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It's Time for Another Clambake

The big windup is under way. Plans are almost complete for The Moles annual Clambake, and already the headquarters office is swamped with applications for more tickets than the big Travers Island layout can handle.



Who will pass the trophy to whom?

When the smoke clears away, though, Moles and their guests will fit nicely into the grounds and the clubhouse (to say nothing of the big tent).

Ticket allocation takes place July 31, so get your order in by then.

August 20 is the date — the third Wednesday in August, when the sun always shines. High point of the day is the Shore Dinner, at six pm. But before that there's another meal, plenty of beer, contests, a ball game and just plain fun. After dinner, that old stand-by, the Moles Show.

About lunch, the Program Committee wants everyone to be sure to get up to the buffet by two o'clock. After that the tickets aren't valid.

And another thing, also on the serious side: The Program Committee wants every member to buy Clambake tickets for him-

self and his guests only. In the past, some of us have turned our tickets over to non-Mole commercial firms for use in entertaining their customers, the same way they would take people to a ball game. Sure, people like to go to the Clambake. We do our best to make it that way. But we make it that way for home consumption. So if you can't go, leave your tickets in the pool, so your fellow members can get more good out of them.

A new feature of this year's Clambake is the trophy that's been put up for the ball game. Last year the Department of Public Works retired the old one from circulation (by the simple expedient of winning another ball game from us.) Now we're shooting for another—The Commissioner's Cup. We understand there's new talent on the 1952



Egg-tossing: Laughs, fame and fortune.

Moles team, so we can expect a reversal of form.

Golfers, by the way, will get information on where to play at the Registration Desk Aug. 20.



YOUR GATEWAY TO FUN: The Clambake registration desk at Travers Island. Seated: (l. to r.) Charlie Whalen, Marguerite McLean (Moles headquarters staff), and Irene Lizotte (Moles executive secretary.) Standing: Harry Immerman and Jules Breuchaud.



WHITE HOUSE GAVEL is accepted by President-Elect Dave Bonner at Annual Business Meeting. Ray Spooner, left, acted for President Dick Hyland.

235 Attend Meeting

The Moles Annual Business Meeting, May 7, attracted 235, substantially more than half of the total resident and non-resident membership.

High-light of the evening was the announcement of election results and the installation of Dave Bonner as president. Because outgoing president Dick Hyland wasn't able to be there, Past-President Ray Spooner conducted the gavel-passing ceremony. The gavel was the one, made from a beam of the old White House, that Dick Dougherty

gave to The Moles last year.

As soon as Dave took over he announced his committee chairmen for the coming year. These men, along with their new committees, are enumerated below. The most important announcement was that of the Award Committee chairman, Holmes Crimmins. In announcing Holmes' appointment, Dave paid tribute to Holmes' years of diligent service on the vital Membership Committee, now headed by Andrew Fischer Jr.

Another part of the business

was the receipt of annual reports from officers and committee chairmen of the previous year. In general the reports showed members that they have an organization they can be proud of. The financial condition is good, member interest has continued at a high level, and the character of Moles activities has improved, if such be possible. As in the past, well-merited praise was given in recognition of the high proportion of member participation in the organization's administrative work.

Here are the committees for the current year:

Membership: Andrew Fisher, Jr., chairman; George W. Glick; Edward J. Mahoney; James B. Martin; Eugene G. Rau; Gilbert M. Serber; Cornelius Vermont; Edward E. White; R. C. Wilson.

Program: Richard A. Johnson, chairman; Theodore M. Avery; Howard A. Collins; C. W. Garrison; Robert C. Johnston; W. Stanley Moore; Charles Stillman; James G. Tripp; Charles M. Whalen.

Finance: Jules R. Breuchaud, chairman; Eugene F. Gibbons; Edward G. Johnson; Eugene F. Moran, Jr.; Emil H. Praeger.

Publicity: Robert H. Dodds, chairman; George Flay, Jr.; Henry T. Perez; Harold W. Richardson; Alex M. Stagg; George P. Walker.

The Award Committee, of which Holmes Crimmins is chairman, is made up of the officers, trustees and members of all standing committees.



NEW MEMBERS who attended the Annual Business Meeting included (foreground) Louis G. Coakley and Alfred C. Maevig; (seated on stage, l. to r.) Edward W. Lewis, Jr., Mandrup Skeie, Henry M. Wasung, William J. Hughes, Stephen D. Bechtel, and Morris F. Hallett.



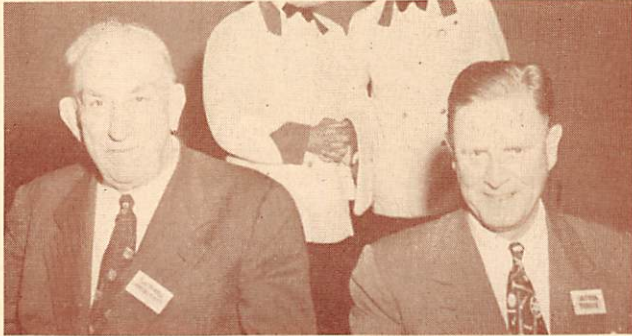
TWO MORE Moles who had become members since the previous meeting were Walter H. Cobi, left, and Dugald J. Cameron.



AMONG THOSE present at the annual meeting were Steve Bechtel, George Walker (who had just finished a fine job as our secretary) and Rich Steers.



NEW SECRETARY, Harry Immerman, enjoys his dinner alongside Howard Maxton, who handles the purse strings for The Moles. (Howard ate, too.)



VICE-PRESIDENTS-ELECT stick together. Dick Dougherty is now First Vice-President; George Ferris (right), is Second Vice-President. George was Award Committee chairman last year.



HOLMES CRIMMINS makes his last report as chairman of the Membership Committee. He now takes over as chairman of the Award Committee.



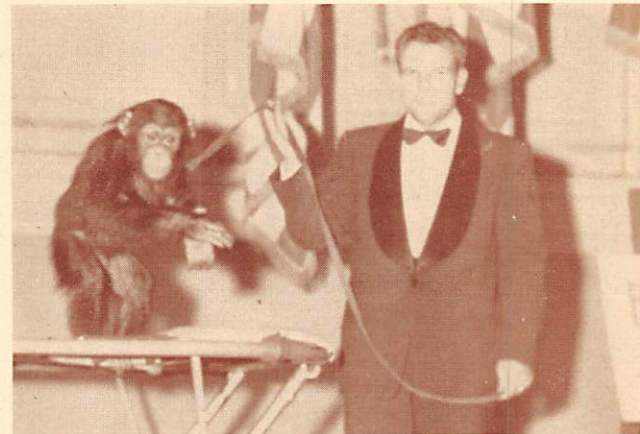
A BASKET OF PEACHES—This lovely quartette put the Moles in a good mood for the rest of the entertainment. They're the Four Yostettes.



BLOWING HIS BRAINS OUT, the Tone on the right fails in an attempt to outdo the Tone on the left, who has a small harmonica — and a microphone.



OVER AND UNDER go the Brick Bats on the trampoline (look in the Unabridged, gang). They kept out of each other's way, too, as they floated through the air.



MR. MURPHY was the chimp's name. He worked on the tra . . . tra . . . well, the gadget the Brick Bats jumped on. Couldn't make the men look like monkeys, though.



HUGH V. RODEN



ERNEST W. SEEMANN



DONALD C. ANDREWS

Three Moles die

Hugh V. Roden

Hugh Roden died June 3 at the age of fifty. He had been a Mole since 1940. With Johnson and Higgins, insurance brokers, at the time of his death, Hugh had served during World War II as a safety and security officer at an ordnance depot. He was a member of the Princeton Club, New York Athletic Club, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Society of American Military Engineers and the Knights of Columbus.

Ernest W. Seemann

Ernest W. Seemann died June 10 at Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. Born in 1895, he had been with Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp. since 1926. At the time of his death he was with the corporation's Marine and Heavy Construction Department headquarters, in New York. He had served on scores of the company's projects.

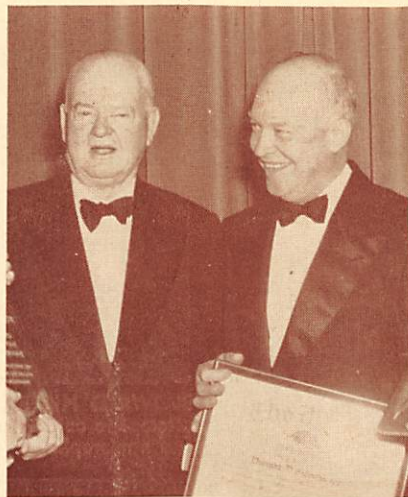
Ernie was a civil engineering graduate of the University of Minnesota, as well as a veteran of World War I and the Mexican Border campaign. In addition to The Moles, he belonged to the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Masons.

Donald C. Andrews

Donald C. Andrews died July 13, at the age of 50. He suffered a heart attack while playing on the links at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester, near his home in Scarsdale.

Vice president and a director

of Turner Construction Co., with which he had worked since 1925, Andy had been made general superintendent of construction in 1947 after long service as a project manager. He was a native of Brooklyn and a graduate of McGill University, Montreal. In addition to The Moles, his memberships included the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Engineers Club.



Mole presidents?

While disclaiming any political tinge, The Moles nevertheless have a direct interest in the Presidency these days. One of our members, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, now is shooting for the job, as everyone must surely know. He's shown above with our other Mole President, Herbert Hoover (left). Occasion was the 1950 Award Dinner, when Mr. Hoover received the Non-Member Award and the general received an honorary membership. (He also gave a fine talk, as did Mr. Hoover.)

AWARD COMMITTEE

February 4, 1953, the date of the next Award Dinner, is a long way off, but already the Award Committee is hard at work on its annual job of selecting the best possible men to receive The Moles Awards. First meeting was June 24, when the preliminary nominations were made. There's still time, though, for Moles to contact committee members and tell them names of deserving construction men.

About Moles . . .

Dick Hyland is back North again; hope to see him at the Clambake . . . George Dandrow is president of the New York Building Congress; first time the honor has gone to a man outside the architectural field . . . Howard Maxton now is with DeLong Engineering Co., which builds prefabricated wharves for isolated construction sites . . . Alex Stagg has moved to Delray Beach, Fla.; good fishing, Alex . . . Miles Killmer received Penn State College alumni award "for distinguished achievement." . . . Joe Diamond now has his own law office, for practice in the construction field . . . Several Moles broke into print in May when the Journal-American ran a feature article on the organization, entitled "The Moles: Enough talent in one room to build the world," the story included swell candid photos of Dave Bonner, Charlie Spencer, Dick Dougherty, Rich Steers and Ted Prentis.