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Ralph E. Moody

In the galaxy of distinguished members of the Oregon bar the name of Ralph E. Moody will long shine with lustre. Admitted to the bar of Oregon in 1888, he practiced his profession continuously until a few months ago when infirmities of age forced him to give up his work. Now death has put a kindly seal to his life's labors.

Son of one who served Oregon as governor in the 1880s, Ralph Moody was given the advantage of a good general education topped with a course in law at the Albany (N. Y.) Law School. His professional career embraced practice in Oregon and Washington, service as attorney for Oregon railroads, membership in a prominent law firm in Chicago, and then in the 1920s a special attorneyship in the U. S. Department of Justice.

Following this last assignment he returned to Oregon, renewing in brilliant fashion the career at the Oregon bar which he had broken off years before. In this latter stage he distinguished himself in the successful prosecution of very important criminal cases. He had various special assignments, as attorney for the capitol reconstruction commission and as special legislative counsel. In addition to his private practice he was frequently consulted by other lawyers for aid in the preparation of cases.

Possessed of a brilliant mind, Ralph Moody was learned in the law, but he pursued the study of law in connection with the causes in which he was counsel with a zeal found usually among younger men. He was exceedingly thorough in his research, skilled in the preparation of briefs, but equally competent as a trial lawyer in examination of witnesses and in the arguing of cases.

His range of interest outside his profession extended to public affairs and politics—he was a staunch Republican. But to him the profession of the law was a jealous mistress, and for a span of over 65 years he served in his profession with honor and distinction. A colorful personality, his fame will become part of the legend in the traditions of the Oregon bar.

Caboose Before Engine

Says the Ashland Tidings, apropos of threatened curtailment of passenger train service on the railroad from San Francisco Bay to Eureka, following the dropping of the last passenger train to Southern Oregon:

"It is becoming more and more apparent that the Southern Pacific high-level policy is to make it almost solely a freight railroad, with the possible exception of a few trains between metropolitan centers."

We wonder if the Tidings isn't mistaken in assessing the blame. Isn't it the public which is deserting passenger train service rather than the other way round?

To our desk comes a circular from the

"Vigilant Women for the Bricker Amendment." Postmark is Oshkosh, be-gosh. The ladies appear to be fighting a rearguard action, in spite of their ringing declaration: "The fight for the Bricker Amendment is on."

President Curtice of General Motors says

Congress should enact legislation for highway improvements first thing when it meets again. That's a clear case of what's good for the country is good for General Motors.

World, Devoutly Wishing for Disarmament, Could be Badly Damaged by Its Achievement

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

The United Nations subcommittee on disarmament has begun its sessions under considerable political pressure of a type which carries potential danger.

The pressure, inherent in the world situation and expressed in such statements as President Eisenhower's that the meeting can contribute to relaxed international tensions, is for some show of progress.

The danger is that such a show of progress will play into the hands of Soviet Russia.

The subcommittee is meeting before the big riddle of the day has been solved, and that is whether Russia is putting up a front for her own purposes, or is really working toward permanent coexistence.

Russia has been trying for years, ever since the organization of the United Nations, to get the West to give up the nuclear weapons which give it military equality with the vast manpower available to the Communists. That still seems to be the key point of her proposals.

Strangely enough, then, there is a situation in which the world, devoutly wishing for disarmament, could be badly damaged by its achievement. Certainly any agreements or seeming agreements reached in a hurry, under pressure to keep the picture on the conciliatory side until the foreign ministers meet in October, would take on the aspects of dangerous soporifics.

As the meeting opened there appeared to be little chance that anything would be done. The Allies are demanding such detailed safeguards that acceptance by Russia would require a change in her whole character and whole policy. The West has not given up hope that this change will eventually

The Holohan Case

Another chapter in the bizarre case growing out of the apparent murder of Maj. William Holohan in Italy during the war has been opened in Washington with the indictment on charges of perjury of one who has been convicted, in absentia, of Holohan's murder by a postwar Italian court. The story is cloak-and-dagger out of the cloak-and-dagger operations in the late war. Holohan and others were parachuted into Northern Italy to see about support for Partisans opposing Mussolini and the Fascists. Holohan disappeared but later the Italian police found his body weighted with stones in a nearby lake. Evidence pointed to some of his associates, Aldo Icardi and Carl LoDoce, as his probable murderers. A big sum of money, \$100,000, was part of the tale, also controversy over giving the money to the Communist Partisans.

American courts ruled that Icardi and LoDoce, on their return to America and being discharged could not be tried for an alleged crime in Italy, nor could they be extradited. A House investigating committee reported the evidence justified murder indictments. The present case involves a charge of perjury against Icardi for his testimony before the House committee.

Thus after many angular turns one of the pair may be brought to trial in which the facts on Holohan's disappearance may be brought to light.

Elsa's Party

Elsa Maxwell is throwing another party, ostensibly her own, a cruise out of Venice. Her guests are a mixed lot of the international social set, titled folk out of work, movie stars, an ex-premier of France (if all had been invited the boat would have been swamped), and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst Sr. But not the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The latter had a spat with Elsa and all is not yet forgiven.

Elsa, rigged out in admiral's uniform, is in command, socially speaking, that is. But she will not pick up the check. The cruise from Venice to Athens is a pitch for more tourist business for Greece. The international playboys and girls couldn't resist the chance to be free loaders on a Mediterranean cruise. They do not fear Greeks bearing gifts—of food and champagne.

Is the golfer's hole-in-one shot result of skill or luck? This question was posed to the Illinois attorney general when the Rock Island Junior Chamber of Commerce wanted to stage a hole-in-one contest. After thumbing the lawbooks and puckering his brows the AG concluded that making a hole-in-one depends "to a large extent" on luck or chance, but he reasoned also that the fact is "equally obvious and more persuasive" that "considerable skill" is involved, so the official gave his blessing on the Jaycee enterprise. Golfers will hail him as a Solomon come to judgment, but the argument will continue on which factor is more important in making a hole-in-one, skill or luck.

This is the season to visit the mint farms around Jefferson. A good route is to go south on Liberty road, down Ankeny fill to the Ankeny bottom and then on to Talbot which is a center for mint growing. One can drive back through Jefferson and the Old Pacific highway, or through Parrish gap and back through Marion and Turner. The trip gives one a good view of harvesttime in Marion county, plus the scent of mint from the fields and mint stills.

Senator Lehman of New York is proposing federal risk insurance to cover major disasters like the recent Eastern floods. The government offered war risk insurance during the late war to cover damage from enemy attack. It proved the most profitable bit of business Uncle Sam ever engaged in. Keeping up with all the girls—Edna, Carol, Connie, Diane—however, might prove too expensive.

We have had a prized golden age, and a platinum age; but it is hard to anticipate a "uranium age," or a "thorium age."

Gov. Withcombe was present at a banquet given by the Pennsylvania club of Portland in honor of Gov. Brombaugh of that state. The affair was given at the Hotel Benson and the Oregon executive was one of the speakers.

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Six second-cabin passengers, six third-cabin passengers, and 13 of the crew of the steamer Hesperian torpedoed 150 miles off Queenstown were unaccounted for. Several Americans were aboard but saved.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

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5. What is a word beginning with cru that means "a severe trial or test"?

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She said she wouldn't sit with them for a thousand dollars "Sitters are getting awfully independent . . . the last time . . . NOW, it's a million!"



Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

August 31, 1945

Fire which leveled the Hudson-Duncan company's packing plant at Dundee, Ore., wrought damage estimated unofficially at \$300,000. The three-story frame structure sent flames 200 to 300 feet in the air.

Adolf Hitler's compensation for leading the German people to war and destruction ranged from \$2,640,000 to nearly \$6,000,000 a year, records showed. Besides his salary as chancellor, Hitler was paid \$100,000 a year as president of the reich.

The Rev. F. H. Neff, minister of the Evangelical church in Oregon for more than 50 years, died at Florence, Ore. Services for the pioneer circuit rider who formerly lived in Salem was held at Florence.

25 Years Ago

August 31, 1930

Plans were being formed in Salem for a meeting of Willamette University alumni with the view of perfecting a local organization of that group. There are 250 Willamette alumni in this city. Robert C. Notson, president of the general alumni association, was to be consulted.

Grasshoppers which appeared in the Walthville district east of Eugene about a month ago are reported to have increased to such numbers they clog farm machinery and threaten destruction of green crops.

Comparative valuations and earnings of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric railway systems in Oregon were aired at the interstate commerce commission hearing where the two railroads are fighting for the right to acquire the Valley & Siletz, a lumber line running west from Independence.

40 Years Ago

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Artillery Unit Praised in Officer's Note

Capt. Walter O. Schold, personnel officer for the headquarters and headquarters battery of the 929th field artillery which recently completed summer training, has received a letter from Hugh M. Milton II, assistant secretary of the Army.

Milton spent some time visiting the Salem battery when it arrived at the Yakima Firing Center Aug. 14. His letter, in part, said:

"It was gratifying to me to observe the sincerity with which each of you participated in the training, which is so necessary if we are to maintain the strength which has always characterized our great nation.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to chat with you for a few minutes and my only regret is that I did not have sufficient time to talk with you longer.

"The contribution that you and your brothers-in-arms are making to this country is sincerely appreciated, and I am sure that it is gratifying to you, as it is to me, that we are building a strong defense force to protect our great heritage."

Pendleton Round-Up Slates Dennis Day

PENDLETON (AP)—Dennis Day, radio and television singer, will be grand marshal of the Pendleton Round-Up's "Westward Ho" parade Sept. 16.

His last appearance in Oregon was at state of the stadium shows in this year's Portland Rose Festival.

Burglars Fail In Attempt to Crack Safe

Burglars broke into a Salem electrical firm early Tuesday morning but left empty-handed. City police said the yeggs failed in attempts to open a safe.

Detectives reported that the safe of the Marion Electric Co., Pine Street and Portland Rd., was removed from the firm's office by the burglars and rolled into a back room. A selector knob was knocked off the safe and a bottom plate removed to no avail.

It was believed the yeggs may have been frightened away while trying to get into the strong box. Detectives said there apparently were no attempts to disturb anything else in the plant.

Entry into the firm was gained by breaking a window and opening a sliding door. The burglary was discovered by an employe when he reported for work about 7 a.m.

APPETITE TROUBLE GREENSBURG, Pa.

Police and firemen went all-out in a search for Tommy Long, 8, Robert Pierce, police officer, said the lad was found a short time after the search party was organized. Tommy—oh, he just wasn't hungry so he didn't go home for lunch and dinner.

Oil 'Not Responsible For All Good Things'

SIDNEY, Neb. (UP)—The editors of the Sidney Telegraph recently published an open letter to a state senator who had said that, due to rich oil deposits in the area, Sidney residents owned more Cadillac cars than residents of any other Nebraska city.

Admitting that what the senator said about the expensive cars may be true, the editors denied that oil was entirely responsible. The letter read in part:

"We had 'em (the cars) before anyone found oil in western Nebraska. This country is and was a mighty good country long before they found black gold. We tilled the soil properly, conserved moisture and saved our money."

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2 Salem Jail Inmates Flee

The city jail was less two occupants Monday after a pair of men escaped from a work gang at the municipal dog pound, police reported.

One escapee, said officers, was Walter Henry Jenkins, 44, Dayton, serving out \$250 and \$50 fines on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license. The other man was listed as Henry Lewis Griffin, 45, Salem, whom police said was serving 30 days on a drunk charge.

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