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## Charles E. Mergentime Elected President

**C**HARLES E. MERGENTIME, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Mergentime Corporation headquartered in Flemington, New Jersey has been elected to serve as President of The Moles for the 1984/85 year. He succeeds John D. Saunders, President of Slattery Associates and will receive the gavel, symbol of Office, at the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner to be held at The New York Hilton on May 2nd.

Other Officers to be installed at that time are: First Vice President, Robert S. Gates, Chairman of Gates Construction Corporation; Second Vice President, S.S. Greenfield, Chairman of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.; Treasurer, James C. Armitage, President, Armitage & Company, Inc.; Secretary, Charles W. Edgar, Project Manager, Perini Corporation; and Sergeant-at-Arms, W.A. Milbury, Consultant. Trustees elected to serve a three year term commencing May 1, 1984 are: Kevin B. Crimmins, President, Thomas Crimmins Contracting Co.; Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Chairman and President, J.A. Jones Construction Co.; Sherwood E. Liles, III, Vice President - Heavy Construction Division, Tidewater Construction Corporation and Roger J. Ludlam, Vice President of Engineering Heavy & Highway, S.J. Groves & Sons Co.



Graduating from Purdue University in 1953 with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, Charlie has since been named Purdue University's "Distinguished Engineering Alumnus" (1980) and that University's "Old Master" (1983).

His construction career began with two years service as an officer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers where, among other recognition, he earned a special commendation from the Republic of Korea for his command of the combat construction company on the Yang Po Bridge in Hongchon. Following that he held responsible positions with Raymond International Inc., and in 1969 founded the firm which bears his name. Under his leadership, Mergentime Corporation has grown into one of the country's leading heavy construction and foundation contracting firms, nationally recognized for developing innovative solutions to difficult foundation construction problems. The company currently has four subsidiaries and a record of contracted work valued at three quarters of a billion dollars.

Charlie's long record of noteworthy achievements in heavy construction have won him industry recognition as an innovator. Skilled in the design and adaptation of equipment for developing new construction methods, he was cited by Engineering News-Record for "serving the best interests of construction in 1982" for developing specialized equipment to upgrade the Baltimore and Potomac Tunnel while trains continued to use it. His leadership in equipment utilization is further illustrated by his introduction of a Japanese-developed rod-less reverse circulation drill into the United States for the first time.

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## CHARLES E. MERGENTIME

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He developed the jacked-pile machine which speeds underpinning operations by ten to fifteen times. Cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete beam systems which he pioneered for underpinning work have been used successfully on major projects in Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

A few of the firm's current projects include: underpinning the control tower and electrical penetration wings of the auxiliary building for the reactors at the Consumers Power Company nuclear plant in Midland, Michigan (acclaimed as the largest and most complicated underpinning job in construction history); the last link of I-95 in Philadelphia which consists of a 3,216 LF, 4-lane bridge over a sludgepit; and two 18'4" diameter, 1,700 LF soft ground tunnels under compressed air with a full-face boring machine for the Greenbelt Route subway in Washington, D.C.; a \$63,000,000 subway project in Philadelphia; and a \$17,000,000 subway project in Pittsburgh. Over the last decade they have done major subway projects in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Edmonton, Alberta in Canada.

Charlie is a registered professional engineer in New York and a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. A member of The Moles since 1967, he has served the organization as First and Second Vice President, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Award Committee, Secretary, Trustee, and committee member. He is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysists of Alberta, Canada, and a director of the First National State Bank of West Jersey.

He is the author of several published technical articles and a frequent speaker at professional meetings.

Active in the community life of New Jersey's Hunterdon County, he offers both engineering and financial support to numerous medical and civic groups and serves on the Board of Adjustment for Franklin Township. He was honored by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission for his headquarter's "adaptation to the land and the natural environment".

He lives with his wife Cynthia on a two hundred acre cattle farm in New Jersey. They have four children.

## Four to Receive Life Membership

The following Moles were elected to membership in 1944 and will receive their "Life Membership Certificates" on May 2nd.

WILLIAM DENNY, 1960 Member Award Recipient, has been retired now since 1969 and resides in his home town of Sedalia, Missouri. During his long and outstanding career in heavy construction he was an Executive with the Merritt-Chapman & Scott organization and later served as Senior Vice President and General Manager for Raymond International.

RUSS L. ELLINGSEN was affiliated with Johnson, Drake & Piper on both domestic and foreign projects. He was an Officer of the parent firm and some of their subsidiaries which included Off-shore Services Inc., performing some of the early military work in Vietnam.

DANIEL M. LAZAR, 1972 Member Award Recipient and 1977 Moles' President, is founder of Cayuga Construction Corporation headquartered in New York City. He is credited with many major foundation, tunnel and subway projects throughout the metropolitan area. He was also extremely active in the General Contractors' Association of New York and served as President for two years during the early '70s.

S. JAY WINTERBERG was an Executive with the Fehlhaber Corporation which performed work in joint venture for the Albany South Mall.

Dan Lazar is currently an active dues paying member and as such he will now be relieved of such payment but will retain all the privileges.

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## HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR AFFILIATION?

The Moles' staff is now in the process of up-dating the roster to be re-printed for the 1984/85 year. If you have changed your address or your affiliation won't you please drop us a line.

## Fourteen Create Vacancies

The following members of long standing have been elected to Emeritus Status by the Executive Committee this past year thus creating vacancies allowing new members to be elected: Robert Dickey, III, Howard G. Dixon, Jr., Joseph Drinane, Walter M. Enger, George Flay, Thomas Galligan, Ben C. Gerwick, Ben Hardaway, III, Sidney A. Houck, J.R. (Dick) Liles, Edwin T. Morris, Clayton E. Mullins, Henry Wasung, and James A. Winner.

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## Phil Miller Honored

PHILIP S. MILLER was honored as "Constructor of the Year" by the Professional Engineers in Construction of New Jersey. The Award was presented at a Dinner-Dance at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency on April 7.

Phil is President of Mohawk Constructors, Inc., headquartered in Linden, New Jersey. He is a former President of the Associated General Contractors of New Jersey. A long standing member of The Moles, elected in 1948, he has been extremely active and has served as Committee Member; Trustee (1971-73 and 1979-81); and Secretary (1974-76).

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● GEORGE SCHOEPFER was honored on March 8th with the "Good Scout" Award during the Annual Construction Industry Lunch-O-Ree held in the Sheraton Center in New York City.

● JOHN J. DOUGHERTY former executive of Associated Pile & Fitting Corp., has formed a new company, Dougherty Foundation Products, Inc. Jack advises that equipment to serve the Industry is available through this firm.



## 1964 Moles'

### President

### Dead at 74

JOHN J. WALSH died on November 11, 1983 at Palm Desert, California. He was 74.

Jack was Vice Chairman of the Board of Walsh Construction Company when he retired in December of 1973.

He was a native of Davenport, Iowa, born October 24, 1909 and was graduated from Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island. He was engaged in large dam-building operations in the West in the late 1930's including the Grand Coulee Dam.

During World War II he was engaged 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 United States Merchant Marine. He was elevated to Vice President and Director of Walsh in 1953; Executive Vice President in 1964; and in 1965 the position he held at retirement. He became an emeritus member of The Moles in 1975 and moved to California in 1976.

For The Moles, Jack Walsh served in many positions before attaining the Presidency in 1964. He was also a Knight of Malta.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; two sons, John, Jr., and Patrick; and five grandchildren.

At a Memorial Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert on November 14, his son John, Jr., delivered the Eulogy; and we thought some of his dear friends may like to share a few excerpts. "When I was about sixteen we were all sitting at the dinner table. I had just come home from boarding school, inflated with wisdom as usual and willing to be generous in sharing some of it with my parents and my little brother. During the conversation, I referred to somebody as a 'working class' person. My father didn't get mad easily; in fact he hardly ever raised his voice, but this time I'd touched a nerve and he let me have it. I can still hear his voice shake as he told me that Americans didn't have a class system. Our ancestors had come



here to escape all that, he said; we should all think of ourselves as the working class and be proud that we are. — That wasn't just talk. My father really lived his belief in the equal dignity of everybody. Pat and I discovered that if you were the son of Jack Walsh, people were always coming to you and telling you nice things about him. Not just his business colleagues and his golf partners, but often people he had nothing to gain from being nice to. His kindness came out spontaneously, like song from a bird. It came out even when he was preoccupied or in pain, as we all saw so often in the last few years. — The last lesson he gave us was the hardest and the noblest try and give pleasure to other people and keep pain to yourself. — We are here not just to celebrate what Jack Walsh was, but to thank God that he was ours, and that we were his. We're also here to share a little of his joy. My father lived his whole life in faith, knowing that when this day came he would be in heaven and that for him an eternity of joy and peace would be just beginning. So let us all be happy for him in his new life."



JAMES J. KENNEDY died in July 1983. He was 87. Mr. Kennedy was a member of The Moles since 1944 and a member emeritus since 1966. Before retirement he was a District Manager with Sprague & Henwood, Inc., prominent drilling contractors.

## Moles Elect

### 26 New Members

Twenty-six new members were elected to membership at The Moles' Executive Committee Meeting held on April 3, 1984. In alphabetical order they are: GEORGE R. BARLOW, JR., Morrison-Knudsen Company Inc.; RICHARD E. BURNHAM, T. J. Trauner Associates; ANTHONY S. CASERTA, Singstad, Kehart, November & Hurka; IVAL R. CIANCHETTE, Cianbro Corporation; WILLIAM J. DURDEN, Mergentime Corporation; JOSEPH F. FOX, Conduit & Foundation Corporation; ALLAN J. GALE, Thomas Crimmins Contracting Co.; ROY H. GORDON, Gibbs & Hill Inc.; CHARLES C. HEID, The Lummus Co.; J. EDWARD JACOBSEN, Caisson Corporation; FRANCIS M. KEVILLE, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; MASON H. LAMPTON, The Hardaway Company; GENNARO LIGUORI, Schiavone Construction Co.; JOSEPH LOVECE, JR., North Star Contracting Corp.; JOHN W. LOVIZA, Hercules Inc.; DENNIS C. McCARRY, Guy F. Atkinson Co.; HAROLD V. McKITTRICK, McKittrick & Associates, Inc.; PETER J. NICHOLSON, Nicholson Construction Company; CHARLES C. NOBLE, C.T. Main Corporation; RAYMOND L. NORLUND, Spencer, White & Prentis Inc.; PAUL A. PRADERIO, Perini Corporation; ARTURO RESSI, ICOS Corporation of America; MARTIN A. SCHLAM, Buckley & Company Inc.; JAN E. SNICKARS, Peter Kiewit Sons' Co.; MARK M. STOKES, C.J. Langenfelder & Sons Inc.; WILLARD M. SWEETSER, JR., Burns & Roe Construction Group Inc.

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## KELLOGG

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### GOLDEN BEAVER AWARD

• Mole Member, JOSEPH C. KELLOGG was honored at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles this past January 19th with a "Golden Beaver Award".



## AWARD DINNER

Over fourteen hundred Mole members and their guests were on hand at the New York Hilton on January 25th to pay tribute to the forty-fourth pair of recipients of The Moles' Award for "outstanding achievement in construction", George T. McCoy and David B. Perini.

A record attendance; a superb dinner; two excellent recipients; and a celebrated principal speaker were all factors which contributed to a really "super" affair.

The Honorable Edward I. Koch, Mayor of New York City, was charming. His ability to deliver a serious message with great wit was clearly demonstrated on that occasion.

Indeed the entire program with presentations by Jack Martin and Jim Mann and responses by the recipients was entertaining; enjoyed by all; and will be remembered for a long time to come.

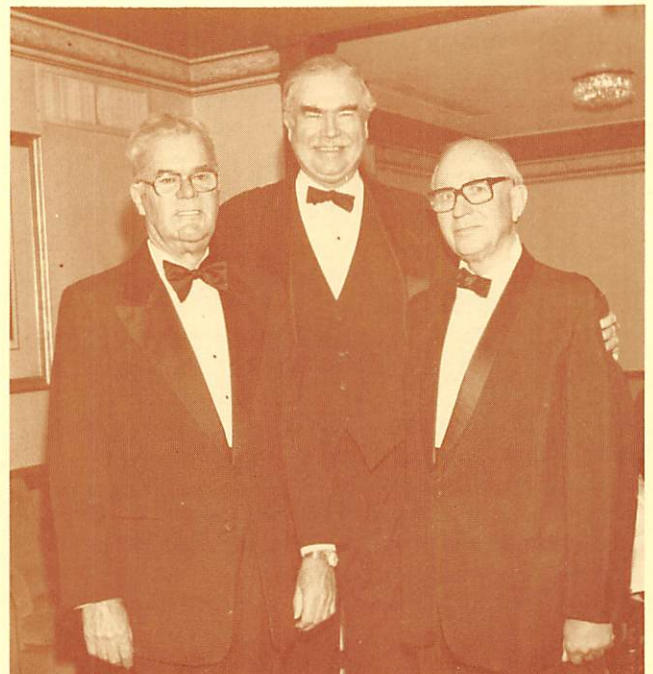


David B. Perini accepts the 1984 Member Award from John M. Martin on January 25th.

## HONOR GUESTS

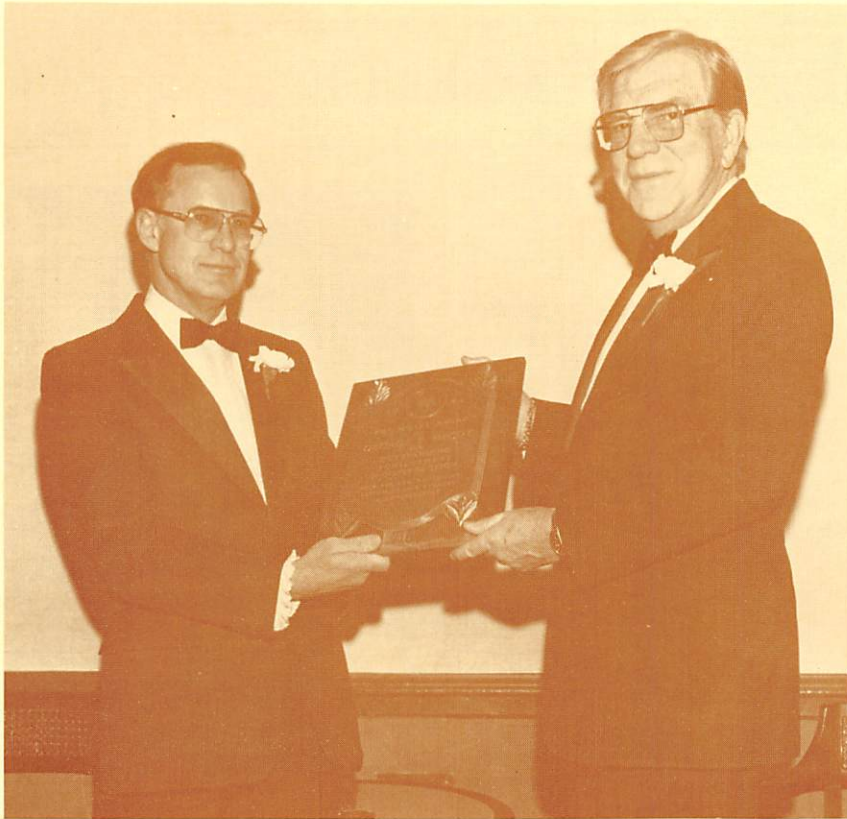


Jack T. Walle, Secretary of The Moles (1981/83), Robert S. Gates, Vice President of The Moles, Daniel M. Lazar, 1972 Member Award Recipient and 1977 President, and Henry F. LeMieux, 1976 President and 1980 Member Award Recipient all look like they are enjoying each other's distinguished company.



John J. Murphy, Life Member, 1970 President and recipient of The Moles 1973 Member Award poses with Robert Crimmins, 1967 President and recipient of the 1977 Member Award and Walter S. Douglas 1970 Non-Member recipient and Honorary Member.





James L. Mann presents the 1984 Non-Member Award to George T. McCoy on January 25th.

## Members

### Attend Seminar

### In Alaska

• On February 23 and 24, Mole Members, AL MAEVIS and BOB RUBIN, along with Sam Guy of the Bureau of Reclamation, participated in a construction claims seminar in Anchorage, Alaska sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. They received a "warm welcome" from fellow Mole and Anchorage resident, KEN SHEPPARD who said "Not very many Moles get up this way". KEN is a member of The Moles since 1941 and received Life Membership two years ago. Bob Rubin noted to this reporter that the weather in Anchorage the week they were there was better than it had been in New York City the preceding weeks.

## HONOR GUESTS



Jim Mann, Bud Gray and Joe Diehl enjoy a beverage and chat at The Moles' Award Dinner.



S. Russell Stearns, President of the American Society of Civil Engineers and RADM. William M. Zobel, Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command chat at the Award Dinner Honor Guest Reception.



## . . . A MOMENT OF SILENCE . . .



DONALD B. McKINLEY died suddenly on November 3, 1983 in Boynton Beach, Florida, while vacationing there. He was 70.

Don was a native New Yorker, educated in New York City schools; a graduate of George Washington High School in Manhattan. He earned a civil engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1936 and shortly thereafter joined Spencer, White and Prentis, a prominent foundation contractor. Don spent his entire career with that firm except for a brief stint with Charles Sells Engineering of Pleasantville where he served as consultant on the Cross Westchester Expressway.

During his active career, Don directed the alterations to the White House at the end of the Eisenhower Administration, subway rehabilitation in New York City and tunnel programs for the Department of Defense. In 1960 he was one of three men appointed by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to the East Hudson Parkway Authority which directed a \$100 million rehabilitation project for Westchester County's parkway system.

Retiring as a Vice President of SW&P some time in the early '70s he did some consulting work and in 1977 became a member emeritus of The Moles. He received his 25 year cer-

WILLIAM W. SHELBOURNE died after a brief illness at Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, N.Y., on November 21, 1983. He was 86.

Born in Manhattan, Bill was engaged most of his life in construction, performing dockbuilding and pile driving contracts. He was associated with H. Johnson & Sons Inc., as Vice President and General Manager. The firm specialized in land pile driving and performed considerable work in New York City and along the Eastern seaboard for Federal, State and City Government as well as private owners.

A resident of Sayville, Long Island, N.Y., his hobby was boating. He was a past Commodore of the Sayville Yacht Club and a past Commander of the Great South Bay Power Squadron. He was also a member of the Sayville Post, American Legion. Bill received his "Life" membership in The Moles in May of 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; a daughter, Elizabeth S. Titterton; a son, William, Jr.; three sisters, Muriel, Marie and Augusta; a brother, Hugh; 13 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

He received his Professional Engineer's certificate in 1975. It was then, he and his wife moved to Chester, Vermont to a house he had designed. He remained active in his profession accepting three assignments in the International Executives Service Corps as a volunteer consultant in Iran, Taiwan and Indonesia.

He enjoyed golf and skiing but his great love was flying. During the '50s and '60s he flew his own plane.

A Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers, Don lectured on foundations for tall buildings in Australia and Egypt and authored technical papers on underpinning and foundations. While residing in Vermont he continued his civic endeavors serving as a member of the Rotary Club of Chester, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Southern Vermont and as a trustee of the Vermont Academy.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; three daughters, Janet Horton, Susan Carpenter and Elizabeth Loomis; a sister, Jean Waaland; two brothers, David and Joseph; and five grandchildren.



CHARLES B. MOLINEAUX died suddenly on February 29, 1984 in Granada, Spain where he had been attending a course at the University of Granada pursuing a lifetime interest in foreign languages when he was stricken with meningitis. He was 82.

Born in New Jersey, Charles was a 1924 engineering graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He received a masters degree in arts from St. John's University and later earned a doctorate in engineering education at New York University.

For many years, he had been Chief Engineer for the then prominent underground contractor, Arthur A. Johnson Corporation headquartered in New York City. He was involved in heavy construction projects including subway, bridge and dam construction. When he retired in 1965 from the Johnson Company, he embarked on a second career as a consulting engineer affiliated with the prominent New York City based consulting firm of Tippetts-Abbott-McCarthy-Stratton. Construction and design work took him to the giant Mount Newman iron-ore development in Western Australia and railroad work in Africa.

He was active in professional engineering societies, and the author of numerous articles in technical publications. Elected an Honorary Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1978, the society acknowledged his

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## . . . A MOMENT OF SILENCE . . .



EDWARD O. DAVIS died suddenly on March 27, 1984. He was 63. Mr. Davis was President of Frapaul Construction Co., Inc., headquartered at Rochelle Park, New Jersey at the time of his death. Affiliated with Frapaul since 1950 he had served as the firm's President since 1962.

Mr. Davis was President of the Associated General Contractors of New Jersey during 1971 and 1972 and served currently as a Trustee of that organization. He was a Trustee and Regional Committee Chairman on the national level of the Associated General Contractors of America; the Welfare Pension Funds of Laborers Union locals 172 and 472 of New Jersey; and the Heavy and Highway Industry Advancement Funds. He was a founding member and co-chairman of the Safety, Education and Training Program for the State of New Jersey; and a member of the United States Department of Commerce Committee for Laboratory Accreditation for Concrete.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1941 to 1945. Discharged with the rank of Captain, he received the Air Medal with Cluster.

He was a parishioner of Holy Trinity R.C. Church in Hackensack and a member of the American Legion and Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; two sons, Peter E. and Christopher; a daughter, Dene E. Ryan; two sisters, Jane Poveromo and Margaret Bachmann and three grandchildren.



### MOLINEAUX

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example in education, construction and consulting engineering and cited his development of new methods in heavy construction. Charles received the CAN-AM Civil Engineering Amity Award which recognizes contribution toward professional relationships between American and Canadian civil engineers.

A member of The Moles since 1946, Charles served as committee member, Trustee and Chairman of the Education Committee. He was elected to member emeritus status just last year. He had served as President of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, and as Director and National Vice President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He had also served as President of the Toronto Serra Club. At the time of his death he was a member of the executive and projects committees of the Engineering Foundation.

In an article discussing why he had chosen engineering as a career he stated, "Civil Engineers are builders; what we make will stand for years; our bridges, dams and tunnels make the world a better place in which to live".

Mr. Molineaux is survived by three sons, Charles B., Jr. (also a member of The Moles), Robert and Paul; two daughters, Jeanne Afriat and Rita Riley; four brothers, Courtlandt, Francis, Vincent and Cyril; and sixteen grandchildren.

ROBERT W. DENNY died after a long courageous fight against cancer on March 27, 1984. He was 52.

Bob graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia with a BS in Commerce and Engineering. He began his career in heavy construction with the U.S. Navy in 1956. He then joined Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation advancing to Project Manager. He affiliated with Peter Kiewit Sons' Company in 1963 and served as District Manager of the firm's East Coast Marine District until 1971 when he formed his own company.

At the time of his death, Bob was Vice President of J.A. Jones Construction Co., managing their Marine Division. Among the several notable projects he managed for Jones was the Hood Canal Floating Bridge in Washington State. This job was awarded the 1982 Build America Award by AGC and Motorola and was also featured in a cover article in Engineering News-Record (8/8/82) winning Jones recognition by the American Public Works Association as "Contractor of the Year".

Bob is credited with being responsible for the company's acquisition of contracts for the construction of the Elizabeth River subaqueous tunnel project in Virginia and the Mississippi River Bridge in Quincy, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; four sons, Robert, Jr., William, David and James; two daughters, Donna and Sally; and his parents, William and Donna Denny of Sedalia, Mo.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 2, 1984

Annual Business Meeting  
and Dinner

The New York Hilton Hotel



AUGUST 7, 1984

Annual Clambake  
Travers' Island, Pelham, New York



NOVEMBER 7, 1984

Fall Members' Dinner  
The New York Hilton Hotel



## Students' Day

Set for

April 27th

The Moles' Education Committee through its Chairman, Mel Febesh, has announced that Students' Day will be held on Friday, April 27th.

Two major projects in mid-town New York City will be inspected. The \$375 million New York City Convention Center and the J. D. Caemmerer West Side Storage Yard nearby offer unique features of construction for the student engineers to view first-hand.

At the NYC Convention Center, the important features of design and construction will be described and the major on-going items of construction, including the much discussed space frame roof trusses will be an interesting part of the morning session. The group will then walk to the J. D. Caemmerer West Side Storage Yard which is nearby. The construction being performed in this four-block area will provide major storage space for the Long Island Rail Road trains which use the adjacent Penn Station as a terminus. Also provided will be inspection and repair shop buildings, administration and electric substation structures. Tunnels connecting into the Penn Station tracks and requiring a major underpinning operation of an existing 16-story building are unique features. Inspection of rail and highway bridges, retaining walls, etc., will be included in the tour.

Through the generosity of The Moles' affiliated contracting firms, hard hats will be provided for all attending; and box lunches will be provided by The Moles.

Mel is assisted by Ed Burke, Vice Chairman and committee members: Joe Diehl, John Donargo, Jack Ely, Bob Friberg, Jerome Hill, Bob Hill and Rudi van Leeuwen.

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• Photos of the Award Dinner appearing in this issue were taken by HERMAN BERNSTEIN, construction photographer of Yonkers, New York.

## Annual Fall Dinner



25 Year Members present at the Annual Fall Dinner held on November 2, 1983 were: (left to right) Thomas R. Trent, W. A. (Monty) Milbury, Leon Fraikin and Eugene Fullam.



Prof. Christian Meyer from Columbia University, Mole members, Charles E. Mergentime and Irv Huie with Peter Healy 1983 Student Award Recipient from Columbia and Mole member, Steve Greenfield all enjoy a chat at the reception before the Annual Fall Members Dinner.



1983 Student Award Recipient from Bucknell University, Scott Hacker, Mole members Milton Hendrickson and Bob Gates along with Student Award Recipient from SUNY at Farmingdale, John Donohoe and Mole member Jerry Hill all caught by the camera at the reception prior to the Annual Fall Members Dinner.