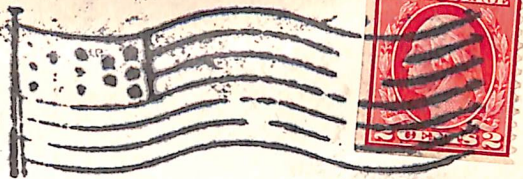


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Miss Ruth Pyle,

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Sunday afternoon.

Sweetheart o' mine,

The sun's just going down on the first week of exile # 344, and deliverance # 345 is thereby one week closer. Also exile # 346 is one week nearer but that's a story with a different moral. It's been a happy week too. I found myself singing and shouting to myself time and again, just like I did the week before Christmas. It's enough incentive to work like old "Junket" (with apologies to J.E.C. Jr.) just to get that giggly feeling inside all the time.

You've got me all excited about this nice new chest of yours. (The wooden one I mean too!!) and have you got lots of things to put in it? I'll bet you have. I'd send you some stockings for it, but I'm afraid that you'd be tempted some day and dig them out for immediate use. One thing is certain:- you're not putting them in

the cedar chest to go to bed.

Nice party you had Friday but
How about all this sleep
you were going to get when
I left?!! Picky cat?! The

story about being killed in the crush
and its effect on Mrs. Hendrich was
real interesting. Wonder if the old boy
told Mrs. H. some more stories I've heard
him tell!

My boys (pardon the personality)
beat a husky bunch of farmers from
Manhattan a game of basketball last night.
I shed a few blood drops in the pro-
cess, however. Manhattan was five points
ahead at the end of the first half, and
I had to say some mean things to the
kids to make 'em come through. The final
score was 28 to 18.

Signed up with the Catholic Church
today at \$10 per mo. but no one is to
know. It's a secret see? The simple life

and the added Eagle may pull me out of
the whole someday. Echo answers "Someday."

Gonna write a nice long effusion
to George this evening explaining in
full his part in ~~the~~ my new South
American Comedy-Drama. Come on you
George. We're only gonna let George do
part of it however. J.B. is to be the
hero.

^{and Freda too}
Isabel^s were at the game and came
at the High School last night. Sharty and
Isabel are together all the time. Gosh they're
pretty near as bad as we are. I can't under-
stand that - can you??

wonder how I did in the Ex. Haven't
heard a thing yet except what you wrote.
I should need a teacher's certificate in
South America.

Here we go lovin' kid. See you to-
morrow. But for tonight I'm kissing you
and hugging you and a loving you hard-
hard, hard.

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