

Monday

Dearest Family,

We have neglected writing in favor of telephone calls, but honestly, Sunday mornings are so hectic, what with church, and the neighbors children all in while their parents go, (we exchange) Anthony off playing, Fritz off at anytime the occasion arises for the Forum---all sorts of things come up at odd times and off he has to run----so really as long as Pauline continues to be well, we all feel its an awful waste of money, as nothing much gets said anyway. Muriel is still with us, her birthday today, and we are trying to persuade her to stay at least a couple more days, because she looks so very much better already in a week here--such a change---everyone says so--she really gets so much out of it---the fresh air, naps, food, relaxation, and rest. And she really is relaxing this time---it is a pleasure to see her do so--but relax she is, and takes walks, and sleeps ^{really}lots too. Also she is able to enjoy her godchildren for the first time as she can really take time to sit down and enjoy them. She is so crazy about them both and really loves to be with them. It is very good for her here, and I truly think she should make a big effort to come more often, especially now since she can fly in an hour and a half. We let her cook to her wishes, as she eats at night, we at noon, and we all get along just fine.

Fritz has been away from home more in the past few weeks than ever before--but there is much interest, much work to be done, many people to see, advertising, publicity, etc. They have planned ten forums, for ten different nights, July 3, to Sept. 1st, and first two gone by and very successful, as you see by the newspapers. Also in the current show hanging in the gallery, he is showing two big paintings, and they too have received much praise and comment from interested onlookers---all of which is very encouraging to an artist.

We had a nice birthday party for Muriel yesterday, planned for the

outdoor terrace on top the hill---then a sudden shower came, and we moved en masse to the studio---we had quite a big crowd, including Joe Acker and guests, Hunts, Hofmanns, Culbertson, Bob Meyer, and a number of others. Joe has already has us to two parties, and another tomorrow.

Johann produced his first tooth for Muriel's birthday, and Anthony printed her a nice birthday card and letter--he wanted to put in a dollar so she could buy something just for herself, he said. He really is wonderful and so good--he is getting a big chest and very muscular legs.

Yes, I am feeling better, except when I get over-tired, or not enough sleep---Johann wakes at 5:30--so I have to get to bed early. My arm still goes to sleep during the nite, and wakens me, but not nearly as much as it did---the vitamins are helping I am sure, as I don't tire so easily. Also have completed my dental work, which was over \$100, but (by paying him gradually, I only owe him \$44 more, not bad.

We paid for the damn Methodist church benches to the minister who wouldn't give us any credit, \$54, but they are very nice benches, old, long, with backs, and cannot only be used now for the forum, but will be wonderful on our porch, studio, hill, etc. 9 benches, each seats 7. However by paying for them, and the grocery bill which was \$85, and taking a few dollars cash out, I find today in the mail I am overdrawn at the bank--I was last month already, so thought the deposit of \$150 would cover all, but see I've done it again. So if you could send us the \$54 for the benches pretty soon, it would help as I must pay milkman \$25, tele., elec., laundry, and the misc. little odds and ends that keep cropping up.

The bathtub came and is to be installed end of the week, along with water heater at the same time. Joe Lazaro is now working on the brick path to the house, and it will be a vast improvement after walking thru sand.

Fritz is off to Wellfleet to see more speakers for future forums, for the day, Muriel is walking, Anthony is catching hop-toads, and Johann wants to eat, so will close, with much love from us all.

Jeanne