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Clambake Time Again! Ferris Heads Award Group

Same time, same place and, because it's already perfect, same fun. Moles seek to avenge last year's softball loss

August 15 is the date Every-Mole's summer revolves around. Vacations, business trips, big concrete pours and love affairs may take place before or after the Clambake, but not on that annual pinnacle day for fun.

And everyone will be there, complete with the best of non-Mole pals and, of course, that badge of good fellowship, the Molehat (or is it Molecap?)

The ball starts rolling at noon and it doesn't stop until the last highball is downed. Lunch at 12:30, beer all day, dinner at 6:00 and entertainment at 8:30. And then there's traditional ball game with the Department of Public Works, on New York Athletic Club's excellent Travers Island field.

And here's where we have a job to do. We sort of slipped last year and let the Public Works boys take the Founders Challenge Trophy away from us. To get it back we've got to get behind the team and cheer it on to still greater glory.

As a famous coach once said, "The athletes can't do their best without their athletic supporters," so let's all get on the ball.

The other traditional Clambake features will be there for the participating — golf, poker, dart, bar, horseshoes, golf pitching, bar, spike driving, and bull throwing, as well as that perennial favorite, egg tossing. (It really isn't as difficult as it looks; the eggs are easy to dodge, and we have it on usually unreliable authority that stainless eggs will be used this year.)

And then there's the price —

\$15, just like in pre-inflation 1950. Through the good offices of program chairman Dick Johnson, Travers Island saw fit to keep its prices in line with last year. We guess they like our party as much as we do.

Dick, by the way, hasn't divulged the program of entertainment acts. He's got 'em under wraps, but we dare say those wraps will come off in due time (Take 'em off!)

See you at the Clambake!

Again the wheels are grinding in preparation for The Moles' most significant annual function. Shortly after the Annual Business Meeting President Dick Hyland appointed George Ferris as chairman of the 1952 Moles Award Committee.

The committee, consisting of the officers, trustees and members of all standing committees, has sat once in preliminary deliberation and will meet two more times before making the important selection. George Ferris asks any Mole who has a candidate in mind to give the candidate's name to him or to any committee member.



THERE'S FUN TO BE HAD AT THE CLAMBAKE

The Business

A picture is worth a thousand words, so the saying goes. There are fourteen pictures on these two pages, and they're all about the Annual Business Meeting May 2 at the Roosevelt.

By the criterion of the proverb, therefore, Holing Through is putting out a real bargain — 14,000 words in space that normally would yield 2,000 words.

But the pictures don't tell the whole story. There were 235 there and we couldn't get everyone onto the films. And of course there was the usual good entertainment.



A GRAND MOLE and a real man — The place at the table had been empty for a while, but Ted Avery was back there at the Annual Business meeting.



DICK HYLAND wasn't there, so First Vice-President-elect Dave Bonner accepted the gavel from retiring President Jim Salmon.



WHITE HOUSE GAVEL — Jim Salmon accepts a mighty fine memento for The Moles Dick Dougherty presented it.



COMMITTEE REPORTS — Dick Johnson, chairman of the program committee, makes one; reviews our many fine affairs.



GOOD MOLES (That's the only kind) are Harry Hush and Ken Doane, who pause to pose for Publicity Committeeman and cameraman Hank Perez (not shown.)



THREE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN — Sitting at the head table, all primed to make their reports, are Dick Johnson, Holmes Crimmins (membership) and Jules Breuchaud (finance.)



HOW COULD THEY FROWN? Connie Vermont, Charlie Spencer and Al Warwick must have heard a hot one. Maybe Publicity Committeeman and cameraman Rich Richardson told it.



NEW MEMBER, Captain A. D. (Barney) Hunter, deputy chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, sits between Carl Proctor and Bob Dodds. Barney is an old friend of many Moles.



TWO MOLE FOUNDERS are in this picture. At left: Alex Lyle, Dick Stokes, Herb Giles, Alex Stagg (founder), Al Sielke (founder), and Frank Carr. At right: Kirby Smith, Bill Durkin, Glenn Browning and Roger Corbetta.



ED HAGERTY is the head-man here, reading from left to right. Next is Charles Naser, followed by Gordon Elmslie, Harold Fletcher, Pete Connolly and Rod Doremus.



THAT'S GENE RAU'S FOREHEAD in the lower left. Other, (l. to r.) are Bob Johnston, Harry Englander, Paul Wentworth, Jack Malcolm, Tom Gill and Hal Hunt.



SOME PORT AUTHORITY FLAVOR HERE — Gil Serber, who worked on the Idlewild hangars, is next to Charlie Gleim, who was in on the owners side of that job. At right Ed White, D. C. Andrews and Jack Kyle (another PNYA man).



LOUGHMAN'S HAPPY, and he's in the left-hand spot, followed by George Glick, Frank McCullough, Arnold Thurber, Dick Tower and Gene Rau. On the other side we recognize Harold Lehmkuhl, Eddie Mahoney, Ed Good and Joe Diamond.



AND FINALLY, Vic de Samelson, John Barnes, Max Harrison, Howard Gates, together with (across the table) Bill Mahood, Jim Slattery, Chet Cunningham and Earle Evans (rear view). Chet's new member from Omaha.



Joseph Meehan Dies

Joseph Meehan, Mole and president of the General Contractors Association, died April 12 at his home in Flushing. He was a partner with his brothers Austin and James in the firm of John Meehan and Son.

On Jan. 6th Joe had been installed as president of the General Contractors Association, succeeding J. Rich Steers, another Mole, who had been president for two terms.



Thad Broaderick

Thad Broaderick, 67, an original member of The Moles, died June 17 at Canaan, Conn.

At the age of 17, Thad began work with the O'Rourke Engineering Construction Co., then located in Long Island City. At 19 he was superintendent of the construction yard, building caissons for tunnel and other work.

After 23 years' work with O'Rourke, Thad went with Clyde Iron Works, of Duluth, Minn., in

the New York Office. He was with Clyde until he retired last January. In more recent years he specialized in whirley cranes.

The Moles are indebted to Mrs. Wm. F. Bonn, Thad's daughter, for the above information.

Macdonald Heads GCA

Another Mole, John S. Macdonald, succeeded to the General Contractors Association presidency at the death of Joe Meehan. Jack had been First Vice-President. Knowing Jack's good work in many capacities with The Moles, we also know the contractors got the right man to fill Joe's shoes.

At the same time, Edward A. Tully moved from second to first vice-president, and the General Contractors Association put Joseph J. Haggerty in the second-vice spot. That's still an All-Mole slate.

Canadian Molejobs

North of the Border there's a lot of real big construction going on these days. And, as we might expect, The Moles are doing their part. Latest job is the five-mile 45-ft. finished diameter tunnel that Ontario Hydro is building at Niagara Falls in connection with a new power development. Contractors on one 2½-mi section include Walsh, Perini, Morrison-Knudsen, Kaiser Industries and Arthur A. Johnson. J. R. Glaeser is project manager.

Then there's the Toronto Subway, which has been going on for some time. Charlie Molineaux is project manager for that job, which includes among its contractors the Arthur Johnson firm, Johnson, Drake and Piper, and Perini.

Still farther east is the great 360-mi Quebec and Labrador Railroad, to bring iron ore from the wilderness to the shores of the St. Lawrence. Morrison-Knudsen's Canadian organization is in on that one.

Tripp Wins ASCE Prize

Honors keep gravitating toward The Moles. One of the latest is the "Construction Engineering Prize," to be awarded next October to Jim Tripp.

In recognition of his article in Civil Engineering, "Will a construction cableway fit your job?" (March, 1951), the prize is being awarded by the society's construction division.

The Moles Welcome . . .

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The Utah Construction Company
San Francisco, Calif.

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FRED C. SCHLEMMER

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ROBERT E. WHITE

Spencer, White & Prentis, Inc.
New York 16, N. Y.

WILLIAM E. JEFFREY

Port of New York Authority
New York 11, N. Y.

MANDRUP SKEIE

United Engineers & Constructors
Sewaren, N. J.

New Committee Members

Following his election with the slate of officers and trustees named in the last issue of *Holding Through*, president Dick Hyland named the following to the four standing committees:

Membership — Holmes Crimmins, Ch.; Frank Barnes; Andrew Fisher, Jr.; Hal Hunt; Ed Mahoney; Jim Martin; Gil Serber; Ed White; Cliff Wilson.

Program—Dick Johnson, Ch.; Ted Avery; Howard Dixon; Howard Gates; Bob Johnston; Frank Loughman; Dick Stokes; Jim Tripp; Charlie Whalen.

Finance — Jules Breuchaud, Ch.; Gene Gibbons; Gene Moran; Ted Prentis; Gene Rau.

Publicity — Bob Dodds, Ch.; Hank Perez; Art Poole; Harold Richardson; Alex Stagg; Cliff Strike.

Walker in England

George Walker, our dynamic secretary, has been in England almost three months, on business for the Johns-Manville Co., his employer. He expects to be back in time for the Clambake, though. In fact, when his boss brought up the idea of a three-month tour of duty over there, George thought fast and suggested it should be between May 2 (Annual Business Meeting) and August 15 (you-know-what). It's wonderful the way Moles fit business around this pleasure.