## Fisher, Margaret Collier -Correspondence with parents

Dear Daddy and Mom:

I received your letter yesterday with New York Draft for \$1200.00; also your note from Jim for \$1,000.00. I am enclosing copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Buck explaining what I have done with the note; after we get a new note - if we do - then I will invest that for you also in some way.

I have purchased a lot for you in the old Polo Field; you got the last one that was left. and it is a very nice one. It faces on Jefferson St. just one block west of Meridian St., which is one of the main streets running through the Beach. It is just about two blocks south of our new office. The contract and notes for the remaining payments will be sent to you for signature in a few days. The first payment was only one-fifth of the total cost of the lot - which is \$6250.00 - therefore one-fifth of that amount would be \$1250.00, your first payment. Now, I have something nice to tell you..... since I sold you the lot, I am entitled to the commission of five percent, which amounts to \$312.50, and, of course. I am giving the commission right back to you. As a result of this transaction, out of the \$1200.00 you sent to me, you have \$262.50 left." This I am going to put in a savings account down here for you where it will be drawing a little interest. The remaining payments on your lot are payable in one, two, three and four years, in equal payments; of course. I hope to sell at a profit for you before the second payment is due, one year from this time.

I am enclosing a small map showing all of Miami Beach, and have marked . some locations in ink.

I have to laugh at the <u>new stationery</u>, did I have that in the suitcase? I had forgotten all about it. What I referred to was some new stationery I have ordered for you - with your name printed on it 'n everything! Guess it will be coming before long.

I have to run along now, have lots to do. Will write you later.

Love to all,

Miami Beach, Florida. November 28th, 1924.

Mr. James Buck, Highland County Bank, Greenfield, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received a letter from Daddy this morning enclosing New York Draft for twelve hundred dollars. I have already selected and been holding for several days a lot which I think will be a very good investment for him and am closing the deal with the first payment this afternoon.

He also sent me a note, which I enclose herewith, given to him by Jam for one thousand dollars. This money was borrowed by Jim without Daddy's consent or knowledge and this note was given only after I had requested it. While I was in Greenfield in October you will recall that we had a conversation regarding this account. Jim promised me at that time he would repay the loan by January, or possibly before if he could make a personal loan at the bank. I do not know whether he even asked at the bank for a loan.

The note enclosed herewith bears date of November 12th, 1924, instead of July or August from which time he has had the use of the money. The note is due in six months, therefore being repaid in May instead of January, as promised. I do not kemember the legal rate of interest in the State of Ohio; but if it is seven percent, then there is no reason it should read six percent.

I am going to ask you to redraw a note ... dated August 1st, 1924.... payable in six months from date .... bearing legal rate of interest. Please ask Jim to drop into the bank and sign this new note. After the new note is signed you may return this old one to him.

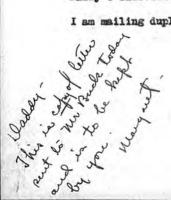
The monetary value resulting from this change of notes is not much of a consideration, but I dislike the principle displayed in this transaction. If I was there myself I would not bother you with this, and I am afraid that Daddy would get it all mixed up if I left it to him.

Also please advise me if there has been any credits posted or any checks drawn against the account of W. R. Collier & Son since a check for the balance was drawn in October, or if they have deposited anything to Daddy's individual account.

I am mailing duplicate copy of this letter to Daddy.

Yours very truly,

Margaret E. Collier c/o Carl G. Fisher Office Miami Beach, Florida.



Copy.

Dear Daddy and Mama:

I have your letter this morning. So glad you like the location of your new lot. April 1st the polo fields (where your lot is located) will be torn up, streets and sidewalks put in and building will commence and I believe we should make a very nice quick profit for you. It seems a shame to tear up the polo fields, looking down on them from the seventh floor of the office they seem like green velvet. The people who have the first two lots north of yours are very good friends of ours, and they are going to put up a good sixed apartment house. The small yellow fruit you speak of must be Kumquats. They make preserves of them. Sorry Aunt Molly isn't so well; suppose I'll have to come up and pull her out of bed.

Joe Reesor must have had nine lives... I'm sure that each time I have been home for the past five years, you have told me he died two or three years ago.

Emma Jane was home for two or three weeks. I saw her two or three times. She is expecting a baby next June. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are talking of going to Honolulu to spend a few months. No. Mr. Rowe is not in the Rowe Hollywood Estates.

Mr. Fisher is going to have a Christmas tree and dinner party on Xmas Eve. I have been buying presents for the guests and trimmings for the tree and getting up the party. It's a lot of work, believe me.

I am not sending any presents out by mail this year. It takes up too much time for wrapping, buying, mailing, etc. I am enclosing check for Daddy to take down to the bank and exchange for gold pieces for me. I also enclose some coin holders to put them in. I am wiring to New York today and having a Radiola Super-Hetrodine expressed to you. It should arrive by Xmas time. This is like the one Mr. Fisher has, and the best one on the market. After you get onto operating it I am sure you will enjoy it immensely. I expect you can even hear Miami Beach broadcast. It really isn't difficult to operate, and if you know of someone in town who operates one they can explain it to you very quickly. I am also enclosing on separate paper some directions for it's operation that I think will help you.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt arrive from Boston tonight at 9:45, I'm going over to meet them.

Notice by the papers that you have been having a little chilly weather around your section of the country ..... I've been going swimming almost every afternoon about five o'clock:

Did Daddy find the little box with the sea-horse inside the suitcase I sent. I think I put it in, intended to at least? Let me know. He is supposed to wear it for a watch charm.

Funny your writing paper hasn't come yet. I sent four other orders at the same time. I'll have to get after them. They are usually slow tho.

I don't want Santa to bring me anything, I have enough already. You can just write me a letter.

Sorry Hazel hasn't been well. What's the matter?

Dear Daddy and Mom:

Received your <u>various</u> letters - all of which I read with much pleasure. Of course you know this is the very busiest time of the season, and added to that I don't like to write letters anyway! The Beach is still crowded, but it looks the season would be shorter than in previous years. Mr. Fisher is planning to leave here for Long Island about the 1st of April and expects to go up on the Shadow K, if the weather is good at that time.

Mr. Fisher started yesterday on the Shadow K. for Tampa, with several men to see the boat races. I'm entertaining some of the "widows" while they are away. Last night we went to the Miami-Biltmore in Coral Gables for dinner and later to a supper club for more "eats" and to play a little roulette. I don't play myself but it's lot of fun watching on. In about an hour we are going to start for the race track at Hialeah to see the "ponies" run. I'll probably be "very wealthy" or "very poor" at the end of the afternoon - altho I'm going to be pretty wise and not take much with me, so then there will be no chance of loosing much. Tonight we are going to the El Fay. Texas Guinan's club for dinner - tomorrow we have an appointment in the morning to have some photographs made - going to "Dirty Jod's" for lunch and swimming in the afternoon -Saturday noon we are going to the Deauville Casino and to the Embassy Club over in Miami for dinner -Sunday we are going to the Roney Casino to see the bathing beauties and having dinner with one of the girls - in between time I'll have to spend two or three hours a day at the office - and I would like to catch a few winks of sleep - them there is Monday and we'll have to start all over again,,,,,,,,,

Property is still standing pat. I'm not going to try to sell anything that I have until there is more activity and don't want you to either. As I have said before whenever you get short of money let me know at once and I will see that you get whatever you need.

Must run along now - bye, bye

Margaret

Forgot to make a copy of this for Hazel.

Dear Daddy and Mom:

Saturday noon five other girls and myself went on a little cruising party, on the "Seahorse" Mr. Allison's yacht. We went straight to Cocolobo Cay Club, which is located on an island out in the ocean about thirty miles from here - I think that you have heard me mention the place several times - a private fishing club. I have always wanted to spend a day or two there, and it turned out to be just as delightful as I had anticipated. We arrived on Jaturday afternoon about four o'clock. The water is so clear and blue around the pier and the entire island and I have always wanted to go in . for a swim there in the shallow water - where you can see the bottom So, we all packed our bathing outfits along with us, and planned to go swimming as soon as we arrived in the afternoon, but we were a little tired and decided it would be nicer to go in the morning. About seven o'clock another party arrived to spend the night. After playing bridge a few hours after dinner we went to bed and about one Oclock we heard much and excited conversation outside --- the other visiting party had caught a shark off the pier! The next morning we were out rather early to see the "eatch". By the time we got out to the pier our captain, assisted by his sailor and steward had TWO MORE. The larger one measuring ten feet in length and weighing at least 600 pounds - both daught just off the end of the pier ..... Do you think we got our bathing suits wet at Cocolobo? We DID NOT. They had lines set to catch another one, so we brought our cards down to the yacht and played bridge there so that we wouldn't miss anything. In the midstoof a game some of the crew noticed the rope or line tightening and at the first "yell" all the cards were scattered over the cabin of the yacht and we were off to help. "Rowdy" was with us, and became so excited that I had to hold onto his collar to keep him from jumping into the water after the shark. It was also quite large, measuring at least eight feet in length.

The island contains about eight acres and at least three-fourths of it is in it's primitave condition - that is, mangrove and swamp with a narrow sand beach entirely around. Becoming tired of sharks we dicided to explore the island - Florence Sheets and Allene Kohlhepp, "Rowdy" and myself in the expedition. We found some crooked sticks for "canes" and Florence suggested that we imagine ourselves Robinson Crusoe and everything was going lovely - except for a few hungry mosquitoes, when we noticed that "Rowdy" had disappeared and a few seconds later heard something running through the undergrowth. Some one commented that it would take more than Rowdy to make so much noise and having heard several stories about wildcats and panther on those islands, we simultaneously decided to "beat it" for the Club, Back of us we could hear the crackling in the bushes coming nearer and nearer - altho we were going at a fairly good rate of speed - and just ready to give up. The bushes were now moving just beside us and the next minute out jumped a

LITTLE HALF GROWN RABBIT! (I purposely told you what it was on this side of the page, so as to keep you in suspense a little longer.) And right after the rabbit was Rowdy trying to leap above the bushes to catch sight of his prey. I don't mind telling you we were pretty "weak" by that time and if it had not been for the mosquitoes we would probably sat dawn and rested awhile.

We spent the rest of the day, eating, playing cards and scratching mosquito and sand fly bites, staid Sunday night at the Club and returned to Miami Beach the next morning about twelve.

When we landed we found out about the toronado at Hialeah - one of the girls had a telegram that her grandmother was dead - another girl found all the servants had deserted her house, but I found nothing more than a lot of work stacked up. Funny everything happens while you are away from home. I thought you would be worried about the storm so sent you the telegram. Even if we had been at the Beach we would have scarcely noticed the storm, except lots of rain.

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Allison chartered a big boat and took about fifteen men for a cruising party down around the Bahamas and Cuba, left last Friday evening....thats why I got to leave. Have a cable this afternoon that they expect to arrive about six o'clock this evening - about one hour from now - so, I guess we will have an interesting evening hearing about their experiences. I have sent some cars over to the boat to meet them and must run on out to the house and see if everything is going alright for dinner, I expect there will be about fifteen or twenty there.

Expect to come North about May 5th. Don't worry about the boat trip - we don't deliberately jump overboard in strange water. Everyone advises who has returned North within the last week or two that we should delay coming for at least two or three weeks on account of the weather - wet and chilly. I remember it was bleak enough the first part of May at Long Island. Last year.

bust run along.

Love,

Margare

Sorry to hear Uncle Dock has been ill, please remember me to all of them.

I am enclosing some pictures which you can "look at". I want them back sometime for my scrap book.

Friday
Aug. 14th, 1925.

Dear Daddy and Mom:

Copy enclosed may appeal to you as a nice little surprise. I had your lot listed for sale first at thirty thousand, but the lots have advanced so rapidly that I decided to raise the price to \$37,500.00, which I did one week ago. I can't remember the exact amount which is yet due, but you have a letter which I sent you last fall which will give us all the information. I have the data myself - but, it is locked in my safety deposit box at Miemi Beach. However, that isn't at all important. The main thing is that you have made around thirty thousand clear profit on an investment of twelve or thirteen hundred in eight or ten months:

I am coming out next week, probably arrive there about Tuesday or Wednesday and will help you get your sales papers straightened out and talk some things over with you. If Mrs. Fisher still continues to improve, I will send you a wire Monday and tell you when I shall arrive.

Have to run along now and do some work.

Bye

Your lot would probably advance yet for the next two or three months, but you have a nice big profit so I thought it best to take it now even the the lot might be worth fifty thousand by November. You never go broke taking a profit.

Dear bladdy & Moller \_ friday & in the State of the State You must think I am a long while Making the trip up from Manie Beach! We really made a record speed hip for that distance with the type of motor ( bleisel ) the boat is equipped with. het without a single slop we we in My. in 59 2 hours. auchored off Soudy Hook and came on to Port Washington Salurday morning. Had remarkably Calm weather, almost as smooth as Bescayne Bay all the way. We started out from the Beach with almost no clothes at all, and by the time we readed a line opposite alloutic City, we began hunting what "flaunels" we possessed. Salurday morning it was even cold enough to give me an excuse to wear my fur coat - which repaid me for the interest on money unested in moth balls to protect said coat since last fall! The ride into N.y. began with

a heavy fogg and about five o'clock in The afternoon at Port Wash. it lurned into rain all day Sunday and until near Monday nearning it continued raining and, besides. The thermometer dropped to about 60' — and that is the coldest weather we have been in since leaving here last November - 2nd - 11 blid d' write you what a beautiful prions we had just the day before we left here last fall? The kind that hange on the trees and everything it comes in ground too! I'm sure it all fell just for me, I have hoped each year to see a "big snow" before leaving and This is the finat one for five years, or is it sit or seven? Monday afternoon we started on the K" for montant, booring here at six and arrived at livelve. Mett morning all that girls collected defferent varieties of "parts" and "knickers" and went exploring. It's a beautiful spot and I will tell you all about it When I are you. We "hiked" set miles over real hills and cance back to

the " with four land twitles we found along the road - I came in with nine tied on the end of a four foot rope we found in the fields, and he (or she) was wriggling just like it was still in water or abrolling about the roads - and, did I say "one feet"? . We started for Bort wash. Tues about fine, and, about light, Mr Fisher went back to the ingine room and started down the twelve foot straight ladder slipped on the fourth step and fell backwards The rest of the way into the motors. Why he wasn't killed is more than I know, but, now after two or three any was days we find he has nothing more serious thou how broken ribs and numerous bad bruises. He feels very badley, of course, but there is really is nothing to be done for him, except to make I have not him as comfortable as possible. even unpacked my trules yet, There are so many other things to be done I had your letter before I left the Beach and must "Shank You" for your promptness! Besides, & very much enjoyed having it Hope every one is quite well by less time. Jen. Lyndall arrived this noon from Indianapolis

and said they are having lovely weather there so, I presume you are too. Who I had thought of going to the Races at Ind. but suppose he will not be able to now, and I was going to stop over to see you there, don't know now just when it will be, but look for me any line from now on . it may be next week r - Jossibly, next mouth! anyway, In when I'm ready. If you happen to go up to Nazelo where there is a telephone, send me a wire when you will be there and I will call you. I have some new photographs (of myself)!! to give you but I think rustead of sending them I will bring them with me. Jake real good care of yourselves and be real "peppy" when I come home. I have lots of things to tell you and broke you have blo of "gossip" for me. Horida is very heartiful and I'm always glad to go There, but I I'm also very glod to come back to Olio and other Wortherne places - except Indiana - I hate that!! I dont see why auground with hive lives in that state. Please give my hery best to all my friends and sky I hope to see them som to much Love to you and bladay - Maryant Dear Daddy & Mom:

I am much disappointed that I did not get to come out this week as I had planned, but, of course, I simply could not do it. Now, we have five or six house guests and two or three more arriging Sunday - more Monday and the next day and so on, until Friday when the Gold Cup Regatta Races begins and will continue over Sunday, here in Manhassett Bay. Some of the speed boats arrived some time ago and they have been making test trips around the Bay - they look very pretty cutting through the water and throughing the spray high. Mr. Fisher has a boat entered in the race - the "Baby Shadow" and expects to make them fly along to keep ahead of him. After the races, I will see what is going on and perhaps can arrange to come then.

I have several things I want to talk over with you and as it may be sometime before I can see you now, will write you briefly what I have in mind so that you can be thinking over these things and possibly make some decisions before I see you.

First: I had of course expected to be out with you this week to help you sign up your papers when they arrive from the Beach. When they come, take them down to the bank and ask Mr. Buck to help close the transaction. Deposit the money in your individual account, with instructions to him that no one is to check on it except yourself. Before sending a check for the balance due against your lot you had better send their letter on to me for O.K. If there is anything you do not understand you had better wire me instead of writing so as to save time, it is very important to close these deals as soon as possible.

Second: Now that you can afford to do it - I think it would be very nice for you to spend the winter some place in Florida. I have been thinking it over and believe that you would like it at Fort Landerdale about as well as any place that I can think of, also it should not be quite so expensive there as some other places. I wired the Chember of Commerce there to send some literature of houses and apartments for lease, so as to line up something as I did not know of any individual there to consult. Perhaps you have received the literature by this time. Keep it until I get there, and we will talk about it. You should arrange to go down about the middle of November, or possibly the 1st would be better.

THIRD: Your house would be very much better with some one in it for the winter than without. Hazel and Emmett have been thinking for sometime of leasing their farm and I think this would be a fine opportunity for them to do it, and move into your house for the winter. Emmett could find something to do around town and I think they would be more comfortable.

FOURTH: I don't want you to mention this to ANYONE except Hazel and Emmett until after all your plans are made. I am quite positive that some of our relatives who do not possess a home of their own at this time. Would insist upon moving into your house - and, I am equally as positive that I am not going to let them.

Perhaps by next winter we can afford to take Hazel and Emmett to Florida with us - in fact, I'm quite sure we can, but I don't see my way clear to help them at this time.

Now, be sure to take care of your lot transaction <u>promptly</u> and wire me at once if you are in any difficulty about it.

Write me fully what you think of these arrangements and perhaps we can get things started.

Believe you had better immediately forward whatever literature you may have received from Ft. Lauderdale so I can look it over and get some idea of what is available there.

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Did you save any grapes for me? I'm certainly going to be mad at you if you didn't!

I suppose Daddy was just going up to help get the grounds ready at Washington - you know it takes a lot of work to get a Fair organized!

Jul bladdy not be getting his new suit, all dirly before he starts for florida!

## THE ALTON BEACH REALTY COMPANY

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September 9, 1925

Mr. W. R. Collier 437 North Street Greenfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Collier:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 5th, enclosing deed properly executed, on the sale of Lot 16, Block 62, Lincoln Subdivision to Ed. Greenlee.

I think we can save time and handle this matter better if I clean up the \$4975.00 due the company at the same time I receipt Greenlee's check for \$16,875.00. It will not then be necessary for you to send me your check. I will await your advice in the matter, However.

Greenlee has thirty days from August 13th to close.

Yours very truly,

Asst. Sales Manager, CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES.

JCC/FT

Dear Daddy and Mom:

Yes. I received the telegram and letter from you and Hazel and attended to wiring Copps the same day, advising him that it would be O.K. to deduct the amount due for your lot from check received. I was wondering the other day whether you had yet received the check. I had a letter from Hazel yesterday and yours today. On receipt of Hazel's letter I immediately wired Copps asking if the transaction had been closed and today have just received the following answer:

"Buyer your Father's lot been out of city past three weeks. Have attempted to locate him by wire. If nothing heard from him within next day or so think we should forfeit his binder."

All of which means, that perhaps the sale will not go through to this buyer, but that you will be ahead \$1800.00 - if you promptly deposited it in the bank as I asked you to do, if you did not eash it immediately and he has no intention of closing the deal, of course, he will stop payment on the check, if he has not already done so. I will write Copps in a few days and tell him to forfeit binder, then we will put it on the market again. I think the market will open up again about the lst of Nov. and I will then be down there where I can handle the deal to a better advantage. Even if you do not sell it right now, we will come out alright in the end, so don't worry.

I do not know just when I be out to see you, probably sometime next week. Let me know what days you are going to the Lancaster Fair, then I can plan to visit you when you will not be there.

We are going to drive over to Montauk Point, which Mr. Fisher recently purchased. It is about one hundred miles from here on the extreme tip of the Island and his property includes about 9,000 acres or three times as large as Miami Beach.

Now, don't worry about your lot, I will take care of the situation some way.

Love to everyone,

Minni Beach, Florida. New. 15th, 1924.

Done Jim:

I wired you on the 10th as follows: "Have not heard from you regarding financial matter dispussed recently. Important proposition open until the fifteenth of this month. Send notes endorsed by daddy to arrive by that date. Wire answer." Perhaps by some error the telegram has miscarried. I am sorry not to have had a reply from you, as an opportunity to make a very good investment for Faddy has alleged by today. His assets are not at all large; and empething must be done at once with his small balance in order to make any profit at all in a reasonable time. I explained to you before that the big chance for making a good investment here is to buy at the beginning of the season so as to have a longer chance to turn the property while the season is at it's height. By losing today's opportunity, we have lost lifteen percent profit on the first move; as all property here has been advanced that amount.

Tou spoke of the possibility of some difficulty in getting a loan, but with a town property, farm and whatever other assets you may have, you certainly should not have any trouble in that line; especially now with the election over and country affairs shaping up in a somewhat normal way.

I forget to ask you while in Greenfield to give me a list of the names and amounts individually owed on all outstanding collections. I might be able to help you some if I had such a list.

The most comprehensive and busines like way to wind up this account would be to make up a detailed statement, dated since the sale of the store. This statement should show receipts...bills paid, and to whom ...complete list of collections, with names and amounts....the total amount you have borrowed from time to time....the amount due from the building and Loan on the first of the year...and any other detail. Elsie is a very good bookkeeper and I am sure will u derstand exactly the I want and how it should be made up. With this information I would be enabled to line up something for Daddy as an investment. Write me soon about this.

We have been here one week. The weather is lovely and everything looks good for a much earlier season than ever before.

Am anxious to know how your tobacco plantation is coming along; I hope it will turn out much better even than you expected.

Love to all.

ur. James N. Collier Greenfield, Ohio. Maryart

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MRS. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD COLLIER FOUR-THREE-SEVEN NORTH STREET GREENFIELD, OHIO Nov 274 1925 Alton Beach Really Bon Miami Beach On our return this eve, from a two weeks visit, found your notice of Note and interest, which is due The 28 of Nov. am enclosing amount. Respt W.R. Collier 437 North St. Docenfield Dhio n. D. Greenlee
Real Estate Investments
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Oct. 1, 1925

Mr. Joseph C. Copps c/o The Carl G. Fisher Properties Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Joe:

I received your two telegrams upon my return to the city, relative to closing the deal on Lot sixteen, Block sixty two, Lincoln subdivision. When I put the deposit on this lot it was my understanding from what was said in Mr. Walker's office the day that I closed my deal on Lot eight, Block thirty-two, in Lake View subdivision, that the lot in question was on Meridian Avenue.

Another man and I were buying this lot together and after he had agreed to go in the deal with me he backed out, after he had given me his check, inasmuch as he was not satisfied to go ahead with the deal I returned him his share of the deposit he had given me. I had just closed several of my own deals and could not close the deal on Lot sixteen, Block sixty-two alone, and that is why I rushed and got him to come in the deal with me.

I wired a friend of mine in Chicago and advised him that I had a lot on Meridian for thirty seven thousand five hundred and told him to purchase same from me, which he did. I did not discover until about two weeks after I had made the deposit with you that the lot that I purchased was on Jefferson instead of Meridian.

How I came to find out my mistake was when I was elated over the fact that I had a lot for thirty seven thousand five hundred, and friends of mine began to question me as to the lot and block number and the subdivision. I looked on the Miami Beach map and noticed that lot sixteen, block sixty-two and the only lot on Meridian Avenue with this lot and block number was a single corner at Eleventh Street and Meridian Avenue. I was still more elated than ever, however, something seemed to tell me that I should be absolutely sure that this was the right lot.

I called at your office and you were not in at the time, I asked your secretary, the young lady who sits next to

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the index cards of ownership what was the lot and block number also the subdivision that Mr. Fisher's secretary owned. Your secretary informed me that she could not give out that information. I told her I had purchased same from you and she gave me the lot and block number and advised me that the lot in question was on Jefferson Avenue. This was the first time that I had a clear understanding where the lot I purchased was. You will not doubt wonder why I waited until this late date to advise you of the fact that it was my understanding that the lot was on Meridian Avenue instead of Jefferson.

I spoke to Henning and Richardson who was the other broker in this deal and told them that I was going to Chicago sooner than I had anticipated in order to explain to the man I had sold the lot to about the mistake, as I could not do same by letter or telegram. It is only natural that he thinks there is something strange about the deal, when I sold him a lot on Meridian Avenue and later want him to close the deal on a Jefferson Avenue lot. When I finally got in touch with my buyer he advises me that he does not want the lot on Jefferson Avenue but would be willing to close the deal as I represented it. Now we all know this can not be done.

Now Joe, I am not trying to welsh on the deal, nor am I trying to say that Mr. Walker said the lot was on Meridian Avenue, I think the whole trouble lies with myself being thick-headed and not getting the distinct understanding in the first place just exactly where the lot was. However, I was closing a deal at the time the sale of this lot came up and no doubt had my mind on consummating of my other deal. It is not my practice to back out of deals or to go into deals that I can not close, there has been so much speculating on a shoe string in Miami Beach that you may think that is what I have done, but that is not the case with me.

It is my desire to retain the friendship and good business relationship with the Fisher organization that we have had in the past and if you feel that the deposit of one thousand eight hundred and seventy five dollars should be forfeited, I will leave this matter with you and let you use your own good judgment for I would rather lose this deposit than lose the friendship of your office.

I have had more trouble with this one deal than any other deal I have had in Florida, I am not blaming you or your office

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but it just so happened. I might further add that when I purchased Lot eight in Block thirty two from Mr. Kollup it was my understanding with the brokers Henning and Richardson that I was to have thirty days from the time the binder was put up. When they received a letter from Mr. Kollup acknowledging receipt of the binder, the receipt stated fifteen days from date thereof. I did not find fault as I wanted the lot and went through with the deal like a gentleman and that is the way I like to do business and no other, and I certainly regret the trouble I have put you to in this last deal. I will leave the matter entirely in your hands.

I expect to return to Florida about October twentieth at which time I will call on you. I expect to be in Chicago from now until that time and would be glad to hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



October 1, 1925.

ED. GREENLEE 4441 BEACON STREET CHICAGO, ILL.

UNLESS YOU CLOSE ON PURCHASE LOT SIXTEEN BLOCK SIXTY TWO LINCOLN SUBDIVISION
BY SATURDAY WE WILL HAVE TO FORFEIT YOUR BINDER ONE THOUSAND BIGHT HUNDRED
SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS STOP SALE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH

Prepaid

JOSEPH C. COPPS

MIAMI BEACH BAY SHORE COMPANY

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W.A. KOHLHEPP
C. W. CHASE, JR.
J. ATWOOD WALKER

October 6, 1925.

Miss Margaret Collier, c/o Carl G. Fisher, Port Washington, Long Island, New York.

Dear Miss Collier:

Attached you will find letter from N. V. Greenlee, who had binder up for purchase of your father's let 16, block 62, Lincoln Subdivision, also copies of my wires to Mr. Greenlee. Under the circumstances, I see nothing else to do but forfeit Mr. Greenlee's binder check of \$1875.00, which will repay your father for whatever inconvenience he has been put to in this matter.

It seems that Greenlee has been caught on account of the fall in the market and cannot raise the cash to go through with this deal. His explanation that he thought the lot was on Meridian Avenue was rather flimsy. Mr. Walker informs me that he made no mention of Meridian Avenue in his conversation with Greenlee and I am sure that I did not.

go through but I am sure we will be able to turn it over for your father in the late fall or early winter at just as handsome a profit.

> JOSEPH C. COPPS, Asst. Sales Manager,

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

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on Fathers Plot Stop If you
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from 37,50000 to total one half cash. no more buiders will be accepted. Ed M. E. Collin Lernis.

Lear Haddy & Mone- In & Sunday arrived at Long Island on Wednesday afternoon. Did not arrive at yglo will about live o'clock on Monday night. It was not a very pleasant bain ride but I enjoyed my little visit with Ef. Seft Ilun in the afternoon about six and Ef came with me on the hami and had dinner and left the hair somplace in Pa. at 11:42 and caught at a train back for Yalo. at 12:00. We have had several questo and more coming — and I must begin gallering up things to take South, po les be quite busy net week we sail in the alexander Monday the 2nd at ten o'clock. Concien Through Ba. Her other night there had been a prow stown and the true and poles were covered with mow. I was much delighted predle around in it. Die let you hen from me as soon as we arrive at the

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blear Lladdy + Mom. Just a note this time - will write later. Au endring a note for Haddy's signature and attached is a newo which will explain. Din just a little short of cash gust pay a part of it now. also enclose a copy of Will which I wish you would sign and reluin to me. I should have sent it along with other copies but neclooked it. & Itis a duplicate of the one which you orgined, and I want this copy for my

The check I sent to limit alelle to cover reulal for levo monthis you may apply on blec Just pay one month at a time and deposit rest in tank. I wish you would let me know whether you had plenly of money to go out on and what your balance is now. Been very brisy, wiel write som. Why don't you get may and send me a few letters? Hope you are all well and having lots of fun. Sove - Margaret.

Dear Daddy and Mom:

I wired you last night as follows: cannot find desirable location for you here just now Suggest you cancel your railway reservation for the fifteenth and make another similar reservation for around January tenth. Hope that you will understand and not be too much disappointed with this suggested postponment of trip south. Writing you details tomorrow Love. Today I have received your wire addressed from London, and am sending you the following wire to London: Willattend to taxes. Sent you important telegram yesterday to greenfield. Can lease apartment for you here at Beach but still advise that you postpone trip South until around middle of January. Very sorry to disappoint you but absolutely impossible to make desirable purchase now. Love. —————all of which is going to cause you a lot of disappointment I'm sure, but you are not any more so than I am.

Every since I came down here I have been scouring the country to locate some good buy for you, some place where you would be comfortably situated and yet be a good investment for you. You will immediately say to yourselves that with all the new houses and apartments that are being built that it surely must be possible to find something suitable -- but the only way that you will be convinced that the thought is wrong is to travel over the same territory that I have the past few weeks: You will remember that I had in mind a house for you at Ft. Lauderdale - having seen some advertised for around \$10,000.90 DONT EVER BELIEVE ALL YOU READ IN ADVERTISEMENTS!!! I've covered the country between here and Delray, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables and as far South as Homestead but the cheapest house I have found furnished is \$18,000.00 and with that you would not be as comfortable as you are in your own home and probably loose money on the investment in the long run.

I have so far found only one house that I would be entirely satisfied that you should buy from a standpoint of being absolutely comfortable and that it might turn out to be a very good investment - but the price is so much more than we had figured on - \$31,500.00 - and conditions are so unsettled here just now that I felt that I just could not take a chance on investing that much money, especially with the possible bhance that you would not be satisfied there.

I have been investigating apartments here, but have not considered it seriously for the reason that I do not believe you would be contented in an apartment here. It is so entitlely different from living in a house - especially when you have always been used to living in a house. Then too, they are asking such exhorbitant rentals that it seems foolish to pay so much, I have not heard of any for less than \$2000.00 for the season, and they run from that up to \$4500.00, which of course does not include any food. I just this morning heard of one that rents from \$1000.00 to \$1350000 which I am going to investigate this afternoon, so that in case you feel that you are too much disappointed to give up your trip that I can get one of these for you.

Mr. Fisher wants me to keep my eyes open for a bargain in a residential lot here on the Beach and start building a house like I have in mind for you, but that will take several months to complete. However, I am going to investigate this end of it and let you know about it. You cannot imagine conditions here unless you see it for yourself. You have many times read of the "boom time" in the Yukon and in California and various other places, and the hectic life people led who were in those locations, and that best explains the way things are here at the present time. So perhaps, if you do not come down just now and wait until affairs settle just a bit that you may be glad you decided to wait. I want you to be the place where you would most enjoy yourselves, and to have everything that you want to make you confortable, and for that reason I want to be careful of investing your money and not loose a lot of it for you. Let us just sit tight for a little while and see what happens. They say everything always happens for the best. Maybe it does, who knows?

Send tax notice on to me and I will attend to it. It is not due until April 1st. You will have both county and city taxes on it.

Let me know how your bank balance is holding out and if you need any money do not hesitate to write me at any time, always remember that.

I had intended to pay the second payment on your Lincoln Subdivision lot. together with interest, but find that it has already been paid. Did you send a check, or is there some mistake about it. The second payment together wih interest would be right around \$1425.00. If you have paid this, let me know if it runs you short of money. As I stated, I intended to make the payment for you and let you return it - the loan - to me when you sold your let. By the way, several days before the second payment was due on the lot, and feeling the situation a little down here, I decided to list your lot for sale at \$35,000.00 for three days only to see what would happen - nothing did, but of course by the first of the year every one seems to expect things to settle down and start on in a regular way once more. Anyway, don't worry. I'll help you out if you need it.

I just went around to see the apartment I told you about on the other page. It is in the old polo field section not far from your lot. The apartments are very nice and the season lease is \$1250.00, if you think you would like to tackle an apartment I'll get it for you, but the more I think it over I believe you would be better off to stay up North until I investigate and find out if a house could be built for you in a reasonable time - thereby saving the builders profit - or, until things lull down a bit and people are not asking such wild prices for their places.

My house is almost completed and I am going to put it on the Sfor sale" list. It will be completely furnished, and very nicely too. I am going to ask \$80,000.00 for it. Hope I will get it! Tell Hazel I will send her a snap shot of it some day. Have received only a part of my furniture, altho it was shipped sometime in September. The embargo down here has certainly caused a lot of confusion. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser are living in the house to take care of it and see that robbers don't come in and take all my silver, eto.

Probably I won't see you for Christmas now - and I had already bought a "bouquet" of bright leaves with a red candle in the center for your table decoration together with some other little decorations - but, I'll just save them for the \$th of July, Easter, or whatever day you arrive. It will be just as nice then anyway. I'll bet Hazel will simply bubble over with joy when she finds out you are going to be with her instead of me. She's kind of "catty" anyway! By the way: I don't want any of you to send me anything for Xmas, except your love. The mails are too congested and anything sent would probably be lost anyway. So don't do it, and mind me too!

Write me soon and tell me all the news, and just how mad you are at me for sending you the telegram I did send just a few days before you were supposed to be on your way here. I knew I should have sent it a week or ten days ago, but kept thinking every day that something might pop up that would fix everything alright. We'll fix it up just as soon as we can in the best possible way, so don't be too much disappointed for the present delay.

to Hard Musering you Margaret.

Did you receive my cablegram from Wassau last Monday? We left here Sublay afternoon about four colock and the next morning when we got our eyes open we were in Nassau Harbor, and after a scramble for breakfast we boarded the launch and landed at the dock. I could give you a very complete description of the place by saying it is the quaintest place I have ever visited, but I will be a little more generous and tell you some of the things I saw. The population is almost completely colored. Occasionally you see a white person, except tourists and guests of the Casa Loma Hotel, which is operated by the Munson SS Line and quite a beautiful building. First we walked down to the wharf to see the fish sponge boats. The fisherman live entirely on their boats and each one has a fire burning in the center of the boat with a round iron kettle steaming with whatever they have to cook ..... I suppose you would call it "slum", since they throw in whatever have to eat in the one kettle. Then, on each boat they have one pig, which they feed all the scraps and when it is about a year old they either sell it or eat it themselves. They are naturally quite tame and like around much like a dog would do. We saw one man taking his morning bath - and talk about "spit" baths! Well, he dipped a tin cup down into a wooden keg and filled his hand with some of the water, rubbed it over his face, then dipped his hand into the tin and took his finger to clean his teeth - then drank the rest that was left in the cup!

From there we walked through the slaughter house and fish market. Of course most of the things we saw there were rather repugnant, but even so an interesting place to see. One little baby goat tied up waiting to have it's throat cut I wanted to bring home, but the quarantine laws would not permit it, so I was told. In the fish market Capt. Thompson bought two dozen conchs - which we had for dinner in soup and raw in salad. In some section of the Bahama Islands the natives live almost entirely on conch, which contains much phosphorus.

Next we hired two or three carriages, much like the one we used to have when I was a little girl, except only about half as large and the inside of the tops were lined with bright colored oil cloth. Lee Carrillo found a funny little two wheeled flat bedded cart with an old gray mule and he promptly jumped on and told the driver to join our procession. It looked quite funny, and even the natives were much amused. We drove around through the streets and a little ways into the country. Went through an old fort, then returned down town and done a little shopping. Most of the houses are quite old and small, not more than shacks some of them. The natives seem to live in their tiny yards almost as much as their houses. The yards are quite barren of grass, but a yard inspector making constant rounds compels them to be kept quite clean.

We boarded the "Shadow K" about two o'clock and arrived at Bimini about one O'clock that night where we anchored until morning. After breakfast we did some trolling - didn't have any bait, so Capt. Thompson tore up his handkerchief and baited the hook - I hesitated to take the line, for I wasn't at all sure that it was not a frame up to "kid" me a little. After waiting patiently about half an hour for a nibble and about to go to sleep, the line gave a big jerk and I began yelling for help - we landed him - a thirty pound barracuda. That was the only one caught and I was quite proud about it. We put on speed and headed straight for Miami Beach and arrived about two o'clock. The whole trip was quite smooth and the new boat is beautiful, and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable trip. Tomorrow, Mr. Fisher is taking a stag party to Tortugus for a two days trip.

Property is beginning to move again quite rapidly. Have not sold my house yet, or yours. But no doubt both will go within a short time. I have not done anything further about a house for you yet. Think it wise to wait a little longer. Was very glad to have your letter and hope you won't forget to write again soon. Enclosing check for your belated Xmas purchases, whatever you may like to buy. Ench love and best wishes for the New Year. Had Hazel's wire that I liked much.

Dear Daddy and Mom:

Your letter of the 5th just received this morning, with a notation on the envelope "Missent". I've been intending to write you for sometime - as usual, and have the same old excuse.

We went to Cuba last Friday, left about four o'clock and arrived in Matanzas, which is on the coast about sixty miles west of Havana, about daylight. I had eaten something that did not agree with me and awakened quite ill that morning, so I did not go ashore at all, consequently cannot tell you much about Matanzas except that it has a very pretty harbor and is built on a hillside. We left there about two o'clock in he afternoon and headed for Havana, arriving there about six O'clock that evening. Had dinner on the boat and then went to the Jai-Lai game. We had among guests Dan Mahoney, who is Gov. Cox son-in-law, Mr. Oystertag, American Consul at Managas. Steve Hannagan and some other good Irish, and the next morning being Easter we decided to go to the Cathedral for High Mass. . It was a very interesting ceremony and quite picturesque. The Archbishop was present and four other Bishops. The Cathedral is one that Christopher Columbus attended at one time, perhaps several times, I'm not thoroughly informed on the subject. The huge bells in the towers are rung by native boys. naked to their waists, and present a wierd sound, not particularly musical but rhythmical. There was much incense and much formality. and we enjoyed it all. There were many amusing incidents, but I'll have to delay telling them until I see you. We left there about seven o'clock on Sunday evening and sailed back to the Beach over a very smooth sea, arrived here early in the morning, making the trip in just abouttwelve hours, which is very good speed. We have been all week trying to "Catch up" and today are planning to leave tomorrow morning again on the Shadow, this time not such a long trip, just down to Long Key or the Bay of Hundy, or Bossibly Dry Tortugus, where we were once before this season. I've had a pain in my tummie all morning and Doc Edwards gave me some paregoric so I guess I'll be alright to go on the trip.

You and Daddy must be very careful about your colds and not get the "flu" I've been quite worried because I did not hear from you. If you get sick you must go right to bed and stay there and call the doctor, they say that staying in bed is the quickest way to get rid of the "bug". Glad to hear that Uncle Doc is better. Wonder if he has tried the remedy I suggested yet? I hope that Mary will go away somewhere and get a little change of scenery, it is not good for her to stay so close at home and work so hard. I'm going to get after her when I come up.

Don't worry about the tax notice, Isve taken care of it. Real estate here is slow at this time, but of course the slump was expected at some time and the sconer it came the better off for most everyone concerned. Within a few months everything will be running on a

smoother and more substantial basis. In the meantime there is nothing to worry about so far as you are concerned. If you need anything, you know quite well where you can get it.

Isve just been looking out of our back window to see if your weeds were cut. No. I see several on it. But you need not worry because all the rest of the lots in that block have just as many as yours has. Perhaps I'll just have yours cut the to make the others look worse.

Have to go out shopping now to buy a couple of cool dresses to wear this week end. Most all of mine have long sleeves in and the weather is entirely to warm here now for any extra clothing.

W. I. O. D. will soon be closed for the season. In fact, everything is closing up now, I mean all the larger hotels and larger palces of amusement. Of course, many places will stay open all summer.

Don't know yet just when we will go North, possibly not until about the 1st of May.

Havn't written to Hazel for a long time, but I guess she will read my letters to you anyway.

Enclosing a check for you and Daddy to use for whatever you need.

Write me soon, and tell how you all are. Better have Daddy see Dr. Jones about that cold. No trouble at all and might save him being quite ill.

Did Daddy have to file an income tax report, and did he receive my telegram regarding same?

letter with pholos enclosed

Margaret.

You know I have a little savings account here for paddy, from what was left on the first payment hersent for his lot. I had the book brought up to date yesterday and this is the way it looks.

Year		Date		Deposits
1924		12-6		\$262.50
1925		1-4	Interest	2.63
1925		1-7	Interest	2.65
1925		1-10	Interest	2.67
1925		1-1	Interest	2.70
1926	3-	1-4	Interest	2773

275.88

Balance \$262.50

So, you see you have made 13.38 interest in a little over a year.

If you want the money at any time or any part of it let me know and
I will get it for you.

M. E. C.

## Dear Daddy:

I enclose herewith the papers I spoke to you about some time ago. I think they are just as you wish them to be, but if there is any change or changes that you would like to have made you may return them to me immediately, and I will have it corrected. In case you return them to be charged be sure to do so by return mail, as we plan to leave here next Friday afternoon for Miami Beach.

Briefly, it is provided that in case anything should happen to you that the property in Greenfield together with all personal effects shall remain as at the present and for Mother's After her death the property may be sold and the total divided equally between Hazel, Jim and myself.

Hazel and myself are Executrix, and as such, it is left to us to decide when the Miami property should be sold, or if it is sold in the meantime, to determine how the money should be invested for the best income, which we are to give Mother. Jim does not share in this property or the income therefrom. I guess this covers the main part of it, if there is anything you do not understand, write and I will try to set you clear. We don't like to write papers of this kind, but it really the best thing to do and saves a lot of trouble. I'll have to do the same thing myself just as scon as I can get around to it.

They have just telephoned from the New York office that they have all your tickets here and I have instructed them to mail them to me today. I will look them over tomorrow or next day and send them on to you. write you all about your route.

Jake down to your bank Must run along, write you tomorrow.

and sign in presence of Margaret.

I have witness, all the must sign in each others of presence. Better leave it at Bank for Safe Helping, with

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CAPITAL STOCK \$ 50,000.00. EARNED SURPLUS \$21,500.00

Washington Court House, Oню, Saturday Oflewoon

Called Hazel This naming, she was well, and I think a little disappointed because you were not going up, said There were just wondering if you would going up, said There were just wondering if you would try to come. The roads up There are very took, they try to come. The roads up there are very took, they have not been out with the machine since the Sunday have not been out with the machine since the Sunday they were at greenfield. Uncle Howe is shell at uncle Plake

expects to visit Hazel tefore he comes to greenfild.
Was talking to arta more and Ben Mader Today, they

me to go loo, but don't believe I will try it will nest week

Was at the basket ball game lost hight, and saw Williamston test our run Telan by one scare " Too bod"

Talked to May Me about the chain and she said it did not make very much difference about the kind of rockers were made of but if you could get

it she believed they would rather have the fund oak, and they are not at all certain about trujing a lable now but just want you to find out if she can get it in that wood. they told her here that they could not get the fund oak now. Just about time to count our east, so guess I will have to quit. The farmers certainly have been coming in this afternoon, so I guess the roads must be a Bye Bye Margaret Eleanor

P. S. arch passed the physical examination, but does not know when he will be earled.

Talked