are going to be with you, I won't be with you. I think they are both very fine people but they are not livable with, as far as I am concerned.

It was a terrible shock to hear of McCaffery's death.

I am going up to Canada to have my toe jerked two or three times.

Don't get mixed up with any visitors this summer. It is a great deal of trouble and confusion. If you have any plans at all for visitors, please advise me.

We are having wonderful weather here now. However, it is a little hot - in fact, it is quite hot, but it looks like a nice month ahead of us.

I would like to have a very quiet time at Montauk during the summer, with no visitors of any kind from any direction. If you agree with this general idea, write me; otherwise, it will be necessary for me to make arrangements to live on the hill or at Port Washington.

Most of the general real estate business here is quieting down, but Lincoln Road remains very active.

> Write me your general plans. Love and regards. Yours.

CGF : AVM

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N. Y.

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May 20, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret :-

We had a new bougainvillea put in the jardiniere today and it looks fine. We put some fertilizer on the hedges.

Frankie and Earl thought that the small house would be more economical to operate and also, on account of the sea breezes, it would be more practical and cooler, and with the screened patio, they could keep away from the mosquitoes; but they will, of course, look after both places.

From what I read in the newspapers, things are not so bright in the North, and the weather not so good, and it probably will not be very good until around the 1st of July. The weather here is delightful and a great many people are staying here longer than usual.

Tomorrow we are varnishing all of the trunks so that they will look pretty good, considering that some of them are 15 years old.

I think we can leave the house for Earl and Frankie to close up, without any worry whatever about anything; and, after all, there is no need to worry.

I hope you will take it easy in the work at Montauk, without any particular expectations of a lease. Also, I hope you will understand my letters regarding the Brittens. They are lovely people but I don't want to live with them. There is an old saying that"there is no house big enough for two families, without argument", and I don't care to subject Garrett or Ruth to the dictation of outsiders, and I won't do it. To see them occasionally, of course, is delightful, but I never want to go through another month like last year, when I, at least, was on edge most of the time; and I hope you will not commit yourself to any visits, or if you do wish to do so, just let me know and I won't be around. This does not mean that I have any particular thoughts except that I don't care to have in the house visitors for more than a day or two. But write me fully just what is going on.

> Yours, Carl

CGF:AVM

May 20, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret:-

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Enclosed are two postcards from Jack. They are very interesting; also the one of "Paradou" at Brookville, Long Island.

Yours Carl G. FISHER.

CGF:AVM Enclosures

May 23, 1935.

Dear Margaret:-

I received your cartoon and it is certainly very indicative of just what is going on up there.

I can read English all right about visitors. We had some last year who came out for a week-end and stayed six weeks - which you will probably run into again.

Suppose you have got the house looking like a hurricane had hit it.

We finally got rid of the old cedar tree in front of the garage, and Tashiro brought over a beautiful bougainvillea, with a 2-inch trunk. I don't know whether or not it is going to live, but it certainly does touch up the whole yard and looks O.K.

I have added a thermometer to the general furnishings and it shows about 85 every day, and about 90 at noon.

Will shut up the windows and doors and give the house over to Frankie. I gave the old Dodge truck away. It costs as much for the steering knuckles and parts as a good Ford truck would cost.

Will try and dig up building permits to date. They are climbing, though, every day. I noticed by the paper the other day that they are double at this period what they were last year, and equal to 1929.

As soon as you have your visitors and they are gone, let me know and I will start North.

We still have a pretty good prospect on the Lincoln Hotel, and also we have a couple of more prospects for Lincoln Road property.

Yours,

CGF : AVM

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Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, Long Island, N. Y.

May 31, 1935.

Dear Margaret:-

I have mailed you a thermometer, so you can tell just how hot you are.

Ruth's mother has been quite ill and Ruth left Monday for Atlanta. She will be there a few days with her mother and also to fix up some business interests, and then will come on. She told me she would write you before she leaves for the North.

I haven't heard from you for some time so don't know whether you are at Port Washington or Montauk. I would like to know where you are making your headquarters and what you are doing towards rental of the Montauk house.

I had expected to drive up but I am not sure that I will do so. I don't want to run into a lot of wet, cold weather, although I notice it was 82 in New York. That same day it was 82 here. The weather is a little warm here, but really it is wonderful, all things considered.

Interest continues in Lincoln Road property, and ten new houses were started by owners last week North of Lincoln Road.

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CGF : AVM

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, Long Island, New York.

June 3, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret:-

We are figuring now on leaving here about Saturday or Sunday morning. I want to go by way of Lakeland as I promised Tommy Meighan to go by his property and give him an opinion. I would also like to see what they are doing in that part of the country.

I also wish to go by St. Petersburg and will probably stop an hour in Macon and see Bill Anderson, if he happens to be at home. I don't want to make any positive arrangements with Bill because he may have other plans for Sunday and I don't know just exactly what hour I can get away from here.

The new theater building has started on Lincoln Road, and we have another strong inquiry for one of our corners. We are continuing to sell lots almost daily in the North end.

We are having the most delightful weather I have ever seen at Miami Beach. It is around 80 but with a cool breeze, and I think you missed it by not staying down here another month.

I wired Ruth, who is in Atlanta, to leave about Saturday and go to Port Washington. I will wire you from some place up the road, the time I am going to arrive at Montauk, but Ruth should be there some time Sunday.

I am sending Art copy of this letter so that he will be posted and can have what groceries are necessary in the house, so that if you decide to come down to Port Washington Sunday evening, you will have Ruth there and something to eat, and you can invite Mickey and Howard over for dinner. In other words, you can do as you please and make your own arrangements, - which suit you best.

At the last minute, if it starts in the rainy season, we may be delayed, but I am feeling quite well under the circumstances and would much prefer to drive up.

Earl and Frankie will move right in when we leave. We sold the other house to Earl for \$6,000, which takes us out of the bank and gets rid of Uncle Vic crying around about his loan. Mrs. Carl G. Fisher -- 2.

I have an understanding with Earl that we split all over the \$6,000 and whatever money Earl is going to spend in finishing up the bath rooms and the patio.

I am going to take the furniture and store it in the help's room in the big house, where I think it will be safe.

It seems that in spite of our effort with moth balls, the moths have played hell with a lot of my clothes, including my polo coat; and I imagine they are going to raise the devil with some of your stuff, unless it is watched very closely. They don't seem to tackle anything that is out out in the air; it is only the stuff in the closets, so, if you have anything in the closets that you particularly remember, you had better advise Frankie.

I have an inquiry for your aerocar but don't know if I can do anything on it.

Earl and Frankie will bring their furniture out of storage immediately and put it in the little house. That will save \$20.00 a month storage and also it will give them plenty of time to get the little house fixed up to live in this coming winter. It is really a delightful, cool and comfortable place to live, with lots of ventilation throughout the house, and should be in nice shape with the garden effect, to sell to good effect.

If you write me or wire me, do so before next Saturday.

Mrs. Marks will stay here until Fred gets through some buginess here that it is necessary to complete.

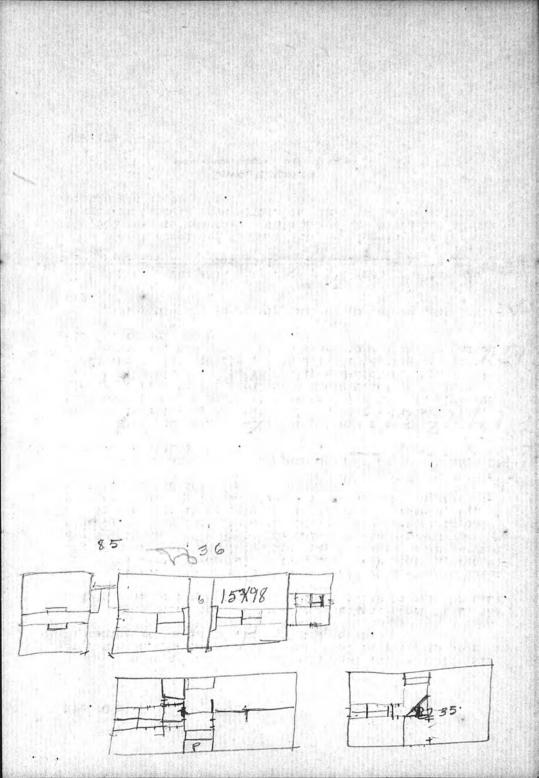
Just completed another sale on Lincoln Road for \$27,500 cash to Sanches. This makes the third lot he has bought on Lincoln Road within the last two weeks. This brings you up to date.

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Love, Yours,

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June 11, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, Long Island, New York.

Dear Margaret:-

I have been under the weather for the last three or four days but am feeling much better today and I am up and around.

It has been quite warm but business is going along just about the same. We still expect to do something with the Lincoln this week, and I am staying here in the hopes that we may make a sale. If not, I will come North.

I understand from your letters that you are not in very good shape as yet with the houses and that the weather is not very good. It is about 86 high here every day. It is very pleasant in the house where you can get a breeze, but it is good and warm outside.

How is everything going with you?

Love, Yours, Carl G. FISHER.

CGF : AVM

June 15, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret:-

First, have you made an application for \$5,000.00 exemption on your home here? If not you can do so immediately and get an exemption of that much, which will save you about half of your taxes. Cannot tell at this time just how much it will save you, but it will save you taxes on \$5,000.

Earl made application but they told him it would not apply unless you had lived in the house since January 1st.

You wouldn't know Lincoln Read. Burdine is putting up a big store next to Saks, and the new theater is going up, and Sanchez is now figuring with Florence, as is also Mr. Potter. It does look like, in re-financing your building, if you are going ahead with it, you would find it very difficult to get a better account than the Elizabeth Arden account.

Florence's sister had a baby boy born the other day, and I heard indirectly that Roro has twins.

Will probably leave here about Tuesday. We still expect to contact the prospective buyer of the Lincoln.

There are plenty of mosquitoes around.

I started Ruth North for you and gave her \$20.00, and apparently she borrowed \$15.00 from Garrett; and instead of going North to her sick mother, she played around over in Nigger Town and had a good time, and then claimed she was robbed of \$105.00, and wired me from Atlanta for \$40.00. I didn't answer the wire; so, you had better look for a cook.

Mrs. Smart is doing our cooking now, and I think she wants to come North. She is certainly a first class cook and a hustler around the house, and she has a cute little boy who is as nice as he can be, and I think we would like to have him around.

Smart is going to try and get a job down here and I may have another for him in a short time.

I am not sure that Mrs. Smart wants to go North but I will ask her today, or as soon as I hear from you as to what plans you have made. Mrs. Carl G. Fisher -- 2.

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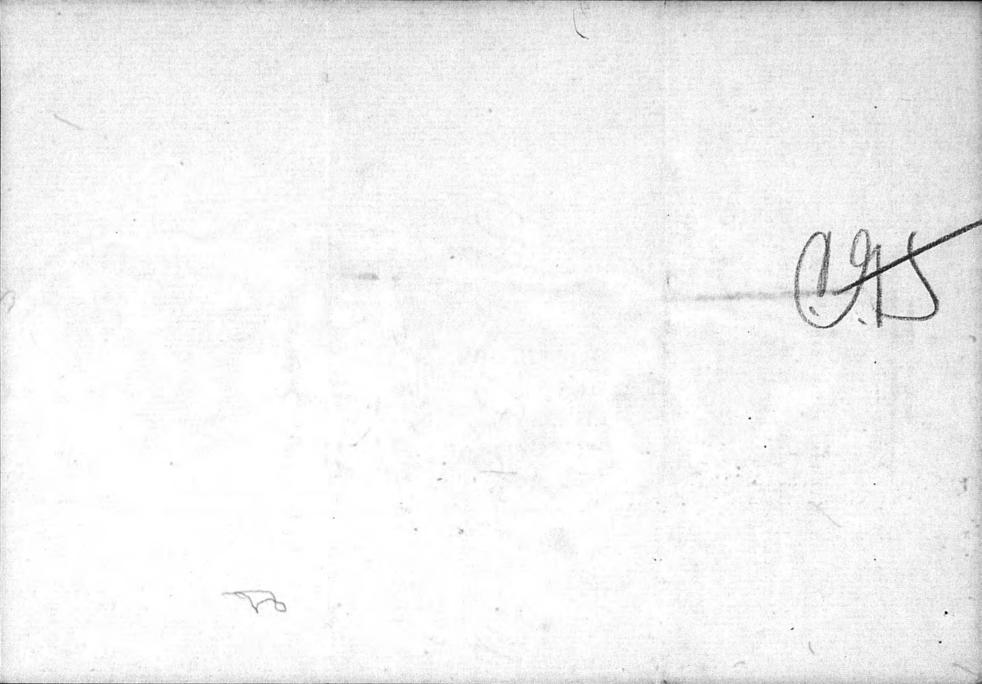
I will send you a check on Monday or Tuesday.

I will bring up with me a swell radio that Dan Mahoney gave me. It is about time, because he promised it to me last fall.

Love, Yours,

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CGF : AVM



June 17, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret :-

Just had information from Irv and he will be here on Friday morning, so I think I will have to wait until then, rather than miss him on the road. Also, it will give a few more days to see if we can get a sale of the Lincoln.

It is 90 in the shade here, but it is really delightful weather at that - if you don't have to be out in the hot sun. However, I am anxious to get North as there are many things to attend to there.

I have not receive any mail from Montauk in more than a week.

We have had Earl and Frankie up almost every night, playing bridge. It has been too hot to go to movie shows. It sticks at about 85 all night, but with the fan in the room, it is really very pleasant.

Yours, East.

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CARL G. FISHER MIAMI BEACH. FLORIDA - MONTAUK. LI. N.Y. June 18, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I., N. Y.

Dear Margaret:-

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Yours of "Wednesday Evening" just received.

Of course I believe that I can sense the situation down there from what I read in the newspapers, but you are on the job. However, I wouldn't refuse any kind of an offer for the house, from \$500 up, if you can only pay taxes, and float through and get a chance to sell the damned junk.

You might get the yard mowed at #12 house, as it would look a little better, but Art can get it cleaned up and the yard mowed for \$5.00. It is a little place and the only thing you need is to clean it out; dust it up, and cut the grass, and let it go to a sale.

We are still doing business down here. Had a terrific rain today and it is warm and sticky - 85 every night, but it is really very pleasant in the house.

Our Lincoln Hotel man got in yesterday morning and we will either do, or not do, something with him in the next day or two. Irv gets in Friday, and we will go over the property together, and then I will get out of here on Saturday.

I am sorry you did not hear the Speedway broadcast. Neither did we.

We are going to put both the radios in the wagon, and will put the old one up at the house on the hill, and put the new one down with you. It is an R.C.A. and a dandy.

I hope you won't get discouraged with the situation up there. It is going to be tough for a long time; but I think the paint job you refer to is worth while. The main thing is to get good paint. Let's hope it is.

Will wire you when we start, and then some place up the line, I will wire you about what time we are going to be in Port Washington.

If your girl doesn't turn out right, you wire me or Mrs. Alex. Smart, and she will come up and bring Alex up, and he can get odd jobs to do around there. She is a first class cook and a first class housekeeper; cheerful

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher -- 2.

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and a hustler. She has two swell kids, who can work in the garden, if we have any garden, and Alex will work wherever he can get it to do. They are going to leave here in a short time, if he doesn't land something soon. It seems he cannot get a job here as he is not a Union man, and the cliques down here seem to be determined that they won't let any more in for the work. All the bums are on relief. There is a terrific amount of work going on but there is an influx of new contractors who have brought their own men from the North, and they don't want to get mixed up with any outsiders. Alex has tried hard to get a job but only now and then picks up some little piece of work.

Of course, if you have made arrangements with some one you can depend upon, I cannot figure on the Smarts. They are eating into their life insurance now, and Mrs. Smart has decided they are going to quit that, and that they are going to get into the automobile and go up the road and buy a small farm.

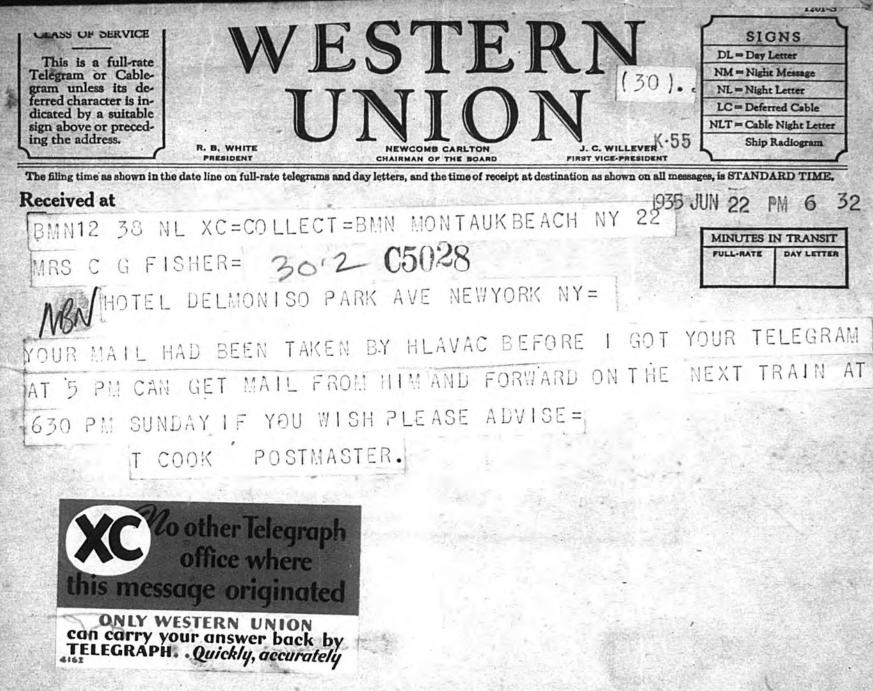
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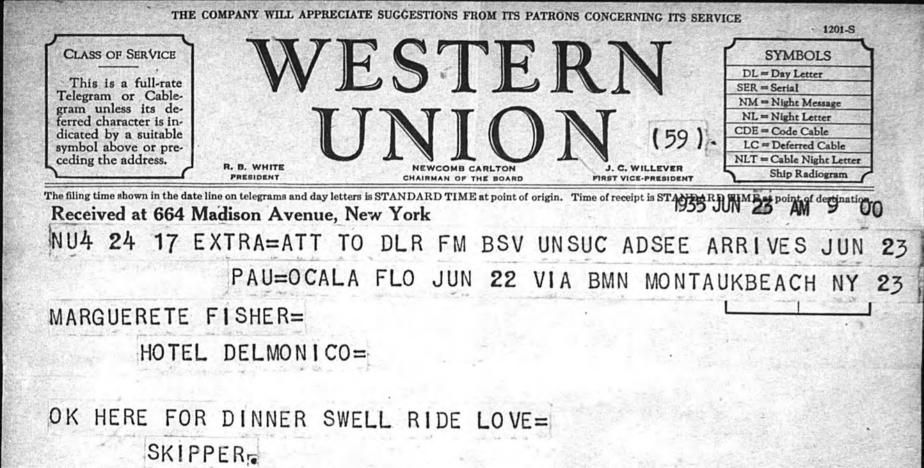
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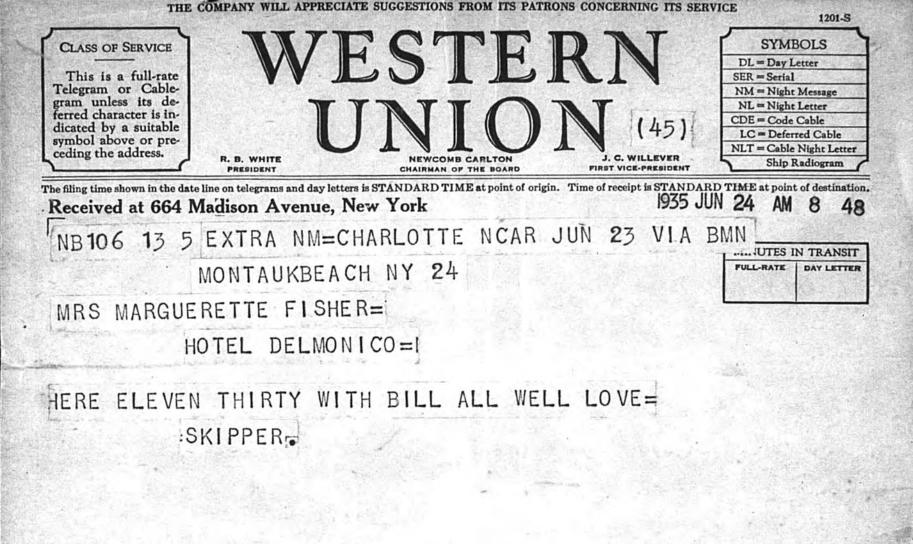
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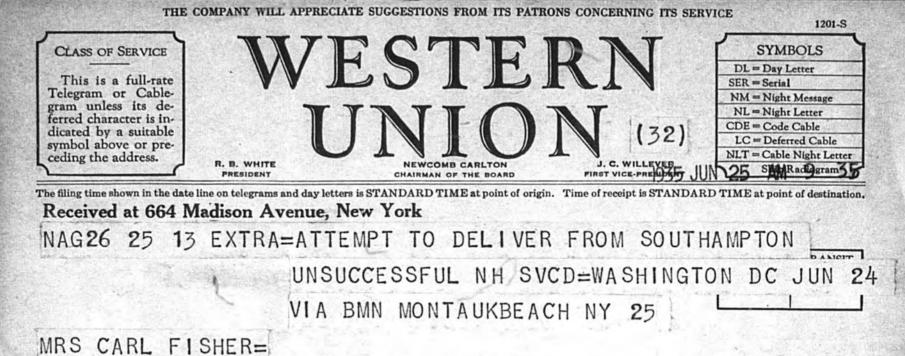


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Montauk Beach Development Corporation

Montauk, Long Island



August 14, 1935

Dear Margaret,

The folks will be in the house here until September 15th and I think you should make up your mind about closing it. The pumps should be put away in much better shape than they were last year. We had a good deal of trouble with the ice box and water to get started but we are getting along very well with the people and there is a possibility that you might be able to make a sale. Have you figured a down right low down on what you will take for the house.

We are having lovely weather here and everybody seems to be well pleased with the place.

I think all the running around Niesse did that you should send him a check for \$50.00 as he was a great deal of help in getting in 'phones and work of that kind.

Regards and let me know if you are coming up and when.

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Mrs. Earl G. Fisher Miami Beach Florida

Montauk Beach Development Corporation

Montauk, Long Island



August 19, 1935

Dear Margaret,

The folks on top of the hill are figuring on buying a small piece of ground and building a house although it won't be much of a house. I think it would be well for them and yourself if you could sell them them at a sacrifice your property. The place is getting older and as you know, the demand for rentals is very scarce.

Between fleas, ticks and deer flies, we have something to bite us every minute.

The weather has been beautiful but fire are very few, practically none at all. Montauk is doing as well as any other resort.

I am very anxious to get away early this year but I don't want to leave here until every opportunity has been used to make some sales if such things exist.

Yours,

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher Miami Beach Florida

Montauk, Long Island



August 19, 1935

Dear Margaret,

On second thought, so many people around the office assisted in 'phone calls and one thing or another in helping out on the Hoffman lease of the Sangar house that I think it would be better to send \$50.00 to Tom and let him dispose of it around in the office force as he thinks it should be.

Yours,

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher -Miami Beach Florida

Montauk, Long Island



August 21, 1935

Dear Margaret,

I haven't heard from you regarding a price on the De Forrest house. I would advise that the price of \$15,000 or \$17,000 with the furniture would be a good figure. We would get the money out of this and cut out expenses.

The people in the house seem to like it very well and as they are talking of buying an acre and building a small house but I think I can convince them that it is foolish to buy land when they can buy the house at the price named. There are no such things as buyers at higher prices than I mentioned to you although I do not know that it can be sold at this price but I am willing to try.

Yours,

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher Miami Beach,Fla.

Montauk, Long Island



August 21, 1935

My dear Margaret,

You will be interested to know that "Pickles" now opens the door, also he has pawed all the screen out of . the front screen door and he almost caught a rabbit.

I have a prospect for the house on the hill for September. I think that if the house were fixed up with some dishes and we had our beds back it might be taken up almost any minute for a month, at least we are getting all the grass cut around the house as there is danger from fire. We are getting it swept out and cleaned out so that it is a little more presentable than it was.

I haven't heard how heard how you are coming along with your bilding plans. It is quite a job, I realize that.

Love to you and Frankie, Earle and the rest of them,

Yours,

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher Miami Beach Florida

Montauk Beach Development Corporation Montauk, Long Island



August 23, 1935

Dear Margaret,

I have yours of the 20th. I don't think there is a chance to get \$25,000 now and I certainly would advise taking \$15,000 cash for the house at this time and the conditions as they exist and I am not sure you can get it.

Yours,

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher Miami Beach Florida CARL G. FISHER MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

August 28, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, 5812 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Marge :-

You may not know it, but we just sold the corner on Lincoln Road, west of the Lincoln Hotel, at \$600 per front foot. A building will no doubt go up there immediately.

This brings up the general average of all property along Lincoln Road. We have left only the Lincoln Hotel and the corner opposite the Lincoln, which we are going to put a price on of \$100,000.00.

I have been able to hold Jane in line with her property; also Fred Osius, but I don't know that I can hold them much longer because the prices now are very tempting.

I hope you will not go ahead with your building unless you have an absolute lease with a good reliable corporation that can pay the lease. It is dangerous to do otherwise.

There is really no business at all up here. No building and practically no investments except at remendously ruinous prices.

and I am going to take them and drive back to Montauk.

Emma has been in town and bought her a new pair of shoes and socks. She has blisters all over her heels from wearing shoes that do not fit.

Mrs. Marks is living here at the house, of course. Fred is here now and then. He is not very well. I have tried to tame him down, but with very poor results. He is continually on the trot.

Mitzi and Pickles are in good shape. Pickles has finally torn all the screen doors off the house.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher - 2.

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I told you he would do this and I wanted you to put a brace on the doors for him to jump on. Now, you will have to get some new screens. He can open any door in the house by jumping on it, and he has found this out, so he comes in or goes out just as he pleases,

The hotel at Montauk is doing fairly well. The fishing is really wonderful. They are bringing them in by the tons.

The Purdys are struggling along, just managing to exist, as there is no boat business. Almost everyone who owns a boat is trying to sell it.

I think Earl and Frankie should come up North for three or four weeks and stay with us, because too much of that hot weather down there isn't good for anybody. They can drive up here in three days and get some cool fall weather, and I think it is O.K. to shut up their house and notify the police to keep an eye on it, which they will do. There isn't anything that anybody can steal anyway that is worth a damn, so I would just shut up the place.

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August 28, 1935.

Mrs. Jane Johnson, East Williston, L.I., New York.

Dear Jane:-

We have just sold the corner west of the Lincoln Motel, 110 fest deep at \$600.00 per foot. I thought you ought to know this because there is a very active demand now for Lincoln Road property:

the Lincols Hotel on Washington Avenue, at \$100,000 less 10%, less 5%, for cash and commission, espectively. Your corner is worth the space

Be careful and don't get into any bum

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Regards,

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CARL G. FISHER Jat -79.35 NEW YORK DEor mong-neve we have had some time - Ice machine on the Gum But Or - Keys are miges up-So new locks - or. dec windows froze-new paint - Moes ax - on now! Extra tes- orr - # \$ 2000 Leave to Sept 15- \$ \$000 missee - morked hard to heep. so I gave him \$ 5000 One here of a job -Joes miesse to send you Does miesse to send you draft for \$500 - & balance his check - Mr took Etha bes from hill house -bot Etha locks - fixed pennoing about \$ 20-Cut gross- cleaned up Gorage etc - new screens monday - Etc yours - love for garage Tires excbarl over.

Enna is a peach - & works are the time house is like a new pin-Jood Jine - going to take her to moovie with us tomorrow - Sunday g get her Fur coat in the face - your garden 'a moster flowers trag weeds trabbit food -Weather Fine - about 200 in state tonight -Bust season we have hos for fore years -skip -

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CKTY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BUILDING REPORT

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January 1st to June 30th

VOV	1934		1	935
Residences	126			
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Additions and Remodeling	139 217.			0
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Miscellaneous	194			76,990.00
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TOTAL	\$2,620,	506.00		\$4,183,012.00
TOTAL FOR FIRST	SIX MONTH	S 1935	\$4,183,012.00	
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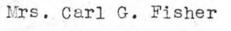
According to Dun and Bradstreet Monthly Review: Miami Beach ranked eleventh among all cities of United States in 1934 building. Miami Beach ranked sixth, among all cities of United States in May 1935 building.

Have you arranged for same people to live there This Winter! nice boy & nife at stack course well moor into little house this Winter mess You hove made a deal toek quick - as must fire him anour soon. Stapper To Margaret Fisher 1935

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MONTAUK BEACH 125 Miles out in the Atlantic LONG ISLAND, N. Y.



Miami Beach

Florida 5812 Alton Road

MONTAUK BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Sept. 1935?

DATE _ MEMO. TO_____ FROM DEr Marg you on lake front! I aggree with * Etercine - d-Something to see + creacing to see + are sof the houses rear of office can be bot for \$ 5000 with 1 esto - they cauld be fires up at low loost but tell, no cosh Jam going to bry + get 1. If I can get some cash alead - I only hore #43.00 here to day but no pay checks for last mo:

MONTAUK BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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CARL G. FISHER MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

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now buy for 1/3 the frice -thous you boots - + our Own simming pool & look out on life Every hour : & in duce moments can go for a sion or a row-or at leaste look at something that mooves - here it is due + blank - Lite sue there big barns - for anything nurt season - nothing more doing this year - but more tores & expense - the garden is nice in flowers - we have hot had one dime of any thing to Eat - out of it ! Omna is a peach - she works like a horse - We are go to the moories once Each week, Its lonerome as here here As ware qo to EN. tonigh to so we go to EN. tonigh to the movine - I plan to leave here Oct 10 th to 15 - perhaps, Earlier - Hour a good young man For you - WE will close

CARL G. FISHER MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

September 5, 1935.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher, 5812 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Margaret :-

Mrs. Marks is out here today to take some dictation and get out some piled-up correspondence.

The people at the DeForrest house are first on and off, about buying. They have kept the children out of school and are going to stay here this week and perhaps a few days next week. It is hard to tell just what they are going to do.

The young man I got for you to live here, I agreed to give him \$10.00, also to change the stove into a wood burner, which will save his buying oil.

I haven't entirely lost the prospect for the house on the hill for rent in September and perhaps part of October, except my first prospect is too ill to move but another prospect has shown up.

I have painted all the porch furniture a lovely light green, and I am taking four of the chairs (if you will remember, there is a surplus) and the big vase off the corner of the porch up to the porch above, to brighten up the looks of the house, as we have a prospect for sale of the house without the furniture.

I wrote you that your man had another job taking care of property here, and is not expected, of course, to come back here. He wrote you for a recommendation, which you should give him immediately. Don't keep him waiting.

I don't know just what your plans are on the kitchen, but whatever they are, they are better than the present one down South. That is the hottest kitchen I ever saw in my life.

If you are expecting to sell the property, you will have to change the color of the paint on the outside of the window sills and the doors, and you might as well make up your mind to it. I know you are stubborn in

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher -- 2.

these matters, but you will never sell that house with that hellish paint on it. The house don't look bright from the road, and the very first impression is "dead". For the last hundred years the majority of intelligent people (and you must remember that there must have been some intelligent people who painted houses) 99% of all the houses that have been painted in the last hundred years were painted with green and white.

However, I would not think of painting it at all, if I were you, until after the 1st of November - after you are over the rainy season.

I am glad the hurricane did not bother you any, and that you still have some prospects. However, I shudder to think of the chances you are taking unless you get a good lease.

Love, Appaco

CGF : AVM

CARL G. FISHER MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

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September 6, 1935.

Dear Margaret, Frankie, and Earl:

I have not worried much about you folks as I realize you are safe, except for getting your feet wet and the usual inconvenience of a lot of water around.

The reports up here are terribly exaggerated and they are not doing us any good. I am quite sure we are going to suffer a reaction in Miami and Miami Beach from timid people, particularly people with children.

I am worried about Ed Lounager, down there at the Lodge at Key Largo. Do you know anything about him?

Yours,

CGF : AVM

Skepper CARL G. FISHER

September 6, 1935.

Mr. Irving A. Collins, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Irv :-

I am anxious to get a letter from you regarding the exact damages, if any, at Miami and the Beach. We cannot believe the newspapers. Some of them are like radio talks. Some of these talks seem perfectly ridiculous and also some of the newspaper reports. Some of them try to make the hurricane results much worse than they are. One radio announcement stated that 1,000 were dead - which I think is tremendously exaggerated - it is bad enough as it really is.

The report came here that a train to Key West with 500 passengers had disappeared entirely.

I talked to Margaret, who is holed-in at the house, and she had no report of any serious damage at MiaMi Beach. I was particularly worried about the high seas along our beach, but Margaret seemed cheerful and had nothing serious to report.

It is raining from Portland, Maine, I guess all the way down the Coast, and it is certainly a dismal day here, as was yesterday and the day before. From the nicest weather for the season, we are turning into the worst spell that we have ever had at this time of the year. There are 170 people in the hotel for the Convention. They are all holed-in as it is pouring rain.

The rapid change in the weather has got me on my back up stairs, but nothing bad and I will be out by this evening, which won't do any particular good, but at least I will be up, as soon as the barometer starts to rise.

I think the last three days of rain has knocked in the head, at least temporarily, several prospects for small property sales here -- nothing large.

Fred has been away to his Doctors up in Massachusetts for a week, but I don't know anything more that any of us could have done than we have been doing all season.

Write me particulars. as I explained to you above, I cannot believe more than half I read in the newspapers. Mr. I. A. Collins -- 2.

I think now that it is more than ever imperative that our Chamber of Commerce get out our building reports and also, handled properly, the statement should be put out through the Chamber of Commerce that Miami Beach was on the outer fringe of the hurricanebut that the construction now at the Beach would not have been seriously damaged, even if in the path of the hurricane.

I think it is going to be necessary to belater up the courage of a tremendous lot of people on construction work at the Beach and also on the type of construction work.

Our local newspapers at Miami have practically no circulation outside of a very limited Florida area. The cards that go out in the mail with our letters cover a very much larger circulation of both hotel guests, home owners and builders.

I imagine that all the newspaper heads will advise that the least said about the situation, the better, as far as Miami is concerned, but I think I know the reaction to hurricanes as well as, if not better than, the newspaper editors-perhaps not better, but at least I know that an effort made to reassure thousands of people that we will come in contact with through our letters and these statements of building, will be beneficial and not leave in the minds of literally hundreds of thousands of people that that area is infested with hurricanes and that it is dangerous to live there.

Of course, if that hurricane had hit Miami Beach, it would probably have put 6 to 8 feet of water over portions of the Beach. Having in mind a future hurricane is one reason I have so strenuously advocated the building of stiffer houses than many that have been built there during the past few years.

I think it would be very good business right now to start to see if the Government won't put up a braakwater off Penn Island. It is an ideal place for construction, to begin with, as it is almost solid rock for a number of hundreds of feet into the seas; and all the storms we have come from the southeast. I think the extension of the jetties for 200 or 300 feet and widening and strengthening of them would be a great piece of assurance and safety for the Beach, and I don't think it wise to wait until we have a destructive hurricane hit Miami Beach and then learn that these jetties were necessary.

Another jetty should be run at some suitable point from Mathewson's property. From five to ten million dollars properly spent in jetty work will offer enormous safety to Miami Beach - in fact from Palm Beach down to Key West - that it doesn't now have; and the absolute construction work and sanction of building of these jetties is going to steady the situation. -----

We are going to suffer from this hurricane. In fact, we are already suffering from it. It is unnecessary to state that a very powerful jetty on Matecumbe should be built to protect the farming area to the south, and north.

Of course, these jetties are not going to keep water from coming over the low land, but they are going to stop the terrific impact and destructive forces of the seas.

I think it is up to Miami powers to get behind this work also and help, together with our Senators. If this hurricane had hit Miami Beach without the protection of jetties, it would take us a great many years to get over it, and about the time we would recover, another hurricane would probably hit us.

I believe firmly in looking this situation right in the face, just the same as they did at Galveston, and get some help from the Government. They want some places to spend money intelligently to help relief, and I cannot think of anything better than to spend money for jetties along the Coast. especially from Palm Beach down, to protect the whole of Dade County.

It is going to take a lot of work to offset the damage that has already been done through the exaggerated reports of the newspapers, and also from the actual calamity that did hit Southern Florida, and it seems to me that anybody with horse sense can understand that we are open every season to the same trouble from a hurricane.

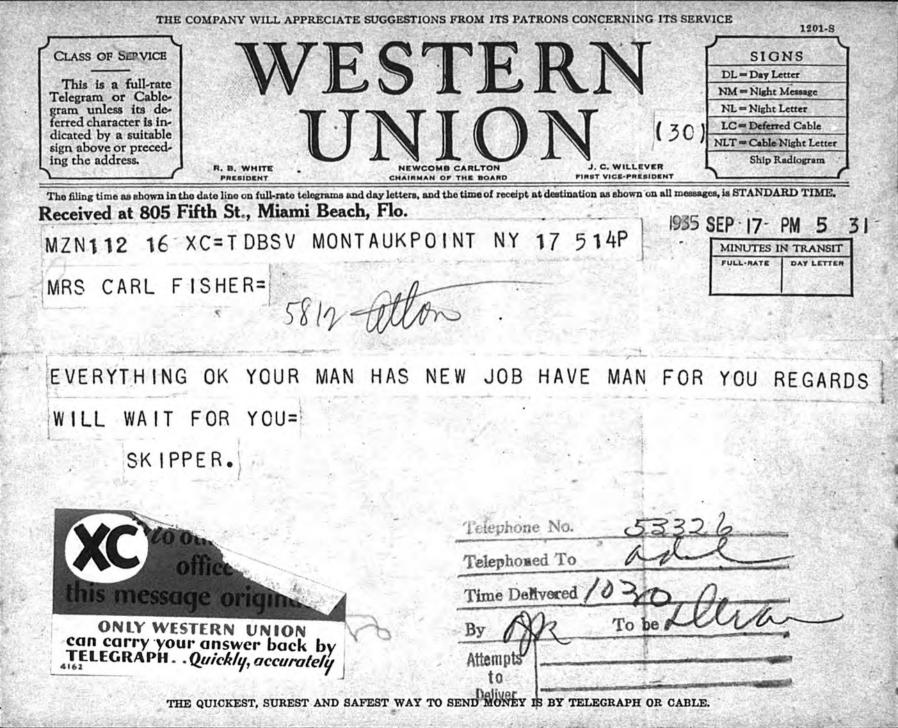
Although we may not have suffered any particular damage at Miami Beach from the effect of the wind and waves, we have had a terrific damage in other ways, and this is reflected in the minds of millions of people over the entire United States, particularly since this is the second hurricane that has hit in the space of 100 miles but has covered an area of about 200 miles of Southern Florida's coast line.

If properly presented to the Government, I think we can depend on the support of the Governor and our Senators, as well as all the cities from Palm Beach down to Key West.

Yours CARL G. FISHER.

CGF : AVM

P.S.-- A hundred million people know of the damage that mances Florida continuously. This same hundred million people should be advised of the constructive measures being taken for the safety of Southern Florida from hurricanes.



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Montauk, Long Island



September 16, 1935

Dear Margaret,

Yours of the 10th. The Hlavacs apparently are waiting to go into the house. They have talked to Garrett. I haven't done anything about the burners. The Hlavacs have already solicited the neighbors and I think they have a couple of them.

Our last chance on the green house has evaporated. I will write you further tomorrow.

Carlq. Jocher

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Mrs. Carl G. Fisher Miami Beach, Fla.

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

MEMOTO Mrs. Carl G. Fisher

DATE December 31, 1935.

FROM Mr. Carl G. Fisher.

Dear Margaret :-

I haven't had a chance to talk with you for several days regarding this financial situation, and it is necessary now to be very explicit on the subject.

SUBJECT

I have a call this morning for \$250 on the income tax, which, as I explained to you, a big part is for the property that I deeded to you and is listed as a "gift", together with penalties.

In order to help out on this situation, it is going to be necessary to didpose of that "Battle of the Forty-fives" picture at once, and before Jack LaGorce gets down here I would like to have you consign it to him in Washington so that he can make proper arrangements to have it exhibited. This matter cannot be delayed any longer.

During the past two years you have lost approximately \$9,000 in rentals from a \$10,000 investment on your Lincoln Road lot. This is another lot on which I am paying personal tax as it is one of those "gifts".

Unless you make some immediate effort to derive an income from the Lincoln Road lot and also the "Battle of the Forty-fives", I am forced to advise you that I am going to take some drastic steps to protect my income to such an extent that it will at least leave enough cash on hand to bury me, in case I should reach such point in life. I am asking Frank Katzentine today for a conference, to see what can be done to adjust our arrangements so that we can save enough to at least insure an accumulation of a small cash account, which does not exist today. (Cash Balance, Jan. 1st, \$56.35.)

I cannot get enough time to talk to you, or at least you don't seem to want to talk over this subject seriously, and you can imagine the embarrassment of making it necessary to write you.

We are now at the peak of the selling season, and this peak may at any time disappear. It is the proper time to dispose of the "Battle of the Forty-fives". It is also the proper time to dispose of this lot of yours, if you are going to sell it, or at least put some improvement on it which will at least pay your taxes and give you some income. I don't think it is as salable today as it was last year, in spite of all the improvements on Lincoln Road. The newer improvements and sales are going East very rapidly.

If you had not had such high ideals in the improvement of your property, you could have had a tenant there last year, and one this year; as near as I can figure it, a total of \$9,000 that you have tossed in the air, and still no sale or no lease.

I am sorry that I have to take this matter up with you in this manner but there doesn't seem to be any help for it.

I realize, of course, that I advised you strongly against making any

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

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deal last summer unless you had a good tenant for such a building as you proposed; and I continue to think that an investment such as you proposed is dangerous, but a one-story shop approximately 75 feet deep, on a foundation that would carry an additional story when necessary, could be built for approximately \$10,000, and on this investment you would be safe and have a much larger income in proportion to your investment than you would with a building such as you proposed, which might get you into very serious trouble.

The least you can say is that it does not look fair for this investment, which I gave you with the expectation that it could be used as an income, to lie idle and accumulate taxes through this buying and selling market, which, as I have advised you, may terminate any time within the coming 12 months.

Your ideals for the improvement of the property are well enough if you had the money and did not have to put yourself in the position of being obligated to the bankers on short time mortgages, etc.

Yours, Care