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CLAMBAKE SET FOR AUGUST 19

The day that 450 Moles and 550 of their best personal and business friends have been looking forward to for months will arrive on August 19 — a Wednesday — when the annual Clambake is held at Travers Island.

(The figures above are approximate; but at any rate the total will be held to 1,000, to assure comfortable seating for the celebrated shore dinner — at 6 p.m.)

Program Chairman William M. Sheehan and his committee have everything set for one of the best all-around programs in the long history of the event. John A. Robbins, purveyor of the professional entertaining talent, feels he has the best lineup ever, one feature being Princess Yasima, "celebrated Algerian dancing star," who will do an exotic dance completely free of any element of ecdisis. This dance is reputed to be much more entertaining than the relatively primitive type that has provided a noisy climax to many shows.

Festivities start with luncheon, 12:30 to 2, with outdoor pastimes booked from 1:30 to 4:30 and including egg tossing, golf pitching, spike driving, horseshoes and alley cats — not to mention the annual softball battle with the team from the Department of Public Works, which has skint us four years in a row. After the dinner, prize awards will be made in the Big Tent at 8, with the music-dancing-jokes program following immediately. Jimmy Joyce, one of America's really outstanding stand-up comics, will be co-featured on the platform.

There will be five other acts, and also the "Leetle Cherman Band" of Karl Weiss tootling al fresco through the afternoon. And, as usual, free beer all afternoon.

The five new members of the Program Committee are Guy J. Coffey, Patrick H. Collins, Richard T. Daly, Joseph A. Dooley, and William J. McPhillips.

Paul J. Halloran has requested Member Emeritus status, and the Executive Committee at its June meeting unanimously approved the request.



MANSELL's got the gavel now, having received it in traditional gavel-passing ceremony from Howard Collins (right) at the May 6 meeting, when Mansell MacLean moved into the Moles presidency.

PREXY RUNS THE BALL TEAM

At the June meeting of the Executive Committee it was proposed, discussed and unanimously voted that in the softball game at the annual Clambake, the Moles' team shall be under the official sponsorship of the incumbent president of the Association.

The portrait of one of our distinguished Moles, Joseph B. Diamond, chairman of the Finance Committee, was featured at the opening exhibition, May 19 through June 12, last, of the Grand Central Art Galleries, Inc., in the Biltmore Hotel. Frank Bensing painted it.

Joke Dept.: Columnist Hy Gardner of the Herald Tribune made the discovery the other day — and duly reported it in his col'm — that "the Moles is an association located 15 pages away from the nearest Mountain in the New York telephone directory." Nothing like making a worm-cast out of a Molecular statistic, eh?

MORE HONORS FOR MANSELL

The Month of May was a merry one indeed for Mansell MacLean this year. Within one two-weeks period he was inaugurated as president of The Moles and presented with an honorary Doctor of Civil Laws degree. The honorary doctorate was conferred on him May 19 at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, by his alma mater, Acadia University.

Mansell also holds a B.A. degree from Acadia, earned upon his graduation there in 1924, and an LL.B. degree from Brooklyn Law School, 1932.

DIXON TELLS 'EM

An address delivered by Moleman Howard Dixon before the annual convention of the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States has been widely quoted. Mr. Dixon, vice president of Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc., spoke on "Construction Control and Responsibility."



WHAT 20 YEARS OF WI

Get out the high-magnification reading glass, Pop, and brace yourself for a shock or two, along with many a sentimental recollection, as you scan this panorama of A Fine Body of Men!

This was the "line-up" on August 21, 1940, at one of the earliest of the long line of happy Moles' Clambakes - at Karatsonyi's, Glenwood Landing, Long Island.

It can be seen that Members with the youth softball - but alas, the Works 8, The Moles 4.

Had the photograph been taken at the bar, familiar faces would ha





AR AND TEAR WILL DO!

those days we had Mole
vigor and ability to play
was Department of Public

this memorable occasion
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n visible.

Does Ray Spooner still have that magnificent chest
expansion?

The pleased expressions indicate that everyone was
well pleased with the roast beef luncheon.

Nostalgia has its happy side and its sad side – we
gaze in reverent silence at the faces of our friends and
associates who have since passed away.





NEW MEMBERS welcomed at the May 6 dinner meeting got together for this handsome group photo. Left to right, seated: Joseph J. Harrington, William A. Durkin Jr., Thomas J. O'Shea, George A. Fox, Michael F. Breen, William J. Keahon, and David S. Fine.

Standing — Eugene McGovern, William J. McPhillips, Philip H. Johnson Jr., Delano C. Cannon, Hugh F. Doherty, William F. Bradt, and Seymour M. Berman.

Big Spring Buffet

A total of 219 students and faculty members, young men working in construction, and Moles members attended the spring buffet dinner and meeting under the Education Committee's sponsorship at the Biltmore Hotel in April.

Speakers were President Howard Collins, Chester W. Cambell and Richard E. Mynatt, with Education Chairman Charles Stillman handling the introductions. Mynatt's talk was accompanied by an interesting film prepared for Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation, of which he is vice president, on the construction of Glen Canyon dam.

Charles B. Molineaux presided over the question-and-answer period, in which questions were answered by the following (in addition to some of the men named above): Louis F. Booth, Ralph E. De Simone, Howard G. Dixon, George F. Flay Jr., Harry T. Immerman, John M. Kyle, and Henry A. Letoile.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PLANS

The Education Committee has announced that its program for the 1959-1960 school year would be "a little less elaborate." It is planned to have one meeting for the year at the Engineering Societies Building, with the program being of the same general nature as that followed last year; a dinner meeting with faculty members on the same day as the student meeting, and smaller meetings as they can be arranged at various engineering schools. Charles B. Molineaux is chairman of the committee.

APPLICATIONS CLOSED

The Membership Committee announces that applications for membership are not being received. The list will remain closed until reopened by action of the Executive Committee of The Moles.

Chairman James T. Denton of the Membership Committee has announced the following as new members: G. Lloyd Comfort, William A. Durkin Jr., Frank P. Foster, Alfred H. Korsen.

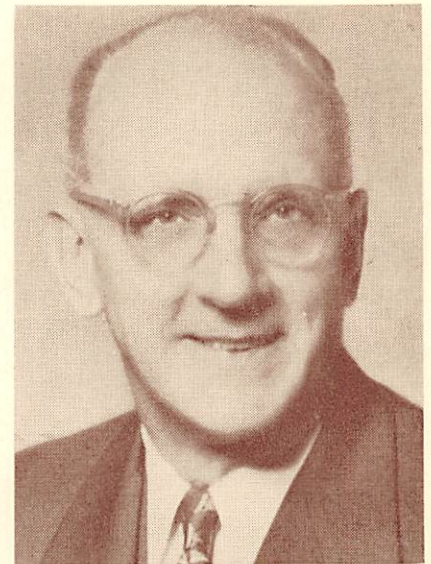
The Membership Committee's report as of May 6, 1959, showed: 3 Founder Members; 450 Active Members; 32 Emeritus Members, and 22 Honorary Members, for a total of 507.

Many a Mole will be happy to learn here — or by seeing him at the Clambake — of the very gratifying recovery that has been made by Henry Letoile from his serious illness of last spring.

William H. Mueser has been named "metropolitan civil engineer of the year" by the Metropolitan chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Vice-Admiral W. Orme Hiltabidle has been elected president of the Society of American Military Engineers. Other Molemen elected to office in the Society are: John A. Reilly, northeastern regional vice president; and Richard E. Dougherty and Eugene McGovern, directors.

Fred J. Driscoll, president of the George F. Driscoll Company, has been named to the newly created Board of Lay Trustees of Fordham University. He has received honorary degrees from both Fordham and Boston College.



EDGAR PURDY SNOW, 55, president of C. W. Riva Co. of Providence, R.I., died April 16, 1959. Educated in Tarrytown, N.Y. and at New York University, he spent much of his career with New York organizations such as Patrick McGovern, Inc., the Port Authority, and Walsh Construction, but had been in Providence since 1943, with Walsh-Kaiser, Gilbane Building Co., and Riva. He was a registered professional engineer in Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the New England Water Works Association, and the American Concrete Institute, among others. He is survived by Mrs. Snow and two sons, Bradford and Richard.