



HOLING THROUGH

AWARD DINNER IS HUGE SUCCESS; MOLES HONOR GENERAL SOMERVELL AND ARTHUR A. JOHNSON

Before an audience of 702 engineers and construction men from Army, Navy and civilian ranks, assembled at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York, Feb. 2, Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell, chief, Army Service Forces, and Arthur A. Johnson, vice-president of The Moles, received The Moles' 1944 Achievement Awards for outstanding contributions to construction progress. The dinner meeting was presided over by Charles B. Spencer, chairman of the Award committee.

President Jack Macdonald, in presenting the non-member Award to General Somervell, outlined his career as a military engineer and paid tribute to his accomplishments in co-ordinating the war program and getting needed supplies to the fighting fronts. He pledged the full support of all Moles to the General and his colleagues.

General Somervell expressed deep appreciation for the Award, saying that an honor is particularly significant when it comes from "the crowd one has worked with all one's life". Emphasizing

the vital role of construction men in the war program, he declared:

"The construction program had to be finished ahead of all others before production could really get under way. What is coming off production lines now is the result of your efforts. When you've got a job that has to be done, that has to be done on time, that has to be done in a way that will win the war, you call on the engineers and contractors and they do it."

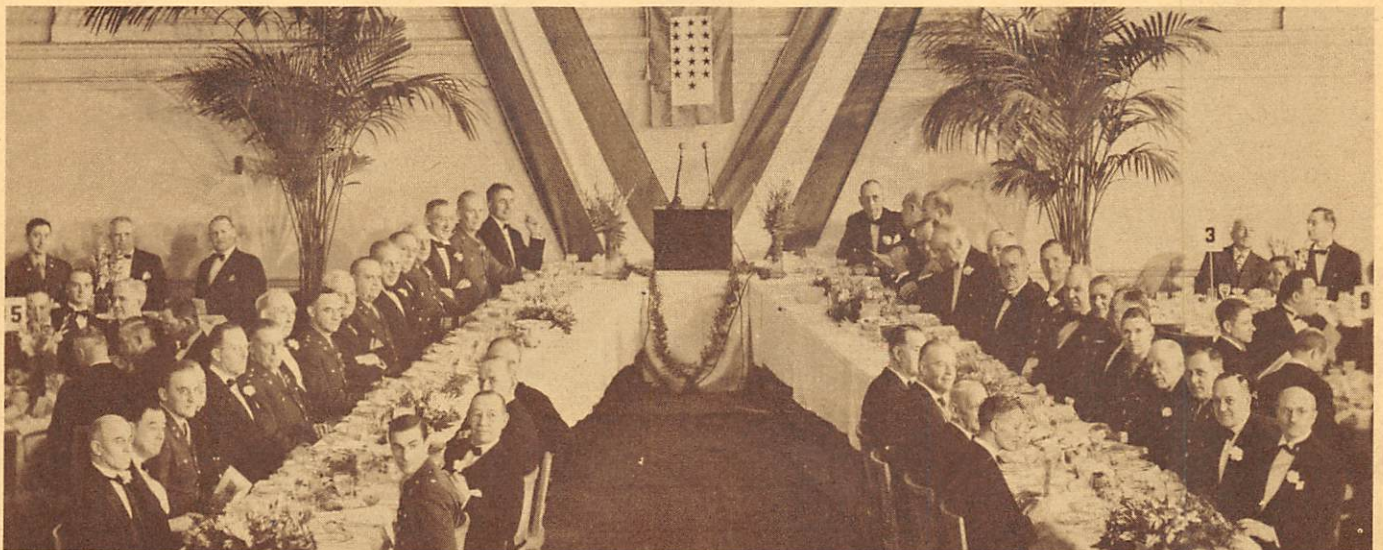
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ANNUAL FROLIC, APRIL 19, WILL FEATURE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Big entertainment event of Spring is The Moles' Annual Frolic, which will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel, Wednesday evening, April 19, at 6:30. Highlighting the program will be a floor show matching those which have given past frolics a top spot on The Moles' calendar. The luckiest frolickers will take home valuable door prizes.

Dinner reservations are limited to 600 members and their guests. The ballroom will be set up in an arrangement of round tables each seating 10 to 12 persons, according to Program Committee Chairman Al Warwick. A deadline of March 25 for reservations was fixed by Secretary-Treasurer Ralph W. Atwater. The affair will be stag and informal.

SPEAKERS TABLE AT AWARD DINNER



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Ted Prentis, 1942 Award winner, presented the member Award to Mr. Johnson, whom he compared to Winston Churchill in "mind, body and spirit". He described the highlights of the Johnson career since arrival in New York in 1904 and declared: "Dams in Massachusetts,



Malcolm Pirnie, (left), president, American Society of Civil Engineers, congratulates General Somervell on receiving Moles Award.

subways in New York, airfields in Bermuda, and foundations for towering skyscrapers have presented no difficulties that his great skill was unable to overcome."

His pride in belonging to the construction industry was stressed by Mr. Johnson, who said: "In this war the record of construction has been one great achievement after another, frequently bordering on the fantastic. When the progress of the war demanded the impossible, the construction industry went right ahead and did it. Projects that normally required three or four years were completed in almost as many months."

Among the honor guests introduced by Toastmaster Spencer were members of General Somervell's staff, including Major Generals W. D. Styer, Charles P. Gross, and L. D. Clay, and Brig. General C. K. Robinson. Other high-ranking Army and Navy representatives included Major General Eugene Reybold, Chief of Engineers; Lieut.

General George Grunert, Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command; Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General, New York Guard; Major General Thomas A. Terry, Second Service Command; Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, Commandant, Brooklyn Navy Yard; Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, U. S. Maritime Commission; Colonel Albert A. Burton, Division Engineer, North Atlantic Division; and Lieut. Colonel Edgar N. Garbisch, District Engineer for New York.

National engineering organizations and New York state and municipal departments were represented by: Malcolm Pirnie, president, American Society of Civil Engineers; Chester A. Fulton, president, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; J. Andre Fouilhoux, president, New York Building Congress; Irving V. A. Huie, commissioner, New York City Department of Public Works; Ole Singstad, chief engineer, New



Award Committee Chairman Charles B. Spencer, (left), talks things over with Award Winner Arthur A. Johnson.

York City Tunnel Authority; Charles H. Sells, state superintendent of public works; and M. J. Madigan, consulting engineer, now serving as assistant to the Undersecretary of War.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECEIVES REPORTS

Committee reports were presented and plans for the forthcoming Annual Frolic of The Moles were shaped up at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt March 2 of the Executive Committee and members of standing committees. Arthur A. Johnson, first vice-president, presided in the absence of President John S. Macdonald.

Award Dinner - As chairman of The Moles' Award Committee, Charles B. Spencer reported a healthy credit balance in the financial statement for the Award Dinner Feb. 2 at which Lieut. General Brehon B. Somervell and Arthur A. Johnson were honored for outstanding contributions to construction progress. Final figures showed an attendance of 702 members and guests, including 40 guests of honor.

Membership - For the Membership Committee, Chairman William W.

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THANKS FROM GEN. SOMERVELL

Charles B. Spencer has received the following letter from Gen. Somervell.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I'm sorry that at the end of Wednesday's dinner I did not have an opportunity to thank you again for your great kindness in handling the arrangements for The Moles' dinner insofar as they affected myself and my immediate party.

I hope that you will transmit to the Award Committee and to the Society my very real appreciation of the honor done me through the reception of the Society's Annual Award.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

BREHON SOMERVELL
Lieutenant General
Commanding Army
Service Forces

Among Those Present AT MOLES AWARD DINNER, FEB. 2



READY TO ENJOY DINNER are: (left to right) Jack Madigan, assistant to Undersecretary of War; Jack Macdonald, Moles' president; Tom Walsh, ship-building firm president; and Irving Huie, New York City public works commissioner.



AT RECEPTION preceding Award Dinner are (left to right): Alexander Lyle, past-president of The Moles; Charles Sells, state superintendent of public works; and Col. John P. Hogan, consulting engineer.



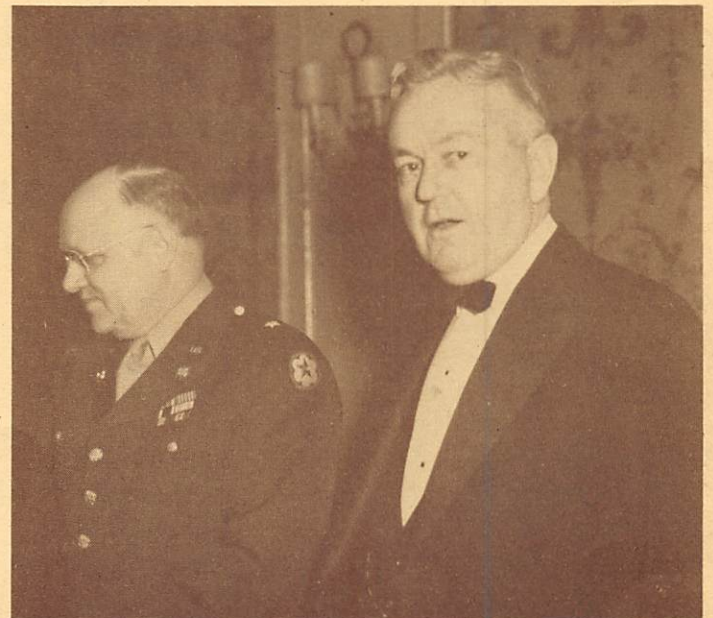
HONORING AWARD WINNERS are: Major General Eugene Reybold, (left), Chief of Engineers, and Ham Penn, New York construction equipment dealer.



LAST YEAR'S AWARD WINNER, Ted Prentis, (left) chats with Admiral Vickery, U. S. Maritime Commission.



CHATTING AT RECEPTION are Dean G. Edwards, (left), consulting engineer, Borough of Manhattan; and Captain R. R. Yates, Brooklyn Navy Yard.



FROM MASSACHUSETTS came Brig. General C. H. Kells, (left) Boston post commander; and Joseph Maney, contractor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Hanly, Jr., reported a total membership in The Moles of 280, as of March 3, 1944. During 1943, a total of 73 new active members were elected. The report recorded the deaths during 1943 of two members: Harold W. Hudson and Michael J. Torpey. Two new members were elected by the committee at its March 2 meeting; they are: David Bonner of the Frederick Snare Corp., and Carlton S. Proctor, of the consulting engineering firm of Moran, Proctor, Freeman & Mueser.

Finance - Chairman James E. Gibbons, reporting for the Finance Committee, presented figures indicating that the treasury of The Moles is in a healthy condition.

Annual Frolic - Chairman Alfred N. Warwick, of the Program and Entertainment Committee, outlined plans for The Moles' Annual Frolic, to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt Wednesday evening April 19. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 each and attendance will be limited to 600. Allocation of tickets will be on the same basis as proved successful for the recent Award Dinner. For the receipt of applications for tickets to the Annual Frolic the date March 25 was set as the deadline; members have received application blanks by mail from Secretary-Treasurer Ralph W. At-

water. Chairman Warwick has been rounding up talent for the floor show and he assures the reporter for *Holing Through* that the entertainment will be on a "super-colossal scale". In addition to the show, there will be the usual distribution of a large number of door prizes.

Publicity - For the Publicity Committee, Robert K. Tomlin, in the absence of Chairman Edward J. Mahoney, presented a report on the publication of The Moles' news bulletin, *Holing Through* and displayed a scrap-book of clippings from newspapers and engineering magazines resulting from the distribution of two news releases, dated Dec. 15, 1943 and Feb. 3, 1944, covering the Award Dinner Feb. 2. These releases were mailed to a list of 21 newspapers, 4 news services and 20 engineering and construction magazines. News items on The Moles' Awards were carried by most of the New York newspapers, including the Times, Herald-Tribune, Sun, World-Telegram and Journal American; also the Washington (D.C.) Star. The technical press publishing the story included: Engineering News-Record, Construction Methods, Contractors and Engineers Monthly, Compressed Air Magazine, Civil Engineering, Western Construction News, New England Construction and others.

RALPH ATWATER HEADS MARINE BOWLING LEAGUE

In addition to his manifold duties as Secretary-Treasurer of The Moles, Ralph W. Atwater, of the Shultz Dredging Corp., has been elected president for 1944-45 of the Marine Bowling League of N.Y.-C., comprising teams of The Moles, Frederick Snare Corp., U.S. Engineer Office, Marine Aces, McAllister Lighterage Line, Columbian Rope Co., Raymond Concrete Pile Co. and Paulsen-Webber Cordage Co.

The team championship for the season was won by the Marine Aces, with 41 games won and 22 lost. The Moles team, which won first place during the 1941-42 season, failed to finish in the money this year. However, Mole member John F. Drews, of the Bouker Contracting Co., Jersey City, had the high individual average score of 181 for 51 games. High score for one game, 246, was chalked up by Mole E. J. Ogden, of the Columbian Rope Co.

Other members on The Moles' team with their average scores, follow: Arthur H. Faust, Mahoney-Clarke Co., 166; Al N. Warwick, Eugene F. Warwick, Inc., 148; Ralph W. Atwater, Shultz Dredging Co., 143; Wm. W. Hanly, Jr., Koppers Co., 138; P. J. Lynch, Seaboard Sand & Gravel Co., 133. Prize for "the most improved bowler" went to Program and Dinner Committee Chairman, Al Warwick, who boosted his average from 133 to 148.

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOLES SINCE THE JANUARY ISSUE OF HOLING-THROUGH

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