

Dearest Family - The last week in
October finds it as warm as mid-
summer - We have enjoyed an
extremely warm month - and unfortunately
for Maine extremely dry - There was a
slight cold snap in Sept and all
the leaves turned and then it got
warm so we have enjoyed the beauty
of autumn with the comfort of
summer - I have taken advantage
of this to get everything ready
for winter and then some - I
insulated the floor of the kitchen
addition and then with scraps
of lumber held the insulation
in place by an extra floor - For
the studio I built frames for the large
windows and covered them with celloglass

to act as an insulation window.
Then we started in to paint - we
painted the porch and all the
trim on the house and all the
blue trim on the studio - Then
to make the inside like the outside
I painted the front room of the
house - (I had painted the bath + second
room (old kitchen) in spring) So inside and
out the house and studio are
clean - before painting the inside of
the house I covered all those cracks
with gage and plaster - I gave it
two coats of semi gloss so it is a very
thorough job - When all the leaves
are gone Jeanne and I will do our
noon hour brush cleaning job - There
is still lots to do on the grounds -
They promised to fix the road - or rather

Mr. Tarrers is making a petition to have
it paved, ^{on surfaced} - so when they do I will fix
the entrance and the path to the steps.
But there is marring and clearing
and pouring - until winter sets in
in full force -

It is Sunday and we are going to
Sunday dinner up to Miz's - She is
having the Hunt's also - Helen C.
has been here until now and on
Sunday we would have our dinner
on the hill from the grill - She
bought a house down near Miz's.

One day this week (I hope) Austin Rose
is coming to install the glass door
in the kitchen (we have had it since
spring) and to help me put up the
stone in the studio. The coal stove the
we shipped up last spring - Since one
of the panes of glass cracked in the box.

window I am going to carry the flue
through there - I got a plange the
angle of the window to use -

I wanted to get every thing done
before I go down to do the portrait
of Rise Stevens - I guess Muriel has told
you all about it. Fortunately she has
a studio to do it in - especially so
since 116 has gone by the board -

Oh yes I am enclosing the letter
we received this week from Germany
in answer to the care package we
sent to Paul Bultman. Shall we
send another? Also a picture they sent
of their children -

Our neighbors, the young couple
who put us up when we returned
last spring - had a little boy -

Now just a week old - and it interests
Anthony to no end - When Jeanne
takes him over he goes right to
the room where it is and says
Hi Baby - He talks constantly
but most of it is of his own
creation - although he has a
lot of words and says them clearly -
Indication of his interests is that he
reads his picture books at meals
and points out everything of interest
He understands everything even though
he sometimes pretends he doesn't - He
also after a period of extreme planness
is getting very pretty again - But
his main asset is his charm -
which he uses perfectly - in every

situation - to his extreme advantage
This weather has been a boon to
the garden - we are still getting
greens, Tomatoes, some salad + carrots
broccoli + cabbage - we ate the last
of our eggplants yesterday - Oh yes
we are out of coffee - we
got a lot of quinces from Nina's
garden they are wonderful for jam -
She too has finished a job on
her house - she put in a
dormer on the 3rd floor -
shingled one side and the
roof and now is having the
front painted -

Are the Peccias staying with you?
Ask Nina if she wants to buy the
quiche of the two clowns by Scherl

for 100⁰⁰ ^{or 13} I would like to use the
money to send some packages to
Europe - I have sold off quite
a lot of the German stuff for
that purpose. If you have a
chance please ask her - as
she liked the picture -. We were
able to sell some of the Ende
things in order to send them food and
you should see the letter of
thanks - enough to make you
weep - For the moment This is all

Love
Fitz