

December 30<sup>th</sup> [1940]

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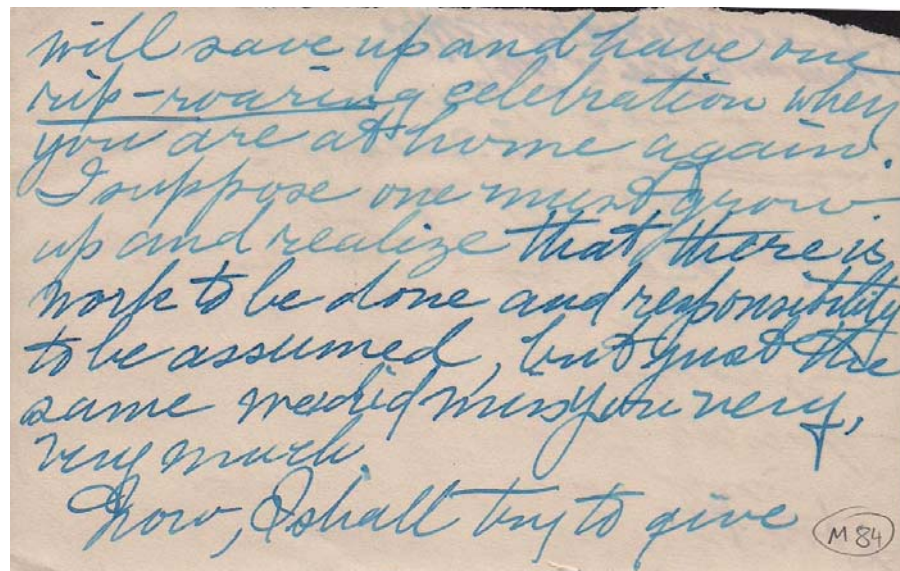
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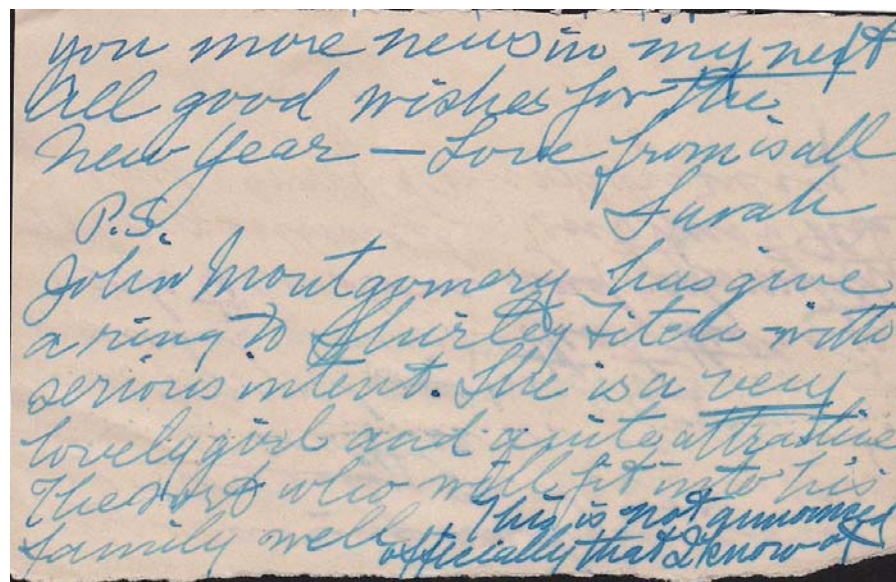
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