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Another Walsh Is Head Mole

John J. Walsh, executive vice president - administration - of the Walsh Construction Company, is The Moles' president-elect for 1964 and will assume office, taking over from Howard Dixon, at the annual business meeting and dinner on Wednesday evening, May 6.

Jack Walsh is one of the Davenport, Ia. Walshes, a nephew of the late Thomas J. Walsh and cousin of Tom Jr., who was The Moles president in 1956.

Within a couple of years after his 1932 graduation from Brown University at Providence, R.I. he was assistant superintendent with the Mason, Walsh, Atkinson, Kier Company, and from 1937 to 1941 he was assistant job manager on construction of the famous Grand Coulee Dam.

During World War II he was busy in construction of military bases in the Caribbean and in South America, and in the building of the Providence shipyard of Walsh-Kaiser company and construction of ships there for the U.S. Maritime Commission. He was made a vice president and director of Walsh in 1953, and moved up to his present position this year.

He has put in much faithful and fruitful work for The Moles - as Award Committee chairman in 1957, Publicity Committee chairman 1958, 1959 and 1960, trustee in 1959 and 1960, and of course second and then first vice president the last two years.

The next-to-the-top position on the '64 slate is occupied by Richard E. Mynatt of Merritt-Chapman & Scott, elected as first vice president; the new second vice president is Henry C. Boschen of Raymond International; re-elected as treasurer is Edward G. Armitage of Armitage & Co., Inc.; and likewise re-elected, as secretary, is Robert Crimmins of Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company. The new sergeant-at-arms



JOHN J. WALSH

is Francis G. Carey of the Port of New York Authority.

The following four men have been elected to three-year trusteeships: Roger H. Corbetta of Corbetta Construction Company, Inc.; Justin E. Hyland of Madigan-Hyland, Inc.; Alfred H. Korsen of Slattery Contracting Company, Inc., and D. G. LeTourneau of Samuel Braen Construction Company.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee was Eugene McGovern, with Howard R. Burroughs as vice chairman; other members were William A. Abrahamson, Stanley M. Dore, David S. Fine and Harold H. Kramer.

The schedule for the May 6 meeting, in the grand ballroom of The Biltmore, is: Reception starting at 6; dinner at 6:45; business meeting at 8. There will be introductions of a group of new members - 18 of them - in addition to the installation of officers, announcement of committees for 1964, and reports of committees and retiring officers.

Moles Welcome 18 New Members

Two sons of Moles are among the 18 new members who will be welcomed into the fellowship at the May 6 dinner meeting. Allen K. Hammond, vice president of Hodge & Hammond, Inc., is the son of L. J. Hammond, and Adrian E. Ross, president of Sprague & Henwood, Inc., is the son of James A. Ross.

The other newcomers, in alphabetical order, are:

Richard L. Barber, vice president of Raymond International; Louis L. Capone, vice president of the Perini Corporation; John J. Decker, vice president of Poirier & McLane Corp.; Charles E. Defendorf, chief engineer of the New York Central Railway System;

Paul G. DeMarco, superintendent for MacLean-Grove & Co., Inc.; James W. Jenkins, vice president of Jemko Construction Corp.; Robert J. Koch, president of The Arundel Corporation; Charles E. McGraw, senior vice president of Utah Construction & Mining Co.;

Ralph C. Moffitt, president of the Atlas Cement division of U.S. Steel; Edmund G. Fitzgerald, sales manager of Hudson Valley Erection Co.; Norman A. Nadel, project manager, MacLean-Grove & Co., Inc.; Ralph W. Olmstead, president of the H. K. Ferguson Co.;

Edmund D. Phinney, assistant vice president of Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.; Frank M. Raffo, manager, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.; Clarence B. Sharp, president of Whaling City Dredge & Dock Corp., and Carl L. Swenson Jr., assistant vice president of Foley Bros., Inc.

Charles A. Richardson of the Perini Corporation was honored with a testimonial dinner in Boston in December by the New England Marine Contractors Association.



MUCH-MOLED MOLE: This man-made wonder, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel crossing, was brought into being largely through the skill and energy of some great Moles-related Companies: Merritt-Chapman & Scott, which did the two tunnels and the four islands; and Raymond International, Peter Kiewit Sons' Company and Tidewater Construction Company, which together did "the rest of it"

except for the superstructures for the two high-level bridges, which were the responsibility of American Bridge Division of the U.S. Steel Corporation. The crossing was formally opened on April 15, with 1964 Moles Awardee Sam Liles, president of Tidewater, the sponsor, featured on network TV. (It probably set a record for number of Moles tuned in to a 7:40 a.m. telecast!)

MOLES ARE TOP EXECS IN GCA!

For at least the second year in succession, men of The Moles dominate the officership of The General Contractors Association of New York.

On January 9 last George W. Benisch, president of Slattery Contracting Co., Inc., was installed as GCA's 38th president, succeeding fellow-Mole Robert P. Bayard; moving up to first vice president was Anthony G. Gull, president of Mac Asphalt Construction Corp.; the second vice presidency went to Mole Moses Hornstein, president of Horn Construction Co., Inc.; while still another Mole, Edward E. White, president of Spencer, White & Prentis, retained his post as treasurer.

And Charter Mole James B. Martin is now well into his 28th year as director of labor relations for GCA.

Atwater Much Better

Honorary Life President Ralph Atwater underwent some serious surgery in February but as *Holing Through* went to press he was reported "coming along fine" and planning to get back into action soon.

CHANGE YOUR JOB?

If you have changed your job, or your job has changed its address - or even, as may be more likely, its telephone number has been changed - The Moles office would like to hear from you. The office staff is compiling a new directory and would like to have all references completely up to date and accurate. The Moles' office telephone, incidentally, is Area Code 212, TN 7-0044.

Three Moles to Talk Quality Control

Three Moles are on the panel of six for the seminar on "Quality Control in Construction" to be held April 30 by the Technical Activities Committee and Construction Division of the Metropolitan Section ASCE.

The Moles sitting on this important subject are: Ralph E. DeSimone, the Moles' 1964 member Award winner; Vice Adm. William O. Hiltabidle Jr., a consultant of DeLeuw, Cather & Company, Washington, D.C., and Hal W. Hunt, editor of *Civil Engineering* since 1959 and, before that, longtime associate editor of *Engineering News-Record*.

The seminar will be at the United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th street.



WILLIAM M. LEES, 79, former managing director of the New York State chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, died Feb. 20, 1964, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Boynton Beach, Fla. His home had been in Chatham, N. Y. since 1946, but he had been vacationing in Lantana, Fla. when stricken. He had suffered a heart attack in 1960. He was a native of Boston, and had been in highway and heavy construction for more than 50 years. For a number of years he was managing director of the New York chapter of AGC. Surviving are his widow, Mary E. Lees; a son, William Jr., and two grandchildren.

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New Softball Foe

Bradford N. Clark, partner in the architectural firm of Eggers and Higgins, is the new commissioner of public works for New York City. He succeeds Peter J. Reidy, who is now executive director of the Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority. Brad will lead the DPW softballers in their annual match with The Moles at next summer's Clambake.

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Ten Additions to Emeritus Status

The following ten Moles have applied for and been voted into Member Emeritus status: Frank F. Duffy, L. J. Hammond, Irving W. Hadsell, James H. McGrath, John A. Reilly, James A. Ross, R. E. Savage, Fred L. Wagner, G. G. Greulich and James F. Salmon.

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 The "STUDENTS' DAY" side of the insert sheet in this issue of *Holing Through* was originally printed several weeks earlier than this issue, as a "flyer" for advance distribution to the engineering students of the 20 colleges that are participating in The Moles' cooperative Educational Program.

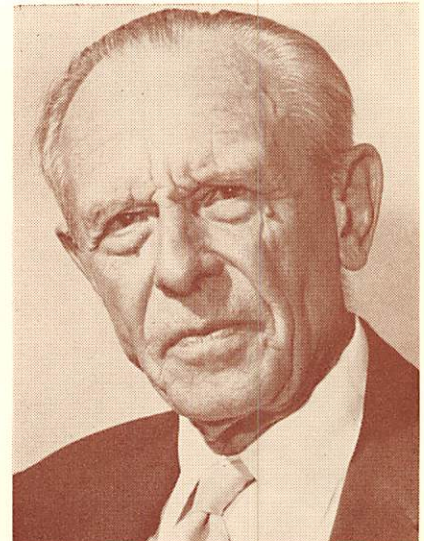


EDWARD CARLTON MOFFETT, 32, who was general superintendent in charge of all substructure work for all utility work done by Poirier & McLane Corporation, and who had been a member of The Moles just since May, 1963, died on December 3. He was a graduate of Washington & Lee University at Lexington, Va. and before joining Poirier & McLane was assistant superintendent on construction of the atomic reactor plant of Consolidated Edison at Indian Point, N. Y. He lived in Ardsley, N. Y. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Joan Jordan Moffett; daughters Marlyn and Patty Ann and sons Thomas and James; his father, Joy B. Moffett, and a brother, David Moffett.

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J. HARRY THORNLEY, a Member Emeritus of The Moles and until 1962 president of the Western Foundation Company, died on Jan. 17, 1964. He



DR. KARL TERZAGHI, 80, founder of the engineering science of soil mechanics and recipient of the 1962 Moles' Non-Member Award, died October 26, 1963 at his home in Winchester, Mass. He was emeritus professor of civil engineering at Harvard University, and had been often referred to as "the greatest civil engineer of this century." He was born in 1883 in Prague, Czechoslovakia (then Bohemia), began his work in soil mechanics in Turkey, and first came to this country in 1912 to study earth-work data accumulated by the U.S. Reclamation Service. His teaching activities in the United States included two visiting lectureships, one at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925-29, the other at Harvard in 1938. He became a U.S. citizen in 1939. He retired as an active professor at Harvard in 1956. Surviving is his widow, Ruth D. Terzaghi.

had founded the company under the name Civil Engineering Co. in Chicago in 1924. A 1905 graduate of the University of Toronto, he served in World War I as a major with the Canadian Engineers and received the Distinguished Service Order. In 1940 he was called as a consultant on the famed "Burma Road" and was in China, on that work, at the time of Pearl Harbor. He wrote several books on foundation engineering and only a month before his death had been issued a patent for an artificial island for off-shore oil drilling rigs, for which he earlier had been honored with the Franklin Institute Medal of Honor. His home was in Douglaston, Long Island. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beatrice M. Thornely; a son, Harry B., and a sister, Mrs. B. Stuart.



ALAN H. PILLING, 57, executive vice president of the Richmond Screw Anchor Company, died Jan. 23, 1964. His home was in Oceanside, N. Y. A member of The Moles since 1941, he had been 35 years in the concrete construction industry, and had written a number of articles for industry periodicals. He was a member of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute and the Concrete Industry Board of New York, as well as the American Concrete Institute, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He began his construction career with the Turner Construction Company upon graduation from the University of Rhode Island as a C.E. in 1927; he had been with Richmond since 1933. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Helen Gooding Pilling; a son, Alan Hale Pilling; his mother, Mrs. Amos H. Pilling; a brother, Donald A. Pilling, and two sisters, Mrs. Louis Graichen and Mrs. Harold French.



EUGENE K. LYNDON, 60, president of the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, died Nov. 22 in Chicago of a heart ailment. Upon his graduation in 1925 from the University of Chicago he joined the Great Lakes firm, which had been founded by his father in 1893. Eugene had been president since 1954, and had expanded the company's national and international dredging activities. He was also president of the National Association of River and Harbor Contractors. He was a member of the Whitehall and Downtown Athletic Clubs in New York and the Boston Engineers Club. Surviving are his widow, the former Natalie Coombs; a son, William A., and a sister, Mrs. Philip Colnon.

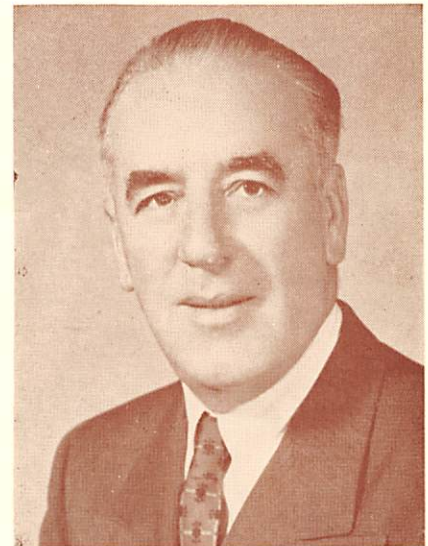


Louis R. Miller

Word has been received at The Moles office of the death on last August 2 of Louis R. Miller, in West Palm Beach, Fla. He had been a Member Emeritus since September, 1962, and had lived in West Palm Beach only since May, 1963. A project manager on many construction undertakings, he was for some time with The Foundation Company, and with the Norair Engineering Corporation in Washington, D.C. He became a Mole in 1946.



CHARLES C. COTTON, 80, a longtime member of The Moles who had resigned in 1952 and subsequently became a Member Emeritus, died last October 22 in Port Charlotte, Fla. He joined Commercial Shearing and Stamping Company in 1927 as a tunnel salesman. He worked in the Youngstown, Ohio office until his transfer to the Salt Lake City office in 1952. He had lived in Port Charlotte since his retirement in 1959. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marie Cotton.



EDWARD A. TULLY SR., 69, president of Tully & DiNapoli, Inc., one of New York state's largest road-building concerns, died March 7 in Huntington Hospital. His home for the past 10 years had been in Centre Island; for 30 years before that he had lived in Flushing. He and Vincent Peter DiNapoli started the firm in the early '20s with "a handful of men and one truck." The firm has built sections of the Long Island Expressway, Grand Central Parkway and Bruckner Expressway, and many access roads for key bridges in the area. Mr. Tully, who joined The Moles in 1948, was a Knight of St. Gregory and a member of the Bishop's Lay Committee for Charity in Brooklyn and Long Island, and was active in the Queens County Chamber of Commerce. Surviving are his widow, Pauline; two daughters — Mrs. Marie Flynn of Syosset and Mrs. Anne Ryan of Bayville; five sons — Edward Jr., vice president of the firm, Gerard P., Kenneth A., Paul, and Francis; a sister, Mrs. May Murphy of Flushing, and 35 grandchildren.



Hello, Arline!

The Executive Committee has named Mrs. Arline Gallagher as the association's executive secretary, succeeding Mrs. Marguerite McLean. Mrs. McLean and her daughter, Marjorie, resigned at the end of January.

Mrs. Gallagher has done secretarial work in the construction industry for 10 years, the last four of them as executive secretary to Robert P. Bayard at Johnson, Drake & Piper. She is "happily married," has a married son, and her chief interest "outside the Moles" is the four-year project on which she and her husband are engaged in finishing and outfitting a home at Easthampton that started as a shell house.