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NEXT STOP - TRAVERS ISLAND - AUGUST 17

Start diggin', you Moles!

Head in a generally northeasterly direction, and you can go by subway, submarine or subterfuge . . . as long as you come up for air and beer in the vicinity of Travers Island by around noon on Wednesday, August 17, everything will be fine and dandy.

It's the annual Moles Clambake, of course — the entertainment high-spot of any year for Moles and their friends.

One spectacular brand-new addition to the landscape of the New York Athletic Club's layout on Travers Island will add two spectacular brand-new notes to the Moles outing: A gorgeous 165-foot swimming pool, inaugurated only a few weeks ago, will be (1) open to Moles who'd like to make like otters or beavers, from 12 noon to 4:30, and (2) it will be the scene of a spectacular "Aquashow" performed by professional comic and athletic splashers of both sexes, from 5 to 6.

Harry Hush, program generalissimo, emphasized that the price of the Clambake ticket does not include pool admission. However, the pool will be closed to club members that day and Moles, for a reasonable fee paid direct to NYAC, will have pool privileges, including towel and locker. Bring your own trunks. Hush also warned that there will be "a \$2 towing charge for hauling out any Moles who fall (even if they're pushed?) into the pool with their regular clothes on."

Otherwise, the parade of scheduled events is about the same as the lineup that has made these affairs famous in recent years: Registration starts at 12; the resplendent buffet lunch is served on the porch from 12:30 to 2; the softball game, with Ted Avery's Moles aiming to subdue the Depart-



GOING AND COMING, on rostrum at annual meeting, are smiling Departing President George Ferris (left), and Incoming President A. Holmes Crimmins.

ment of Public Works sluggers for the fourth straight year, starting at 2; golf pitching, horseshoes, spike driving and darts will be open continuously from 1:30 to 5; the big egg-tossing event goes on shortly after the ball players leave the field (about 4 to 4:30); Aquashow, 5 to 6; the fabulous Moles Shore Dinner at 6; awarding of prizes at 8, and the Big Top Show at 8:30.

Speaking of the big evening show, Chairman Hush has taken cognizance of a feeling in some quarters that recent offerings have carried a mite more of the "Carnegie Hall" flavor than befits a summer evening gathering of tired busin - er, ah construction men. So he has made sure that the stage doings this time will put more accent on visual rather than auditory delights. "Back to Hoboken is our slogan," Harry said, "and we'll feature the national amateur finals with four demure glorifiers."

Harry's right hand man, vice chairman of the Clambake program com-

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Moles Office Keeps 'Cool and Capable'

As many of our members have discovered, The Moles office at 11 West 42nd street has managed to keep the paper work and other related matters flowing smoothly despite the recurrent heat waves of the spring and summer.

Part of the answer may be found in the window air conditioner that pretty well offsets the southern exposure on even the hottest days. But more important is the efficiency and good humor of the two girls who are carrying on. Mrs. McLean ("Marguerite") of course had worked with Miss Lizotte for several years and her familiarity with the organization has been of great value to the new executive secretary, Miss Frances Brennan.

Miss Brennan has had varied experience in advertising and public relations, and was with General Foods for 17 years, several of them as Executive Secretary to one of its top officials.

Speed, Cheer Mark '55 Annual Meeting

One of the best-attended and liveliest of annual business meetings in Moles experience was the 1955 affair, held May 11 at the Hotel Biltmore.

The change of locale seemed to lend its own element of stimulation, and the parade of reports was brisk and efficient. Retiring President George Ferris got things started, then turned the reins over to Harry Immerman.

Gil Serber, as membership chairman, reported that the rolls showed 463 active members, 17 honoraries, and that 35 new members had been taken in during the year.

Harry Hush, program chairman, dropped in a sizable statistic to the effect that the organization had "entertained 2,453 members and guests during the year."

Richard M. Johnsen and Bill Denny gave brief one-sentence reports on their fields of finance and publicity, then Weldon Booth reported for the elections committee, reeling off the slate headed by A. Holmes Crimmins as proposed incoming president.

Shortly afterward it was reported that 320 ballots had been cast, presumably every one of them approving the committee's slate, and that, in addition, John M. Kyle had been elected to serve out the unexpired term of the late Ray Wetzler.

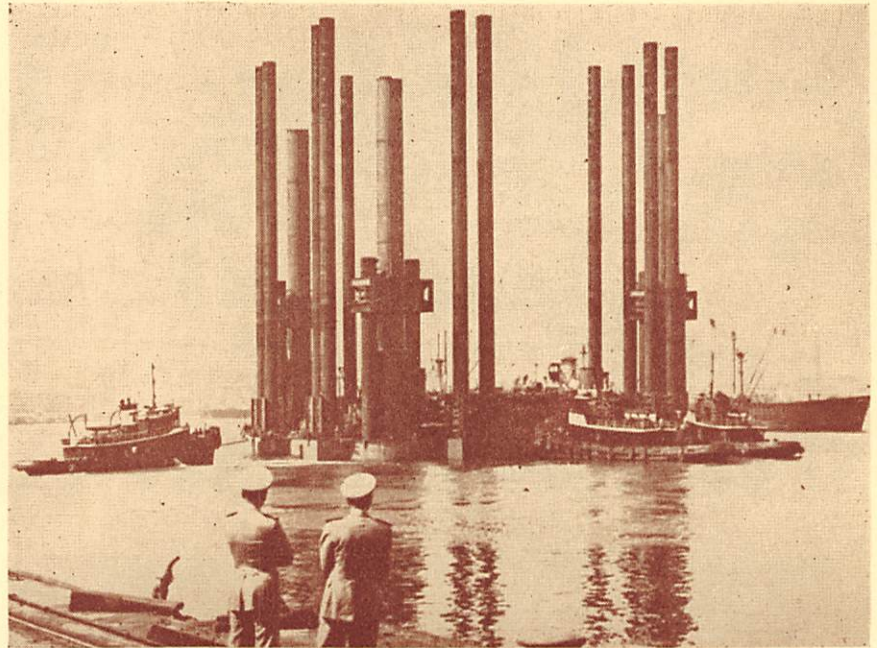
Here is the full slate of officers, trustees and committee chairmen for the coming year:

President — A. Holmes Crimmins; first vice president—Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.; second vice president — Richard A. Johnson; sergeant-at-arms—Frank M. Loughman; secretary — Gilbert M. Serber; treasurer — Edward G. Johnson.

Four elected as trustees were: James F. Armstrong of Senior & Palmer; Edmund M. Burke of Bethlehem Steel; M. G. Kennedy of Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., and Leonard Van Houten of J. Rich Steers, Inc. They join the following holdover trustees: David Bonner, Richard E. Dougherty and George Ferris, all past presidents, and William Denny, Frank P. DiMenna, Harry J. Hush, Richard M. Johnsen, Mansell L. MacLean and Charles Stillman.

Eugene F. Moran, Jr., was named chairman of the Awards committee with Harry Immerman as co-chairman; Edward E. White was named chairman of the membership committee; Harry Hush continues as program chairman; James E. Gibbons becomes finance committee head, and Henry T. Perez heads the publicity committee.

A floor show of larger-than-usual proportions followed the business session and gave the Molemen plenty to look at and listen to. The climax act



TEXAS TOWER, first of the off-shore ocean-planted platforms that will form a radar-warning chain along the Continental Shelf between New York and Maine, is shown leaving Boston Harbor on its way to sea. It'll be set up near Georges Banks, 110 miles east of Cape Cod. Moles have particular interest in this peculiar atomic-age bit of construction, for companies of two Molemen are building the islands: Howard Maxton's De Long Corporation and George Ferris' Raymond Concrete Pile. It was DeLong that devised the original Texas Towers for off-shore oil explorations in the Gulf of Mexico. (INP)

featured a hearty-singing male chorus, decked out in over-alls, helmets and spades like real primitive Moles themselves, and giving with some real man vocalizing that had many a Mole joining in a chorus or two. The show was a John Robbins production booked, of course, by Harry Hush.

Holmes Crimmins, our new president, had a sensationally busy and useful career in other Moles jobs en route to the top during the last nine years. He was membership chairman three years, Awards chairman in 1952, trustee for three years and publicity chairman for one leading up to his first-vice-presidency.

He's the treasurer of Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company, with which he has been associated ever since his graduation in 1932 from Harvard University — and even before, for that matter, in summer vacations. During World War II he was a captain in the Army Engineers on port construction work in the South Pacific.

Holmes lives in Darien, Conn. Has two sons — both of whom this Harvardman sent to Yale! — and a daughter. The elder son has graduated and is in the Air Force.

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DRISCOLL HONORED

Fred Driscoll of the George F. Driscoll company has been awarded an honorary doctorate of laws by Boston College in recognition of "outstanding achievement in the construction field."

Eight Awardees Work on Seaway

Don't be too surprised if you hear someone referring to the great St. Lawrence Seaway project as the "Moles-Way."

This project can boast probably the largest aggregation of Moles Award winners ever assembled on any one job. Just look at this array of talent:

Harry Morrison, award winner in 1947; Peter Kiewit, '53; Bill Durkin, '48, and Tom Walsh, '55; Les Corey, '51; Carl Jansen, '55; Bill McMenimen, '45, and Arthur A. Johnson, '44.

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HONORS FOR GIBBONS

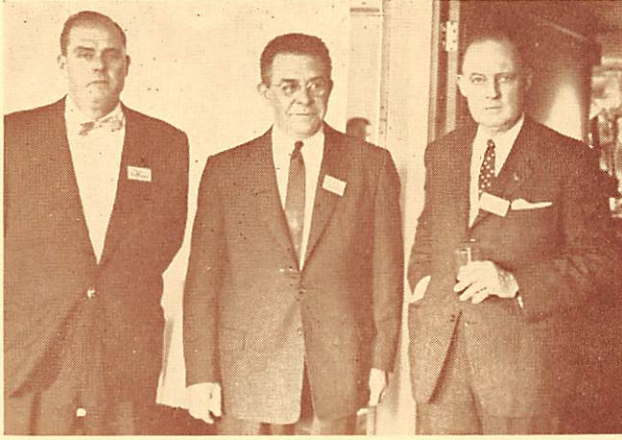
James E. Gibbons, one of our boys, was singularly honored on May 19

last by the Brooklyn Engineers Club. It presented him with a plaque in recognition of his "outstanding skill and achievement in engineering," and made him a life member. His wife and three sons were on hand for the ceremonies.



A few months earlier Gibbons, who is with the American Surety Company and had his first employment in construction business 51 years ago, had been taken into the "Circumnavigators' Club."

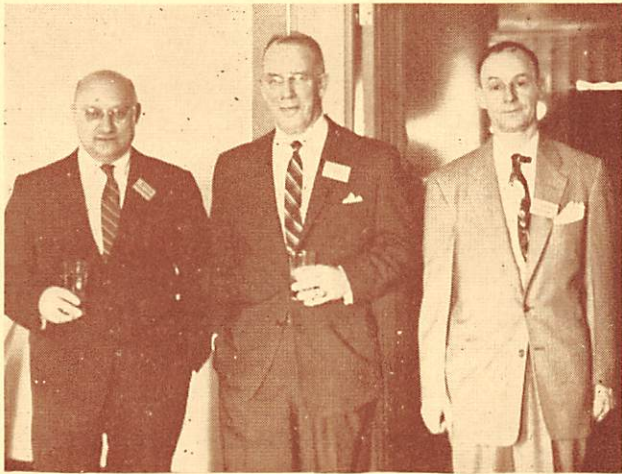
NEW MEMBERS 'SHOT' AT ANNUAL MEETING



Paul Charles Sanders of Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc.; Mario G. Canale of Spencer, White & Prentis, and William Orme Hiltabidle Jr. of Chas. H. Tompkins Co.



Chester S. Crawford of Whitehall Cement; Mike Dorcic of Stock Construction Corp., and Henry L. Schmeckpeper of the Arthur A. Johnson Corporation.



Howard A. Schroedel of Turner Construction Co.; Nicholas Brown O'Connell, also of Turner, and George S. Shinick of Shinick Building Company.



Louis Nadel of MacLean-Grove & Co.; Milton A. Hendrickson of Hendrickson Bros., Inc., and Philip Grove of MacLean-Grove & Co.



KNOW ANY OF THESE FELLAS? They're not necessarily new members. Name 'em if you can. No prizes, though.



'NOTHER NEW ONE: Dan S. Brock of Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc.



IRENE

The beloved executive secretary of The Moles, Irene Lizotte, died on May 20 after a brave but hopeless ten-weeks fight against a fatal fever.

Irene had been with The Moles on a full-time basis since 1940. She was office manager, secretary, "big sister" and "house mother" to Molemen all through the group's formative years, and in 1950 the post of executive secretary was created for her by the officers and trustees.

During the period of her illness at Midtown Hospital she received literally hundreds of telephone calls, cards, letters, flowers and other remembrances. Seldom does any person in this life receive such an outpouring of respect and affection as was given to Irene Lizotte by the members of the Moles during her illness and at her death.

Irene was born on March 25, 1895 in New York City, but her parents died when she was very young and she went to live with an aunt in Quebec and was educated in a convent there. She retained her skill at writing and speaking French and frequently exchanged Gallic pleasantries with some of the French-speaking Moles.

Her business career, before "joining" the Moles, touched Quebec City, Montreal and New York. For seven years she was with the Cunard Line in Montreal, and for ten years was office manager for the New York firm of Richards and Geier, patent attorneys. Later she was with the French Line for a short time and had worked part time for the Moles in 1938 and '39.

Throughout her work for the Moles, Irene was always gentle, patient and friendly. Dedicated to making every function as smooth and trouble-free as possible, her constant refrain for days on the eve of any Moles event was: "Have I forgotten anything?" (Nobody can remember that she ever did!)

THEY LIKED HER!

A fine illustration of the kind of imprint Irene Lizotte's "way of doing business" made on others is the spontaneous offer by the firm of Ames & Rollinson, makers of the Moles Award Certificates since 1940, to engross and present to us a special Memorial Certificate honoring Miss Lizotte. This gracious offer, made by Mr. Allen F. Myers, was accepted by the Executive Committee, and the certificate will occupy a place of honor on the wall of the Moles office at 11 West 42nd street.

Her devotion to The Moles did not, however, shut off Irene from other worthwhile interests. She was an outstanding amateur painter, represented at many amateur showings, and was a member of the Amateur Artists' Association of America. A devotee of the opera, she had an extensive collection of recordings, and one of her first regrets when she became ill was that she would have to miss performances she had expected to attend at the Metropolitan Opera last spring.

Travel was another of her avocations, growing out of her work with the Cunard Line and French Line. She was a great admirer of Albert Schweitzer, the naturalist and teacher, and her membership in the Audubon Society bore witness to her love of birds and wild life.

It will come as no surprise to Moles to learn that Irene was a generous contributor to charities, in particular the Fresh Air Fund and a Quebec seminary's fund for helping with the education of devoted and intelligent young men of poor families.

An impressive number of our members attended the funeral services, held May 23 at St. Jean Baptiste church in New York City — the same church in which she was baptized. Burial was at the Gate of Heaven cemetery in Whippany, N. J.

Irene is survived by a brother, Arnold, of Miami Shores, Fla., and by aunts and cousins in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Quebec.

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TED 'MAKES HIS M'

This is sort of like having the U.S. Senate pass a resolution saying it's okay for the sun to come up in the East, but:

In recognition of his outstanding services over many years as a member of the Program Committee, Ted Avery has been appointed "Permanent Captain of The Moles' Baseball Team," by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.



DONALD W. DICKSON

Donald W. Dickson, 55, of Union, N. J., a charter member of The Moles, died April 11. Born in Newark, N. J., on Sept. 12, 1899, Don Dickson was educated at Montclair Academy and at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. In 1933 he and W. L. Martin formed the firm of Martin-Dickson, Inc., dealer in lumber and piling for heavy construction work. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hazel Dickson, and three sons — Donald, Douglas and David.

NO DUST ON THIS MOLE!

James H. Markley, who has been collecting dust — but strictly in a business-like and profitable way as owner and enterpriser of the Markley Dust Collector — has lately been collecting something else, namely votes!

The philosophical Moleman has been elected coroner of Bergen County, New Jersey, for the second time, and polled the third-highest vote of anybody in the county. He runs and wins on the Republican ticket. It's the first political office he's ever held, but he swears he's having a heck of a lot of fun. Seems you don't have to know anything about medicine to be coroner in those parts — but even so, Jim does know a thing or two about medicine, though he's far from being a doctor.

Clambake, August 17

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mittee, is Carmen W. Garrison. Managers and game-runners assigned to the various other activities are: softball — Ted Avery (now "permanent captain" of our team); dart game — Gene Gibbons; spike driving — Cy (Southern) Comfort; horseshoes — Ed Johnson; golf pitching — Jim Tripp; egg-tossing battle — Gerry Neumann.

Also, evening show stage manager — George Walker; beer and bar — Harry Immerman; badges and caps — Jack Walsh; "Aquashow" — Bob Johnston; prizes — Charles Stillman.