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Dear Alf:

I went to Montgomery this week to watch the liquor fight but couldn't stand it longer than two days. The legislature just ain't what she used to be-- but by God we'll give the boys and girls a real show in 1939, and it won't cost 'em as much.

Eddie doesn't stick around like he did when we had our gang down there. He was here yesterday and is coming back tomorrow to let me interview him on the raddio.

You would laugh yourself to death to see Ralphie Hurst, who crusaded so nobly against the Graves administration last session, playing ball with Bibb's Barnacles. They've got a great big ring in his nose and everybody's gossing about it-- especially the economy blockers he used to plump for.

Hugh Sparrow has quit speaking to Jim Simpson-- all because Jim didn't like the liquor bill just as the little colonel offered it to 'em.

John Kohn and Pitt Maner are laying plans to head the repeal campaign. I believe the wets could do better with the Mullins boys. Of course Atticus will be in on it this time, but Sanford's out... and mad as hell.

I hear two state liquor boards mentioned.

No. 1: General Persons, Mike Vincentelli, Billy Corning.

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No. 2 (now, hold your nose): Ed Taylor, Matt Murphy,
Tom Buntin.

It may be that all talk of liquor boards is premature. There seems to be some doubt among the wets that they can carry the state.

Say, Alf, how're you doing, old timer? Why don't you drop me a line, or at least ask Bob Henry to send me a flash every now and then? Ed Reid and I talk about you for hours every time we get together. So do Lee Edmundson and I every time we get together.

Ralph Hurst spread a report all over Montgomery that Lee was financing my magazine and had put up \$25,000. He is a dirty little so and son, and if you'll look inside of next week's Alabama I'm gonna skin that young man alive and get it over with. I don't know what has come over him-- except that he got mad with everybody who didn't like the liquor bill as was. He has even quit speaking to Marshall Johnson, his mentor for two years!

God bless you Harry-- and best regards to all the folks. For the Lord's sake let's hear from you sometime. Before long I'll be dropping in on you again. Watch "Alabama" next week for a few new ads-- and watch each week after that. We're about to break the log-jam and go to town.

Yours,

