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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Members of the Moles:

Did you attend the Frolic, or were you one of the unfortunate members who missed a swell party on April 3rd?

At our recent executive meeting, it was suggested that at possibly four times in the course of the year, a message be sent to each of the members of the Moles, outlining some of the achievements and aims of this organization.

The Moles were originally organized to bring together men in a specialized field, as outlined on our letterhead, to enable the members to become better acquainted and aim for one common goal for men in this industry.

Our early meetings were conducted on a monthly basis and one of the outstanding Moles would give a short discourse on work in progress at the time. Most of these were impromptu and very interesting.

After trying out monthly meetings, it was decided that we would probably achieve a better goal if we had four meetings per year. With this in mind, we discussed at some length what our aim should be, in addition to creating good fellowship. Of course, good fellowship is not to be underestimated, as this is probably the only means a great many men following similar pursuits ever have of getting to know one another -- and this in itself is a very valuable asset.

Our organization started out as not one to accumulate funds, but to return to our membership some form of prize in recognition of a member's prowess. Serious thought has been given as to just how best we might achieve this aim.

It is with this thought that I am presenting my first message to our membership -- asking if they in turn will send Alex Stagg or myself any thought that they may have which would be appropriate for our organization to sponsor.

At our last executive meeting, the three founders of the Moles, Sielke, Leeuw and Stagg were made honorary members for life, so at least in a small way, we have suitably recognized the hard work of these three men who founded this great organization.

You will shortly receive a book incorporating the by-laws, officers, committees and full roster of the active Moles, and when you receive same, look it over and I am sure you will be proud of the Moles' membership.

It is hoped that each Mole will set as his goal proposing eligible friends, as it is the aim of the organization to band more closely all those covered by our specialized classification for membership.

Yours truly,


RAY N. SPOONER, President

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MOLES PARADISE

What probably is the greatest tunneling job of all time is underway to bring an additional half billion gallons of water daily to the City of New York and, when they wish, to smaller communities along the route of the 85 mile aqueduct extending from Hill View Reservoir in Yonkers to, near Ellenville, in the Catskills. The route of the tunnel lies west of White Plains, passes under Kensico Reservoir at 1600 ft. below the surface, strikes northerly passing near Katonah, and Carmel, swings northwest passing under the Hudson a few miles north of Newburgh and continues in the same line to Merriman Dam at Lackawack.

13 1/2 miles of 19 1/2 ft. interior diameter concrete lined tunnel, 27 miles of 15 ft. diam. and 43 miles of 13 1/2 ft. diam. together with 23 access shafts and some purification works is being done by 14 contractors for \$150 million dollars. Construction at Merriman Dam, including an additional 1/2 mile of 15 ft. tunnel and a mile of 13 1/2 ft., will cost \$19,000,000. Miscellaneous work brings the contract price to about 173 million for the first stage construction expected to add an average 100 million gallons daily to the city's supply. Construction of tunnels and dams to tap the Neversink River and East Branch of the Delaware River have not yet started but will add several million dollars in contract work and 370 million gallons of water daily to the city's system.

World tunneling records on the aqueduct last only a few days. First Geo. Underwood took it at Shaft 4 with a 1619 ft. advance at a single 17 ft. diameter (13 1/2 ft. lined) heading in 31 days. Then Alex Simpson at Shaft 5 drove 1862 ft., both for Walsh Construction Co. with Bill Durkin, manager, acting as referee. Out of the west came a claim of 1879 ft. in an 8x9 heading at Cripple Creek, Colorado by guys who aren't Moles. At press time Alex Simpson is again ahead with 2019 ft. in the North heading at Shaft 5 in the 31 working day period ending May 8. Rosoff, on an adjoining section has driven nearly 1200 ft. in a similar period thru rock that required timbering all the way.

The "Holing Thru" editors have elected all superintendents on record breaking jobs to full membership. All they need to do now is forward their dues.

Work on the first stage of the project is 40% complete, on a basis of contract payments, with excavation nearly 70% finished and lining under way on three contracts. Despite some bad ground conditions all work is well ahead of schedule and some contractors will finish nearly two years ahead of anticipated completion in 1944.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

J.C. Dooley
230 Park Avenue
New York City
New York Trap Rock Corp., Vice Pres.

Joe Collins
216 Devoe Avenue
Yonkers, N.Y.
Lone Star Cement Co., Special Representative

Ed Palmer
50 Church Street
New York City
Senior & Palmer, President

H.H. Hodgkinson
1162 Grinnell Place
New York City
Harmon-Hodge-Hammond Inc., Treasurer

R. W. Hammond
68 Washington Street
New York City
Broderick & Bascom Rope Co., Eastern Sales Mgr.

George H. Hollerith, Jr.
2226 Story Avenue
Bronx, N.Y.
Madden & Lane, Ass't. Supt.

Walter C. Kalmbach
101-10 Park Lane South
Richmond Hill, L.I.
N.Y. Fire Dept. Hook & Ladder #6 - Captain

Lambert O'Neill, Jr.
Whitney Avenue
Grasmere, Staten Island
Poirier & McLane, Supt.

Augustas V. Riegel
Brockway Place
White Plains, N.Y.
Circle Construction Corp., Sec'y.

Maurice Hallen
45-24 37th Street
Long Island City, N.Y.
Hallen Welding Service Inc., President

Arthur H. Faust
217 Pearl Street
New York City
Mahoney-Clarke Inc., Salesman

Harry Armstrong
606 East 38th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Spencer, White & Prentis, Supt.

Thos. Foley
2516 Newtown Avenue
Astoria, L.I.
Poirier & McLane, Master Mechanic

Philip J. Lynch
30 Vesey Street
New York City
Seaboard Sand & Gravel Co., Sec'y & Treas.

DeWitt E. Smedes
70 Pine Street
New York City
Union Metal Mfg. Co., District Sales Mgr.

O.A. Lamchantin
50-25 72nd Street
Woodside, N.Y.
J.K. Larkin & Co., Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

A. S. Topping
159 Varick Street
New York City
Topping Bros., Vice Pres.

H.O. Peirce
140th St., & East River
New York City
H.O. Peirce Mchg. Co.

Arthur A. Johnson
29-28 41st Avenue
Long Island City, N.Y.
Arthur A. Johnson Corp., Pres.

Horace L. Daug
30 Journal Square
Jersey City, N.J.
Lawyer

James L. Carey
105 Court Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Necaro Co., Inc., President

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MUCK PILE

The Exec. Committee voted to bond all moles handling the outfit's dough. Leave your fingerprints at the front office. Or your forwarding address with Warden Lawes.

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The Frolic was a huge success. Everybody had a good time and the Treasurer was happy even after he figured out the totals.

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The dancer at the Frolic, who performed with two fans and a fanny, was generously applauded. One Mole grabbed a train of ostrich feathers from one of the chorus, and in thirty seconds everybody in the place had a plume in his hair. Looked like a convention of Sioux Indians. Sioux me if it ain't so.

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The heraldic designs of crossed picks and shovels was very tasty indeed. The posters depicting faces and names of hard-working committeemen met with a bit of fingernail biting. Don't get jealous boys. Do some work for the Club and you'll be immortalized on the walls.

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Some of the boys complained about the "Master" of ceremonies. They wanted a mistress instead. Who Doesn't? And we could mention the name of the guy who said, absent-mindedly when one of the gals came out in the raw—"Take a letter Miss-----!"

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Our Dep't. of Natural History reports the following quotation from Dr. Young's "Genital Abnormalities":

"Certain hibernating animals, such as the mole, draw their testicles into the abdomen during the cold months, and let them down into the scrotum during the mating period."

How is your retractable landing gear working?

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The Hon. Comm. has elected Al Sielke, Alex Stagg and Harry Leeuw to Life Membership because they founded the club. This doesn't mean "Honorary" membership. An Honorary Member is a distinguished bozo who is invited into the club because he has made a name for himself in the racket. Send us in some suggestions for Hon. Members, willya?--Don't bother with Ad. Hitler; he's already been black-balled.

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Somebody suggested limiting the membership to a certain small number. This strikes us as a silly idea at this stage of the game. We're just starting life. Are you trying trying to make a miscarriage out of a lusty infant?

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