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Kiewit and Palmer Win Awards

Two more fine construction men—Peter Kiewit and Edward P. Palmer—will join the illustrious company of those who have won The Moles Award for Outstanding Achievement in Construction. Names of these winners for 1953 were announced by A. Holmes Crimmins, chairman of the Award Committee, at the November 5th Members Dinner and Past Presidents' Night at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York. Presentation of the Awards, considered the highest recognition for service to the American construction industry, will be made at The Moles 13th Annual Award Dinner in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on February 4th.

Peter Kiewit, winner of the Non-Member Award, is president of Peter Kiewit & Sons' Co. and its various affiliates, with headquarters in Omaha. Our own Ed Palmer, winner of the Member Award, is head of Senior & Palmer Inc., New York.

Peter Kiewit — Born in Omaha in 1900, Mr. Kiewit started work



EDWARD P. PALMER

at the age of 20 as a bricklayer for the company his father and namesake had founded in 1875. Young Peter and his two brothers kept the firm going after their father's death in 1914, but it was after 1930, when the present Peter Kiewit became president and the other brothers retired, that the firm mushroomed, the company's financial net worth increasing from about \$500,000 to its present figure in the neighborhood of \$17,000,000.

Probably the firm's most notable recent contract award is for the Atomic Energy Commission's new \$1.2-billion plant in Ohio. It is estimated that average construction employment on that 4-year job will be 17,000 men, with a peak of 34,000.

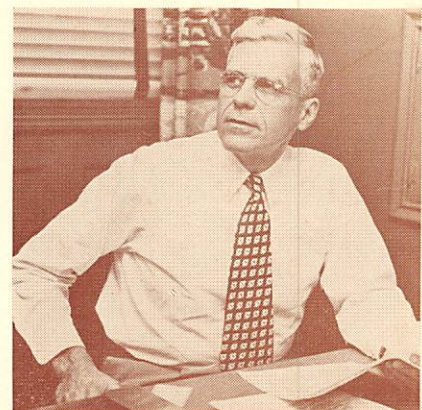
Other notable projects that the Kiewit firm has tackled, sometimes as a joint venturer, include: Project Bluejay, a huge Air Force base in the northern part of Greenland; work on the New Jersey Turnpike; such widely scattered dams as Bull Shoals (Arkansas), Hungry Horse (Montana), Garrison (North Dakota), Fort Gibson (Oklahoma), Philpott (Virginia) and Boysen (Wyoming).

Edward P. Palmer — A 1906 graduate of Swarthmore College, Ed Palmer began a long and illustrious construction career as an engineer with what is now the city Board of Transportation. Following work as a superintendent on the 7th Avenue contract of the Rapid Transit Subway Const. Co., he served as a captain in the Army Transportation Corps in France. From 1921 to 1929, Ed was secretary of the Arthur McMullen Co., which was

contractor on such projects as the New York Central's Castleton Bridge, the Jersey Central's Newark Bay span, the Pennsy's Hackensack River crossing, the New York anchorage of the George Washington Bridge and part of the 8th Avenue Subway.

In 1929, Ed became one of the founders of the construction firm of Senior & Palmer, Inc. which worked on bridges over the Passaic, Housatonic and East Rivers; at the Army's Pine Camp and the Navy's supply depot at Scotia, New York; and are now at work on the New York Central's big new crossing of the Harlem River, as co-contractors with Walsh Construction Co. and Peter F. Connolly Co.

Ed has also given unsparingly of himself to further the cause of the entire construction industry in such organizations as the NRA, the AGC, the Munitions Board and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He is now a delegate to the President's Management-Labor conference and a U. S. employer delegate to the U. N. conference on Building and Public Works Construction.



PETER KIEWIT

The Clambake Story . . . in pictures



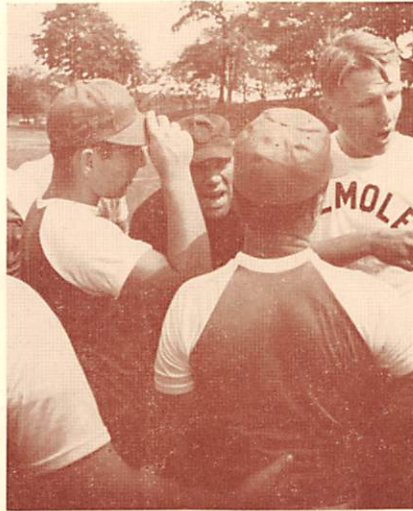
THE DAY BEGINS — Moles and guests, in fresh, long-visored caps, line up for buffet lunch and beer.



PLEASANT WEATHER lent itself to just about any form of relaxation or recreation. Look at the lads casually watching the ball game, or moving on to other activities of the many-sided show.



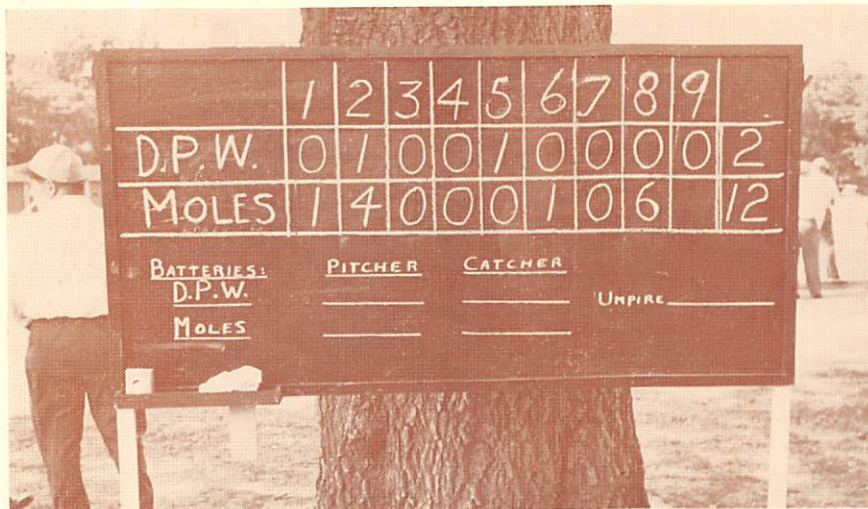
TENSE MOMENT — Moles ball-team manager Ted Avery, flanked by Gil Serber and Frank Loughman, look grim.



GET THIS STRAIGHT — Here's what Ted, Gil and Frank were worried about. Our favorite umpire took care of it.



VICTORY PARADE STARTS — One of The Moles Murderer's Row crosses the plate as DPW catcher waits vainly for ball.



HAPPY TALE — Here's the scoreboard, showing two big innings that told most of the story in The Moles 12-2 victory, which avenged defeats by the Department of Public Works during the past two years.



NEW TROPHY — The Commissioner's Trophy, is accepted by President Dave Bonner, as Dick Johnson looks on.



ENTERTAINMENT was up to the perennial standard. Here two guys stand a gal up, with no hard feelings. We forget how long they held it, but the gang didn't miss a chance to say, "Take 'em off."



SHE'S BACK AGAIN—Dotty, our pet mistress of ceremonies, again got a note from the president.



SOLID HARMONY came from these three lovelies, who brought sweet pleasure to the multitudes under the big top.



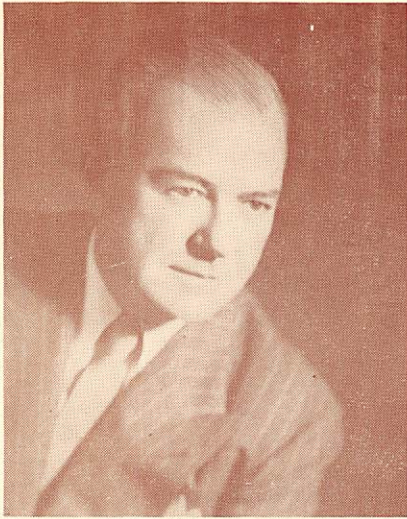
STAR OF THE SHOW just about knocked himself out for a half hour, playing, singing, yelling, contorting and in general raising hell. The boys ate it up and the piano took it all right.



OUR DISTAFF enjoyed the show, right in the front row. At left is Executive Secretary Irene Lizotte. Next: Marguerite McLean, assistant. Dave Bonner and Ralph Atwater are amused.



PASSION IN THE FRONT ROW—Audience participation hit a new low here. Pipe the 1941 Frolic hat!



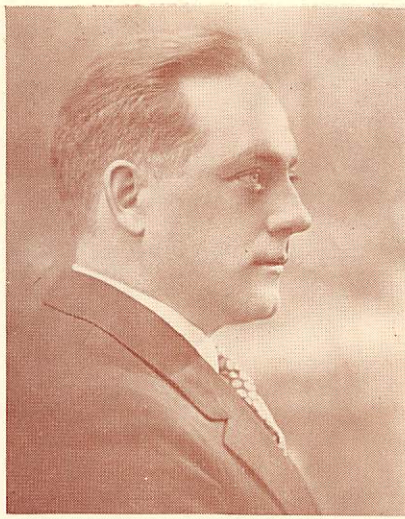
Dick Hyland dies

Moles and many others of the construction fraternity, as well as his family and a host of friends from all walks of life, were saddened in September by the death of Richard V. Hyland, immediate past president of The Moles. He was 57. His passing came at Southampton Sept. 20, after a long illness.

A large number of Moles attended a solemn requiem mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church Sept. 24.

A partner in the firm he and Jack Madigan founded in 1929, Dick was an alumnus of Notre Dame University.

His widow, Louise, two sisters and two brothers survive.



Frank P. King

Frank P. King, a Mole and general superintendent for Spearin, Preston and Burrows, Inc., died Sept. 10 in Brooklyn at the age of 59.

A former employee of Holbrook, Cabot and Rollins Corp. and of Arthur McMullen, Frank joined Spearin, Preston and Burrows in 1940. During World War II he was project manager on the Navy's torpedo testing ranges at Newport, R. I. and Montauk Point. Other projects included foundations for the Bayonne Bridge and the Triborough Bridge, as well as docks for the Port of Albany.

His wife, Agnes V. King, survives.

New Award Dinner practices

The Award Dinner this year won't be as big as it has been in the past, but it will be a better affair than ever. Assurance that it will be superb is found in several innovations that have been adopted by the Award Committee.

Here they are:

1. Attendance is limited to 950—about two hundred less than in recent years.

2. Members will know in advance how many tickets they can count on, so there'll be less danger of over-inviting guests. Ticket applications in excess of the sure number will be filled pro-rata. Guests will be accompanied by their Mole hosts, to promote good fellowship among The Moles and their friends.

3. The price of the ticket—\$20.00 this year—includes drinks at the pre-dinner reception. Small numbered tables, which Moles may reserve, will be provided as meeting places for guests—a practical approach to the room-party problem, which has plagued the dinner in the past. The Award Committee continuously has considered room parties inconsistent with the Award dinner's spirit.

4. After dinner there will be a general reception in the Grand Ballroom, including a la carte bar service and a chance to meet the principals on the dais.

It will be a swell show, gang.



Past Presidents honored

A special feature of the Members Dinner this month is the presentation of Past-President Certificates. Above, President Dave Bonner shows the certificate that is being awarded post-

humously to our immediate past-president, Dick Hyland. It reads:

"This citation, with the heartfelt appreciation of the officers, trustees and members, is presented to Richard V. Hyland in recognition of the years of faithful service which he has devoted

to furthering the interests of this Association and for his guidance as President, May 1951 to May 1952. May he continue to give his wise and able counsel for the continued good of The Moles."

Notes on Moles

The Moles were well represented at an international cocktail party at the Roosevelt in August when New York construction men entertained a study team of 200 engineers from many nations. They were on their way to the Centennial of Engineering in Chicago. Dave Bonner made one of the few welcoming speeches that could be heard above the roar of the crowd . . . **Plenty of our gang attended the Centennial in the**

Windy City, too . . . Another occasion that was well-attended by Moles was the holing-through Oct. 10 of the first section of a twin-bore five-mile hydro tunnel at Niagara Falls, Ont. As head of the contracting combine on the tunnel, Louis Perini played a big part in ceremonies. Others there included both Tom Walshes, Bill Durkin, Dick and Ned Johnson, Ed Simmons, Glen Browning, Tom Brown, Harold Richardson, and several others.