

# The MOLES

COMPOSED OF MEN NOW OR FORMERLY ENGAGED IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL·SUBWAY·SEWER·FOUNDATION·  
MARINE·SUB-AQUEOUS OR OTHER HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

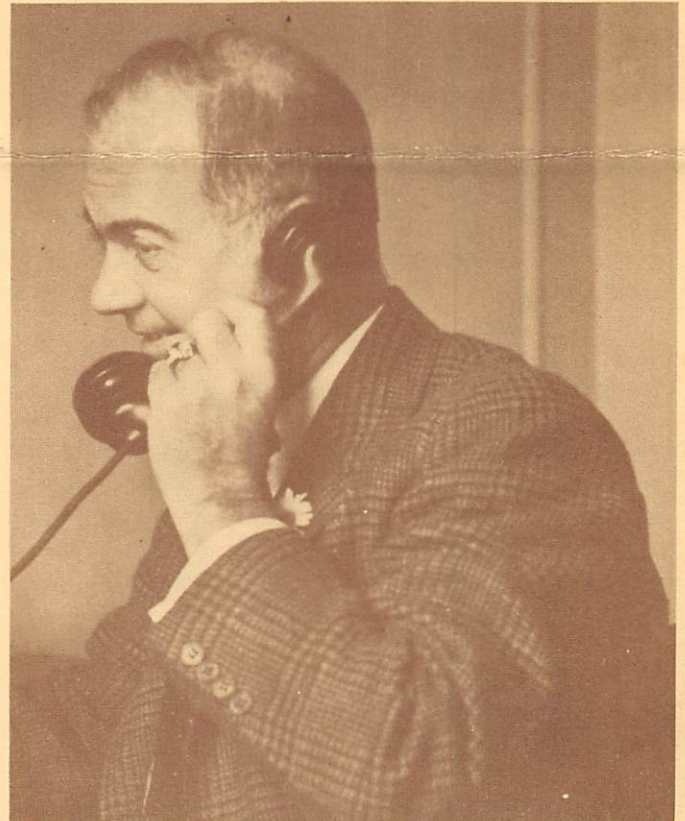
JACK MADIGAN AND TED PRENTIS SELECTED BY MOLES  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - AWARD DINNER FEB. 4



Michael J. Madigan was given the 1942 Moles Achievement Award in recognition of his capacity and forcefulness to conceive, design and accomplish the construction of public works and for his contribution to the National Defense.

Mr. Madigan is a member of the firm of Madigan-Hylan consulting engineers of New York City. He started life in Danbury, Conn., and grew up in the soft coal region of Western Pennsylvania where he worked in the engineering departments of mining companies. He was with Booth and Flynn on general construction work and then joined

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Edmund A. Prentis was selected for the 1942 Moles Award in recognition of his enterprise, courage and resourcefulness notably in the field of underpinning, foundations, subways, tunnels, dams, mining and drydocks.

Mr. Prentis is a native of New York City and a graduate of Columbia in 1906 as a mining and civil engineer. He worked extensively in Latin America, with contractors in New York, and in 1919 organized his present firm actively participating in the designing, engineering and construction. He has done considerable consulting work, is

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## PRENTIS

a co-inventor of the "Pretest" system of support and is co-author of "Modern Underpinning," "Underpinning" and "Cofferdams." He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Mining Engineers, The Moles, and is a past president of The American Standards Association.

Mr. Prentis' company, Spencer White & Prentis, have long specialized in foundations and underpinning and have completed more than 800 foundation contracts, some of the larger ones being the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich.; Cleveland Union Terminal Building, Cleveland, Ohio; New Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C.; New Criminal Courts Building, the 70-story Bank of Manhattan Building, and a 16-story naval warehouse, all in New York City.

The firm built five dams and locks on the Upper Mississippi and constructed five sections of the New York subways. They are now engaged, with other contractors, on the Delaware Aqueduct section which passes under the Hudson River; and on construction of two drydocks at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and one at Norfolk, Va. which will be among the world's largest.

## MACDONALD AND MOSES RECEIVED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LAST YEAR

First of the Moles' annual awards for outstanding achievement in construction was awarded last year to John S. Macdonald, chief engineer of Walsh Construction Co., and a member of The Moles, "in recognition of his enterprise, courage and resourcefulness in construction, notably in building of the Queens Midtown Tunnel,"; and to Robert Moses, Park Commissioner of New York City and head of the Triborough Bridge Authority, "in recognition of his vision, planning and accomplishment of the superb system of recreational areas, parkways, bridges, and highways of Greater New York."

Mr. Macdonald is now engaged in construction of a mammoth drydock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Mr. Moses was recently appointed to the New York City Planning Commission in addition to his other work.

## MADIGAN

the army in 1917 and served overseas with the AEF until 1919.

He resumed engineering and construction, working with several contractors on major highways, bridges, water lines and coal stripping, mainly in Pennsylvania. During rush construction work in Florida he worked with municipalities in meeting their boom time problems on layout of facilities.

Madigan came to New York in 1927 as chief engineer for C.H. Earle, Inc. general contractors when that company built the first section of the Southern State Parkway, Wantagh (Jones Beach) Causeway and other jobs in New York and New Jersey. In 1928 he organized the firm of Madigan-Hyland which specialized, until 1934, in preparation of cost estimates and analyses of public works contracts. The firm also assisted in plans for development of Jones Beach and Long Island Parkway System.

Since 1934 Madigan has directed the business of the firm which has been consulting engineers for Triborough Bridge Authority, and the New York Central Railroad Co.

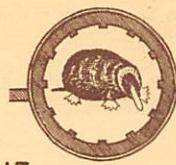
For the past year Madigan has served as Special Advisor to Hon. Robert P. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, on matters relating to construction of Army bases, camps, factories, airports and other defense construction.

Mr. Madigan is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Consulting Engineers and the Engineers Club.

Major projects on which the firm of Madigan-Hylan have handled major portions of the preparation of plans or supervision of construction or both include the: West Side Elevated Highway, Henry Hudson Parkway, Marine and Cross Bay Parkways, Bronx-White-stone Bridge, Belt Parkway and Gowanus Elevated Parkway.

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MOLES AWARD DINNER - FEBRUARY 4



# The MOLES

## MOLES LEAD BOWLING LEAGUE

The Moles are out in front, four games ahead of their nearest competitor as the Marine Bowling League reaches the one third point in its 63 game series. Last year the Moles finished third in the League. Bowlers rolling for the Moles this year are Arthur Faust, Al Warwick, A.H. Burnham, Phil Lynch, Edward Johnson, Bill Hanly, John Kinney and Ralph Atwater. Eight on the squad make it possible to always have the required five.

The Marine Bowling League is made up of outfits engaged at least in part in assisting the various construction endeavors in which the Moles engage. The League was organized about 1932 and the Moles are now rolling in their fourth season. Names of the teams, and their standing (prior to Dec. 1.) are listed herewith.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Moles	15	6
Merritt, Chapman and Scott	11	10
McAllister Bros. (towing)	11	10
Marine Aces	10	11
Raymond Concrete Pile Co.	10	11
U S Engineer Department	10	11
Columbian Rope Co.	9	12
Allan N. Spooner & Co.	8	13

All of the teams have men who are, or are eligible to be, Moles, so it is a congenial construction crowd at the Downtown Athletic Club alleys every Monday night from October through February.

It is expected, of course, that all Moles will refrain from facetious remarks to Mole Ray Spooner about the standing of his team.



The Moles soft-ball team won the big game at the annual Clam Bake from the N. Y. Department of Public Works team. Some players evaded the picture but "ringers" took their places.



## FORMAL AWARD AT DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING - FEBRUARY 4

Alex M. Stagg of Jersey City, N. J., president of The Moles, has officially announced that the 1942 Moles award for outstanding achievement in heavy construction will go to M. J. Madigan of the consulting firm of Madigan-Hylan and to Edmund A. Prentis of Spencer White & Prentis, Inc., New York engineers and contractors. Recommendations for the award were submitted by the members of the Moles. On Nov. 18 selections were made by a committee of the officers and trustees of the organization headed by Donald A. Huntley, president of P.T. Cox Construction Co. of New York City.

Formal award in the shape of a bronze plaque and engraved certificate will be given Messrs. Madigan and Prentis at a dinner preceding the annual business meeting of The Moles on Feb. 4, 1942 at the Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan.

It is expected that outstanding construction men from all parts of the country will attend because of the wide acquaintanceship of the recipients of the awards and in recognition of the high esteem in which they are held. Both men are presently engaged in extensive defense activities and it is hoped that many of their associates can have a "shift" off to join in the award and honors to these men.

## CHICAGO HAS "GROUND HOGS"

H. W. Richardson, western editor of Engineering News-Record and a former Trustee of the Moles, writes from Chicago of the Ground Hogs, an organization in the Windy City similar to the Moles. They had a big evening of hilarity on November 18 and elected as officers for the coming year:

Pres. Richard F. Kelly  
Chicago Sanitary District  
V. P. H. W. Richardson  
Engineering News-Record  
V. P. Wm. H. Sallee  
Commonwealth Edison Co.  
Sec. Frank H. Quartullo  
Chicago Sanitary District  
Treas. J. Walter Grimm  
Chicago Subway Commission

Quoting from Richardson's report of the Ground Hogs: "Membership in the club now approaches 200, and while they cannot equal the size and experience of their eastern rivals, the New York Moles, the Chicago group claim they can beat the New Yorkers in noise and enthusiasm."

The members of the Ground Hogs are fellows like ourselves who make their living the hard way. And, of course, they move around, getting into New York occasionally. There might be considerable merit in reciprocal membership between the Moles and the Ground Hogs to make the traveling members of both organizations at home when in the other city. Shall we ask them about it?

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1942

A president, two vice presidents, a sergeant-at-arms and secretary-treasurer will be elected at the February meeting as well as four Trustees for three year terms to replace the following men whose terms will have then expired:

Miles Killmer	Arthur J. Sackett
Roy E. Ross	James F. Sanborn

This year's nominating committee, named by President Stagg, is made up of:

Ray N. Spooner (chairman)	Thos. Smith
Thad Broderick	Chas. Trout
William Hanly, Jr.	Harry VanWagner

Independent nominations, for any or all of the offices, may be filed, prior to Jan. 1, by including with them a petition signed by not less than ten members.

Election will be by letter ballot which will be mailed to the membership shortly after Jan. 1. Canvassing of the ballots will be done at the annual Award Dinner and business meeting, the results announced there, and direction of the organization turned over to the new officers.

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BE SURE TO RESERVE  
WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 4  
FOR THE ANNUAL AWARD DINNER