

Wednesday

Dear Family.

Anthony had a great big party on Sunday & a very wild time was had by all. After eating hot dogs & beans, pickles & potato chips & salad, they opened the big chocolate Easter egg you sent & ate a lot of that. Then later had coke, & popcorn, & ran & ran so hard & played & screamed & laughed. What a life they have! It is a constant joy to see & be around such big healthy happy children, & we begin to wonder what people do, who don't have children!

Fred has been busy night & day on his project "Forum '49" - which he & Sheldon Kees, & Cecil Hemley have started - They couldn't get the Art Assoc. hall for their planned weekly talk by a prominent artist or writer, as it was too tied up. They have a good program arranged, they are presently very well known people - one nite a week - an open discussion on any topic the speaker chooses - They will pay the speaker, so as to be able to



secure better people - 50¢ admission -  
They hope to be able to get between  
150 - 200 audience - Pay the speaker  
\$50 + rent \$15 per week for use of hall.  
So - it has been much much talk  
& preparation to secure proper  
publicity & a lot of details! Posters  
to be made, advertising, etc etc. -  
It is not a money making proposition  
(at least not this year) but of great  
interest to the intellectual set that  
comes up here looking for a  
little culture -  
Anyhow - they couldn't  
get the Art Assoc. hall, so have  
now found a new & much  
better one while Mr. Witherstone  
the local private art dealer, was  
considering to get to hang up  
more pictures to sell. He is  
Ceil's father-in-law, so all is  
arranged. They pay him the  
\$15 rent & also put up their own  
paintings for sale - (Fritz & Weldon)  
Ceil is a writer) - Help Witherstone  
make an attractive modern gallery -



Fritz is exhausted from so much  
arranging - it's really a lot of work  
Meanwhile he is showing 2 paintings  
at the local show at the Provincetown Inn.  
3 others will be shown in N.Y. in July  
So I feel his work is really getting out  
where people can see & become  
interested in it - And they are  
interested! He gets a great many inquiries.

The other news is Johann  
& his enlarged thyroid, which is  
being treated by a weekly x-ray  
treatment to shrink the thyroid gland.  
Also he has a little hay fever - But  
continues in wonderful good  
humor - laughing, & more beautiful  
than ever - While at the Dr.'s  
office, I complained of my  
arm, <sup>+leg</sup> going to sleep at night - it is  
bothersome & disturbing. So Dr. H. &  
his new assistant made a lot of  
tests & found I have quite a  
calcium deficiency - vitamin  
deficiencies & quite badly  
infected tonsils with pus pockets.  
Then I went to my dentist for  
x-ray of teeth & find almost



every tooth in my mouth in need  
of attention - bad decay, etc.

So I'm starting to see the dentist  
every week too! It's rather depressing  
as I feel like I'm all falling apart!  
But guess I'll get all fixed up in time.

Joe & Fritz are on top the kitchen  
roof shingling it today - previously  
had just tar paper on it, as no matching  
shingles were available.

We are looking for 200 chairs  
for the Forum Hall - The local  
undertaker has hardly any. I wonder  
if the N.S.M. members in Hyannis could  
be of any help? Will call him if  
we can't get them from Church or  
high school - Maybe he could  
suggest -

Helen Albertson is still  
sick about Murphy trucking her #20  
sofa up here for \$48 - But he wouldn't  
give her a price ahead of time.

Went swimming a couple days  
ago - Anthony is a little braver than  
last year but very cautious -  
Enclosing a few of the building bills  
current - Mr. Doye is the glass for the studio - 3  
no. incidentals - Lard's End is 2 months - For now  
In haste as usual - Much Love for all  
Jim