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Dear Louie:

I heard from some source, and I cannot believe it, that Ray Parkins had taken his life in Minneapolis, Minn. That would be the last fellow I think who would destroy himself.

It has been bothering me, and feeling that you would know if anyone would, I am writing to see if you can find out, if you have not heard it. This thing has depressed me for a week and I cannot get it off my mind so I am writing you to give me the information if you can.

I trust that Mattie, Bob and Forrest Keith are all well and happy.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.