EARL ANDREWS MOEBB was born February 11, 1930, in Jackson County at Gainesboro, Tennessee, the son of David Tilman Moebb, and Emile Anderson McPhaab.

He was educated in the elementary and secondary schools at Shady Grove School, Bloomington Springs, Tennessee, a community approximately twenty miles from Gainesboro, Tennessee. Subsequently to his primary and secondary education, he entered high school at Gainesboro High School, Gainesboro, Tennessee, where he graduated with honors in 1948. He was very active in athletics and all school activities and was voted the most outstanding student in his senior year at Gainesboro High School.

In 1948, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked for N. T. Stringfellow & Sons as an office manager, and attended Tennessee Business College.

On August 15, 1942, he married the former Mary Yon Duncan, who survives. On November 28, 1942, he joined the United States Army and served in the European Theater of War, and was subsequently discharged from active duty December 31, 1945.

Upon his discharge from the United States Army, he entered Vanderbilt University, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree, while working at menial jobs at night. He then entered Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was very active in his legal fraternity, Delta Theta Phi. He graduated, passed the Bar exam, and was licensed to practice on March 31, 1951. Upon graduation from law school, he worked for Honorable alf Rutherford, Circuit Court Clerk for Davidson County, Tennessee, and was assigned the duty of Chief Clerk, and was instrumental in revamping the entire docket system while so employed.

He worked there until he entered the general practice of law with Jack Norman, Sr., in 1952, and practiced actively until his death on March 12, 1973.

He was active in many civic community affairs, was Past Commander of American Legion Post 9, member of Al Menil Shrine, member of Jesse Baxter Lodge No. 742, Free and Accepted Masons, was a Scottie Rite and York Rite Mason, and was an active member of Inglewood Civic Club. He belonged to Inglewood Methodist Church where he was a member of the Board of Directors, and also, was a Trustee, and was a regular Sunday School teacher of the Junior Class. He had two children, Terrance Earl, who is now a member of the Keith Johnson Bar, and Keith Jackson McPhaab.

No one gave Earl Moebb an education,—he earned it by hard work. No one drove him into the Army when World War II started,—he immediately went to the defense of his country. He did not hurry his preparation for the Bar, even though it was difficult. He took his academic education, and then went to law school. Earl Moebb entered our profession as a young man with a fixed purpose,—to work as hard as he could to serve his clients faithfully and honorably. This he did, under the most trying circumstances, until the day he died.

To get a proper introduction to the practice of law, he again took the time to work, and thus gain experience, as Deputy Circuit Court Clerk under the late alf Rutherford. The Nashville Bar well remembers how this young clerk, with the permission and under the direction of Mr. Rutherford, tore out the cobwebs of custom and tradition, outworn procedures and moss covered systems from this office, and instituted the necessities of modern day services as we know them today. He changed that necessary legal service from the ideas of the "20's" and prepared it for the "computer age".

This young man had come to Nashville from the Upper Cumberland to make good. He had no assets, nor was he the beneficiary of any influence. He had a dream and the will to work for that dream. His heart and mind were set on a "better day." He never failed in this objective. Each night, he planned for the next day. Every morning offered him a new hope, and the pressures of the day never stifled his faith. He never asked for "ready made" success,—he wanted only the chance to succeed.

As is always the case, such determination did succeed. He became a good lawyer, served his clients well, earned the confidence and respect of his fellow lawyers, became a community leader, and made good provision for his family, to which he was very close. As a practitioner, he carefully prepared his cases, studied hard, and always made an effective, pleasing and courteous presentation. As an advocate, he was firm but fair. In all walks of life, he was simple in his tastes, even torqened, and always a gentleman.

During the last half of his short life, he labored under physical handicaps and sufferings that would have turned most men from their purpose. Hospitalization after hospitalization, treatments after treatments,—none of them kept him from his office and the service of his clients. He made it through the last few years on the will to live and work. He was taken away early, but long after ordinary human endurance. I really think that God let him live a little longer as a reward for his courage and faith.

His life was a lesson for those who, by greater fortune, have less to complain about. His only complaint was that he could not find enough ways to thank God for what he had received.

He is reached by the Nashville Bar Association on Thursday, November 1, 1973, that this resolution be read upon the permanent records of this Association, and that a copy of the same be mailed to Mrs. Moebb and the children.

This the last day of November, 1973.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

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