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An Organization of Tunnel and Heavy Construction Men

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Al Warwick Elected President of Moles

Other Officers for 1946-47 Include Spencer, Steers, Hanly, Atwater and Mahoney—Atwater's Service Rewarded

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS and trustees, appointment of committee chairmen, committee reports, and a surprise event in the form of the presentation of a watch to The Moles treasurer, Ralph W. Atwater, in appreciation of his long and effective service, were the features of the annual dinner and business meeting of The Moles held at the Roosevelt Hotel May 1. After the organization's business agenda had been disposed of, the members were entertained by an excellent show of half-a-dozen musical and dancing acts over which Miss Jean Blue, tall, blond eyeful from the cast of "Follow the

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Moles' Clambake Aug. 21 Offers Day's Program of Varied Events

Big Doings Planned at Karatsonyi's Outing Resort, Glenwood Landing, L. I.—Baseball, Swimming, Golf, Horseshoe Pitching, Spike Driving and Erection Contest Will Precede Shore Dinner and Theatrical Show—Free Beer All Day!

ALL GOOD MOLES are planning to suspend their burrowing in tunnels, deep foundations and other underground locales and will come up for air and recreation Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Karatsonyi's outing resort, Glenwood Landing (near Roslyn) L. I., where the organization will stage its Annual Clambake, an event discontinued during the war years and last held in 1940. Program Committee Chairman Frank M. Loughman, with the aid of Secretary Bill Hanly, Asst. Secretary John Hanly, Treasurer Ralph At-

water and President Al Warwick have been busy on arrangements for this stellar event and have completed a program, starting with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and continuing far into the night, that no Mole can afford to miss. It has been decided to limit attendance to 650 to prevent overtaxing of the facilities at Karatsonyi's and to insure food and service of high quality and adequate seating at the floor show which will follow dinner.

How to Get There

For those members who plan to travel to Glenwood Landing by motor car the accompanying road map indicates recommended routes via either Northern Boulevard or Grand Central Parkway to Roslyn and thence north about 2 miles to Glenwood Landing.

The site of the clambake may also be reached by Long Island Railroad trains to Glen Head, which is about 1 mile east of Karatsonyi's. Trains leave Penn Station, New York for Glen Head (change at Jamaica) at 9:03 a.m., 11:36 a.m., 2:03 p.m. and 3:16 p.m., daylight saving.

By subway and bus the outing resort is accessible from New York by taking IRT or BMT subway to Main St., Flushing, thence to North Shore Bus Terminal (half block from subway station) and from there by Glen Cove express bus right to door of Karatsonyi's.

Events on Program

Program Committee Chairman Loughman and his associates announce the following program for the day's outing: Luncheon will be served from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The afternoon's schedule, in addition to a softball game between teams of The Moles and New York City's Department of Public Works, will include the following events each in charge of The

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MOLES' NEW PRESIDENT, Alfred N. Warwick, addresses annual business meeting after he has received gavel from outgoing president, Arthur A. Johnson.

Warwick Elected

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Girls," presided as master of ceremonies.

The tellers of election (Alex Stagg, Thad Broadrick and Hal Hunt) reported the selection by the membership of the nominating committee's ticket, as follows:

PRESIDENT: Alfred N. Warwick
1st VICE-PRES.: Chas. B. Spencer
2nd VICE-PRES.: J. Rich Steers, Jr.
SECRETARY: Wm. W. Hanly, Jr.
TREASURER: Ralph W. Atwater
SGT. AT ARMS: Edward J. Mahoney
TRUSTEES: Richard V. Hyland, Forrest L. Jenkins, Eugene F. Moran, Jr. and James F. Salmon.

Committee Chairmen Named

Arthur A. Johnson, whose term as president had expired, then turned the

Committee Members Named by Moles' President

ONE OF PRESIDENT Alfred N. Warwick's first official acts after being installed in office at The Moles' annual business meeting May 1 was to name the following chairmen and members of committees:

Award Committee

CARLTON S. PROCTOR (Moran, Proctor, Freeman & Mueser), Chairman

Membership Committee

RAY N. SPOONER (Allen N. Spooner & Son), Chairman

David Bonner (Frederick Snare Corp.)

A. K. Burnham (Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.)

Chester W. Cambell (The Foundation Co.)

Joseph H. Dixey (Transit Mix Concrete Corp.)

Hal W. Hunt (*Engineering News-Record*)

James B. Martin (General Contractors Association)

George W. Rogers (Geo. W. Rogers Construction Corp.)

Thomas A. Scott (Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.)

Program Committee

FRANK M. LOUGHMAN (Keystone Cement Co.), Chairman

Troy Carmichael (Standard Bitulithic Company)

Charles B. deLeon (Edward Ehrbar, Inc.)

Charles G. Dandrow (Johns Manville Sales Corp.)

Richard M. Johnsen (The Foundation Co.)

James A. Norton (James A. Norton, Inc.)

Charles E. Simmons (Bethlehem Steel Company)

Richard P. Stokes (Goodall Rubber Company)

Lee G. Warren (Ebasco Services, Inc.)

Finance Committee

EUGENE F. MORAN, JR. (Moran Towing Corp.), Chairman

Aaron Burros (Fehlhaber Pile Company)

Walter H. Gahagan (Gahagan Const. Corp.)

George Miller (Underpinning & Foundation Co., Inc.)

Charles E. Trout (Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.)

Publicity Committee

ROBERT K. TOMLIN (*Construction Methods*), Chairman

Robert P. Bayard (Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc.)

Howard L. King (Mason & Hanger Co.)

Edmund A. Prentis (Spencer, White & Prentis, Inc.)

Harold W. Richardson (*Construction Methods*)

Alex M. Stagg (A. M. Stagg Lumber Co.)



MASTER OF CEREMONIES at show following annual business meeting is tall, blond eyeful, Jean Blue, of cast of "Follow the Girls."

gavel over to the new president, Alfred N. Warwick, who announced appointment of the following Committee Chairmen:

MOLES AWARDS: Carlton S. Proctor

MEMBERSHIP: Ray N. Spooner

PROGRAM: Frank M. Loughman

FINANCE: Eugene F. Moran, Jr.

PUBLICITY: Robert K. Tomlin

The meeting then heard the annual reports of Secretary Bill Hanly, Treasurer Ralph W. Atwater and Committee Chairmen Luther G. McConnell (Membership); James E. Gibbons (Finance); Frank M. Loughman (Program); and Robert K. Tomlin (Publicity).

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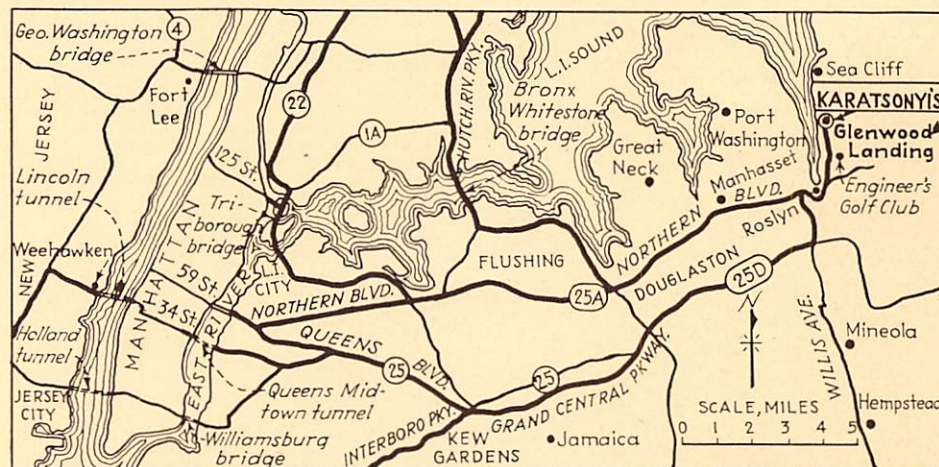
Moles' member listed: Golf at nearby Engineers Golf Course (Charles E. Simmons). Horseshoe Pitching Contest (Charles B. deLeon). Golf approach shot (Joseph M. Scheinin). Spike Driving Contest (Richard P. Stokes). Egg Tossing Event (C. George Dandrow). Barrel Ball (Lee Warren). Poker Darts (James A. Norton). Suitable prizes will be

awarded the winner of each event.

A special event, The Moles' "Erection Contest," described by its sponsors as "something different," will be held under the direction of Richard M. Johnsen.

The big shore dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a floor show in a tent adjoining the pavilion.

Free beer will be served all day!



ALL ROADS WILL LEAD on Wednesday, August 21, to Karatsonyi's outing resort at Glenwood Landing, L. I., where Mole members and guests, 650 strong, will assemble for annual Clambake.

President A. N. Warwick Is Builder, Appraisal Expert and Airplane Pilot

(A biographical sketch of *The Moles'* new leader based on an interview with Bob Tomlin, chairman, Publicity Committee)

ALFRED N. WARWICK, elected president of *The Moles* to succeed Arthur A. Johnson at the organization's annual meeting in New York City May 1, has devoted his business career mainly to industrial building, foundations and waterfront construction. As a secondary vocation he has served both the City of New York and private property owners as an expert in real estate and building appraisal. His extracurricular activities, in addition to his long and tireless service to *The Moles*



MOLES' NEW LEADER, Alfred N. Warwick, packs triple threat as industrial builder, appraisal expert and airplane pilot, as outlined in accompanying biographical sketch.

as a first vice-president and committee chairman, and civic service as a director and committee chairman of the Queensborough Chamber of Commerce, have centered upon flying, sailing and speed-boating. He is a licensed airplane pilot. He has been a resident of Elmhurst, L. I. since his birth there in 1901.

Urged by his father, Eugene F. Warwick, architect-builder and partner of the Brooklyn firm of Warwick & Collins, to enter college after graduation from Flushing High School in 1918, Al preferred to get right into the practical end of the construction business rather than continue his academic training. He began work, therefore, with his father's company, not at a desk, but out on the job laying brick and doing carpentry work.

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Moles Events Scheduled for 1946-47

CLAMBAKE, Aug. 21, 1946

FROLIC, Nov. 6, 1946

AWARD DINNER, Feb. 5, 1947

ANNUAL MEETING, May 7, 1947

Golfers May Play At Engineers' Course

GOLF PLAYERS among *Moles* members and guests attending the Annual Clambake Aug. 21 can be accommodated at the nearby Engineers Golf Course at Roslyn Harbor.

Moles Awards Merit Careful Selection, Says Chairman Proctor

AT THE REQUEST of the Editor of *Holing Through* Col. Carlton S. Proctor, chairman of the Award Committee, prepared the following statement regarding the selection of recipients for *The Moles* 1947 Awards for construction achievement:

"The success of *The Moles* and its significant position in the construction industry is unique. There are, of course, many reasons, tangible and intangible. Certainly one of the important reasons and that which has brought forth the most in respect and prestige is the annual *Moles* Awards.

"Since its formation, *The Moles* have consistently selected the nation's most outstanding leaders in construction and those who have made the largest contributions to construction as the recipients of their annual member and non-member Awards. And these Awards have come to be recognized as among the most significant marks of accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

"This very success of the importance of these awards, nationally, implies a continuously growing obligation that the selections, each succeeding year, maintain the established high standard. Every *Mole* shares in this responsibility: that each nomination be made only after mature consideration.

"If every *Mole* will give this matter serious thought through the coming summer, the nominations next fall will meet this demanding specification. If nominations are made on the spur of the moment, with the result that our established high standard for Award recipients is ever lowered, we may expect to have to sacrifice a considerable part of the strength of our present position."

Atwater Receives Watch for Service to Moles — Spencer Presents Gift

AS A SURPRISE feature of *The Moles'* annual business meeting May 1, Treasurer Ralph W. Atwater was summoned to the rostrum to receive a handsome wrist watch as a mark of appreciation for his service to *The Moles*. The presentation was made by Vice-President Charles B. Spencer, who said in part:

"When your president, Arthur Johnson, asked me if I would make this presentation, I told him that of all the jobs that I have had to do in my life none gave me greater pleasure. All of the older *Moles* and doubtless many of our newer members realize that Ralph Atwater has been the most important reason for the



PRESENTATION OF WATCH to Treasurer Ralph W. Atwater in recognition of his service to *The Moles* is made by Charles B. Spencer, first vice-president.

success of this group of construction men.

"As the *Moles* grew into adolescence, it was his judgment and tact that warded off the 'growing pains' that have afflicted so many organizations. As you gentlemen well know, there have never been in the *Moles* any petty jealousies, any cliques, nor any of the politics present in so many other societies. The answer is that mean and unworthy actions and motives cannot exist in the presence of such faith, loyalty, devotion and ability as have been demonstrated by Ralph Atwater.

"Yes, Ralph Atwater has always been the power behind the throne. After each Award Dinner both members and guests have congratulated our president and chairman, stating that each year's party is the greatest we have ever held. As each

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Membership Ceiling Set at 325 Total

BY RECENT action of the Executive Committee a ceiling for membership in The Moles has been fixed at a total of 325, including all grades, both active and honorary. This limit, to be maintained for the remainder of this year, has already been reached, but Ray Spooner's Membership Committee is still processing new applications, which will be acted upon as vacancies occur.

President Warwick

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These tasks were not entirely new to him, for during his school years he had spent his summer vacations on several industrial building contracts of Warwick & Collins. It wasn't long before Al was advanced to the rank of assistant superintendent, and when Mr. Collins retired from the firm in 1923 the junior Warwick became secretary of the newly named Eugene F. Warwick, Inc., with headquarters first in Brooklyn and later in Long Island City. Three years later, in 1926, Mr. Warwick, senior, died and Al succeeded him as president.

Throughout its years in business the Warwick company has specialized in industrial building construction, most of it located in New York City, Long Island and vicinity. Among clients for whom buildings have been erected by the Warwicks are American Safety Razor Co., H. C. Bohack Co., Standard Brands, Inc., National Sugar Refining Co., Shell Oil Co., Consolidated Edison Co., Pepsi-Cola Co. and others. At the present time the firm is completing the construction of the Boulevard Hospital in Astoria, L. I. Al's company has also handled numerous heavy pile-driving, foundation and water-front jobs.

Appraisal Expert

In addition to his work as a building contractor, Al has made a specialty of real estate appraisal and building valuation, a field in which he is recognized as an outstanding authority. He has often served as an expert, both for the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York and for private property owners, and has testified in court in numerous property condemnation and certiorari proceedings. These cases included the Rockaway boardwalk, involving awards totalling \$11,000,000, Nassau Boulevard, Grand Central Parkway, Interboro and Laurelton Parkways in Queens County and preparation of the site in Flushing for New York World's Fair of 1939. From 1927 to date, he has appraised literally thousands of structures.

Before the Triborough and the Bronx-Whitestone bridges were built Al served

as an expert for the city in appraising buildings to be razed along the approaches for these structures. During his appearances in court as an expert he has stood up under the grilling cross-examination of opposing counsel and experts representing private property owners. Where many millions were involved in appraisal for tax purposes, Al was retained by the city of Glen Cove, L. I., to appraise the estates of such tycoons as J. P. Morgan, Harkness, Brokaw and others in the blue-chip income brackets. He testified in the Williamsburg, Brooklyn, slum-clearance project and has also been retained in an expert capacity by numerous private property owners. His long experience as a practical builder and appraisal specialist and his knowledge of construction costs, coupled with a shrewd, active mind, equip him to avoid the numerous pitfalls prepared for him during his examinations on the witness stand by the legal talent of the opposition.

Away from his business, Al's two hobbies are flying and boating. As long ago as 1919, after a period of training at Miami, Fla., he was licensed as an airplane pilot and flew his own plane until the war grounded him. Al has taught flying to numerous pupils, including a past-president of The Moles, Ray Spooner, and is chairman of the Aviation Committee and a director of the Queensborough Chamber of Commerce. He is also adept in handling sail boats and motor speed boats.

Al is one of the early members of The Moles, which he joined in 1938. As first vice-president and chairman of the Program Committee he has shared with Treasurer Ralph W. Atwater the major responsibility for the success of such Moles' functions as the annual Frolics' clambakes and Award Dinners.

Atwater Receives Watch

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president or chairman throws his chest out with pride, I am sure he will agree with me that the man who really deserved the congratulations is Ralph Atwater.

"Now here we are in 1946. Our society is known throughout the country—yes, throughout the world. The receipt of the Moles Award is recognized as about the highest honor a construction man can receive. Our membership is full and there are enough people clamoring to become members to make a half dozen societies. It is only now that Ralph's health has compelled him to give up a part of his onerous duties. You and I know that Ralph is not retiring to rest on his laurels. Ralph is going to be around for a long time, and no officer of your society is going to make an important decision without asking his advice.

"What is to be Ralph Atwater's re-

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ward for his long record of devotion and achievement in this great society? Gentlemen, among his other qualities, you all know that Ralph is an extremely modest and retiring chap. The only reward he will accept is the expression of the love, appreciation and affection we bear him. And it is in token of this love, appreciation and affection that I now hand him this little gift from the Society of the Moles.

"Ralph, I suppose in this atomic age it might be appropriate to call this watch the Award for Molecular Achievement. The inscription is simple and sincere—just the way you would want it:

*"To Ralph W. Atwater with
Admiration and Affection from
All The Moles—1946"*