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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Photo above: Retiring President, SHERWOOD E. LILES III (left) exchanges gavel with The Moles' 1990/91 President, CHARLES H. CAMPBELL at the Annual Business Meeting & Dinner held at The New York Hilton on May 2, 1990.

Photo below: ROBERT C. JOHNSTON, consultant and former partner, Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers receives "LIFE" membership from President SHERWOOD E. LILES, III.



CLAMBAKE

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TUESDAY
AUGUST 7, 1990

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TRAVERS ISLAND
PELHAM, N. Y.

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REGISTRATION
11 A.M. to 6 P.M.

LUNCH
11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE
DRAWINGS
2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.

OUTDOOR GAMES
1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

SOFTBALL GAME
3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT
1 P.M. to 6 P.M.

SWIMMING and TENNIS
ALL DAY

SURF & TURF DINNER
SERVED PROMPTLY at 6:30 P.M.

PRIZE AWARDS
AFTER DINNER

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Two hundred forty members attended the Annual Business Meeting & Dinner held on May 2, 1990. This included twenty four of the twenty five new members elected to membership effective May 1st. Photos of those new members present appear on pages 4 and 5 together with brief bios on all twenty five.

After the cocktail hour and super dinner, President Sherwood E. Liles, III called the meeting to order. He expressed regrets received from those who could not be present; called a "moment of silence" after reading the names of all 22 members who had passed away since the last business meeting; introduced the new members elected at the April 3rd Executive Committee; and presented "Life Membership" certificate to Bob Johnston of Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers.

Reports were submitted from the Treasurer, the Secretary, and Chairmen of the various committees. President Liles introduced the new Officers and Trustees. Starting with the Trustees, he introduced: A.J. "Jack" Ely, Robert J. Jenny and Albert J. Maiorano all serving a three year term. President Liles introduced the new Officers of The Moles for the 1990/91 Moles' Year as follows: Allen K. Hammond, Sergeant-at-Arms; Joseph J. Diehl, Secretary; Charles F. Vachris, Treasurer; George B. Searle, Second Vice President; Robert C. Koch, First Vice President and Charles H. Campbell, President.

As The gavel was turned over to the new President, Charles H. Campbell he performed his first official act by presenting retiring President Sherwood E. Liles with a past presidents' pin and citation. President Campbell addressed The Moles' membership for the first time as President. His remarks can be found on this page, next column.

● DONALD J. DUCK has been named for the Construction Management Award (Construction Division) of ASCE. Don is being honored and recognized for his outstanding accomplishments as a civil engineer and construction professional.

Campbell Addresses Mole Members at Business Meeting

"It is an honor to be selected by my peers to serve as 1990/91 President of this fine organization.

We work in a great industry. No other industry in this land offers as much opportunity to be creative and entrepreneurial. Additionally, construction is the biggest industry in the United States and, therefore, provides more opportunities to more young people for rewarding and fulfilling careers.

I recently reviewed the reasons The Moles were created: 1) to promote friendship. 2) to exchange information. 3) to recognize outstanding performance. 4) to raise the standards of construction. 5) to encourage young people to participate in our industry. 6) to advance the art of heavy construction.

Today, there are negative forces buffeting our industry. There is a growing list of regulations and laws that are being passed by misinformed legislators which paint our industry with a broad brush designed for defense procurement.

It is in our best interests, and completely within the concept of advancing the art of the construction industry, to stand up and be counted on many important issues. Through whatever communication avenues you have available to you, I encourage each of you to state your resistance to those issues that threaten us and promote those that properly advance the interests of this great industry. No one else is going to help us. It is our responsibility.

It is my personal opinion that there are serious and urgent issues to be dealt with that need our immediate attention. We must work hard to maintain control of our destiny, and I pledge my full support to this effort in looking forward to my responsibility to serve you."

● ASCE's Karl Terzaghi Lecture will be presented this year by JAMES P. GOULD.

President Appoints Committees

President, Charles H. Campbell has appointed the following members to the various committees of The Moles for the 1990/91 Year.

MEMBERSHIP — Albert J. Maiorano, Chairman; Joseph M. Martosella, Vice Chairman; Melvin Febesh, Allan J. Gale, James P. Gould, Norman W. Llewellyn, Roger J. Ludlam, Bernard P. Monahan, George P. Neumann, Michael J. Ucci.

PROGRAM — A. J. "Jack" Ely, Chairman; Michael M. Blendy, Vice Chairman; J. Marshall Dean, Leonard Epstein, Frank Flood, Robert C. Friberg, Bernard A. Grand, Leon C. Heron, John L. Kolaya, James E. Mahon, Kenneth A. Tully.

FINANCE — Martin N. Kelley, Chairman; John W. Fowler, G. W. Gilfillan, Arthur R. Hoch, K. Keith Roe, Thomas B. Treacy.

EDUCATION — Rudi J. van Leeuwen, Chairman; George J. Tamaro, Vice Chairman; John Chow, Louis S. D'Amico, Gus Fleischer, Daniel M. Hahn, Anthony J. Mazzo, Mark A. McGowan, Edward S. Plotkin.

PUBLICITY — Stanley M. Aronin, Chairman; Richard J. Halloran, Vice Chairman; Peter H. Edinger, Carl E. Petrillo, Donald K. Stager, Robert L. Watson, Richard A. Stermer, Byron F. Wetmore.

AWARD — Elmer A. Richards, Chairman; Thomas E. Dailey, Vice Chairman; Robert L. Polvi and Jack T. Walle, Members-at-Large. In addition the Award-Committee is composed of the Officers, Trustees, Standing Committee Members, Past Presidents and Recipients of the Member Award.

● JOSEPH S. WARD a geotechnical engineering consultant, has been named by the DFI Hal Hunt Lecture Committee to present the second Hal W. Hunt Lecture. His subject will be "Investigation of Deep Foundation Failures". The presentation will be made on October 11 in Seattle, Washington during the DFI Annual Members' Conference, October 9 - 12. Joe became a member of The Moles in 1988.

Gould Honored by ASCE



JAMES P. GOULD is one of ten elevated to Honorary Member status within the American Society of Civil Engineers. He, along with the others, have been invited to a special ceremony in their honor set to take place next November during the Society's annual convention in San Francisco. Jim a partner in the prominent Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers based in New York City, has devoted his career to the fields of geotechnical and foundation engineering. He spent two years as engineering assistant to Arthur Casagrande at Harvard, and three years with the Bureau of Reclamation in its earth dams section before joining Mueser Rutledge in 1953. His specialty is the evaluation of prototype performance, the application of soil and rock properties to foundation design and engineering geology.

● The Moles recently received a "thank you" note from a 1989/90 Student Award Recipient from Lafayette College, namely, Paul H. Moffitt, III which reads: "I sincerely thank you for honoring me with your Student Award. I must say after going on your Students' Day trip to JFK Airport, that it was difficult not to be impressed with your organization. To be honored by such a fine group of professionals is truly a 'feather in My cap'. Thank you again."

Hunkin Dead at 97

S. EVERETT HUNKIN died on April 6, 1990 in Naples, Florida. He was 97.

A 1916 civil engineering graduate of Cornell University, Everett Hunkin had been Chairman and President of the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

During World War I he served in the 112th Combat Engineers of the 37th Division, A.E.F. and was awarded the Silver Star. He was discharged with the rank of Captain in 1919; and re-joined the family firm. The firm drove the Haywood Tunnels No. 1 and 2 on the Colorado River Aqueduct Project during 1933/35. They have been identified with many major projects either independently or in joint venture with other prominent contractors. Everett was the last surviving partner in The Pacific Constructors, a joint venture that built the Shasta Dam in California. A long-time friend and joint venture partner of the late, C. Warren Black of the Arundel Company, Everett presented the 1967 Award to him at The Moles' Award Dinner.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Nancy Hillinghorst and Patricia Coakley; a step-son, Donald Clark; a step-daughter, Mrs. Robert Beale; 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. His first wife, Margaret died in 1958 and a son, William J. Hunkin (also a Mole) died in 1986.

DFI Specialty Conference

The DFI Environmental Committee has assembled a group of experienced New Jersey/New York engineers and contractors who have faced and dealt with construction site hazardous waste problems. They will draw upon their contacts with Federal NJ and NY environmental agencies, specializing university professors and construction counsel to present a two-day conference about how to deal with construction site hazardous waste problems. The dates are Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11, 1990 for further information write or phone Deep Foundations Institute, P.O. Box 281, Sparta, NJ 07871, telephone: 201-729-9679.

Simoni Dead at 62



GUY P. SIMONI died on April 11, 1990 at St. Luke's Hospital in Manhattan. He was 62.

Guy was a principal of MacLean Grove & Company based in Greenwich, CT., a heavy construction firm which he formed with Norman Nadel in 1966.

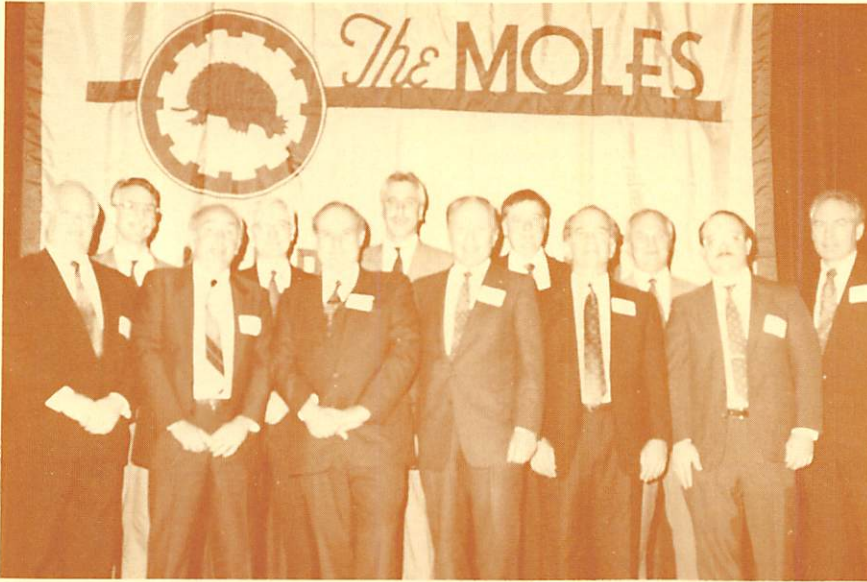
Immediately after graduating from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1953, he began his career in heavy construction on the Harford Project in Richland, WA and later served as an engineer on the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel in NYC and on the West Delaware Tunnel in Roscoe, NY.

During his tenure at MacLean Grove & Company, the firm performed construction on a variety of tunnel projects including subway tunnels and stations on the Bay Area Rapid Transit System in San Francisco; the Metro in Washington, D.C.; the Boston Subway System; and the 63rd Street Tunnel including the connection under Central Park.

Guy was a Registered Professional Engineer; and served on the Executive Committee of the General Contractors Association of New York.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two daughters, Mrs. Jason Forsythe and Mr. William Fralin; a son, David; two sisters and two brothers.

NEW MEMBERS



Left to right: Theodore M. Mitchell, Thomas J. Hendrickson, Dominick M. Servedio, Paul A. Karas, James Francomacaro, Richard J. Raczynski, Edward Simpson, H. Robert Seybold, Ronald N. Tutor, George Fryklund, Arthur B. Corwin, Donald J. Brown

On April 3, 1990 twenty-five new members were elected to membership by the Executive Committee. Their membership to commence, May 1, 1990. Below are brief bios on all 25.

JOHN B. BLYER is Division Engineer for Morrison-Knudsen's Underground Division. In this capacity he manages the estimating; and equipment selection and design for that Division. He earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado in 1956, and has many years experience in heavy construction with over seventeen years of service to the M-K company.

DONALD J. BROWN is Vice President, Administration for Perini's Construction Group. In this position he has responsibility for all administrative functions: safety, personnel, labor relations & EEO, scheduling, mechanical & electrical services, and information systems and communications for the Construction Group which has responsibility for all of Perini's domestic construction operations. He holds a BBS degree from Clarkson College which he earned in 1966. Don has served the Perini Corporation for seventeen years.

JOHN E. CHRISTIE graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Mathematics from Amherst College in 1951. John is currently a Vice President of Construction with Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc. At the present time he has responsibility for the one hundred million + dollar Metro-North project covering reconstruction of the Park Avenue Railroad Tunnel. He is also President of Diversified Concrete Products Inc., in Beaufort, NC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Yonkers. His experience covers many facets of the heavy and highway industry in the eastern area having held responsible positions with M-K and S. J. Groves & Sons Co., before joining Yonkers.

ROBERT B. COLLPITTS graduated from Northeastern University, Boston, MA with a civil engineering degree in 1961. He is President of Structural Accessories, Inc.; and President of Harco Company both headquartered in Terryville, CT. Harco fabricates molded rubber and steel gaskets for sunken tube tunneling; and Structural Accessories, Inc., fabricates bridge expansion joints and pot bearings. Bob has supplied the field installed gaskets for major tunnel projects among which are: Hampton Roads Tunnel, Fort McHenry Tunnel, I-264 Portsmouth Tunnel and the I-664 Newport News Tunnel. After graduation and until 1970 Bob represented U.S. Steel.

ARTHUR B. CORWIN is Vice President of Engineering for Moretrench American Corporation. In this capacity he is involved with the design and installation of groundwater control systems for construction and environmental remediation. Earning his civil engineering degree from Polytechnic Institute of New York in June 1979, he went to work for Moretrench and quickly moved through the ranks as project engineer, project superintendent and project manager spending substantial amounts of time in the field executing work that was technically demanding and complex. Among the most recent dewatering projects Art has been involved with are: Lock & Dam 26 Replacement and the Bissell Point Wastewater Treatment Plant both in St. Louis; the Alton Pump Station Relocation in Alton, IL and substantial groundwater recovery system installations in Indianapolis, Indiana and Freehold, NJ along with foundation grouting for the Jerome Park Reservoir Dividing Wall in NYC.

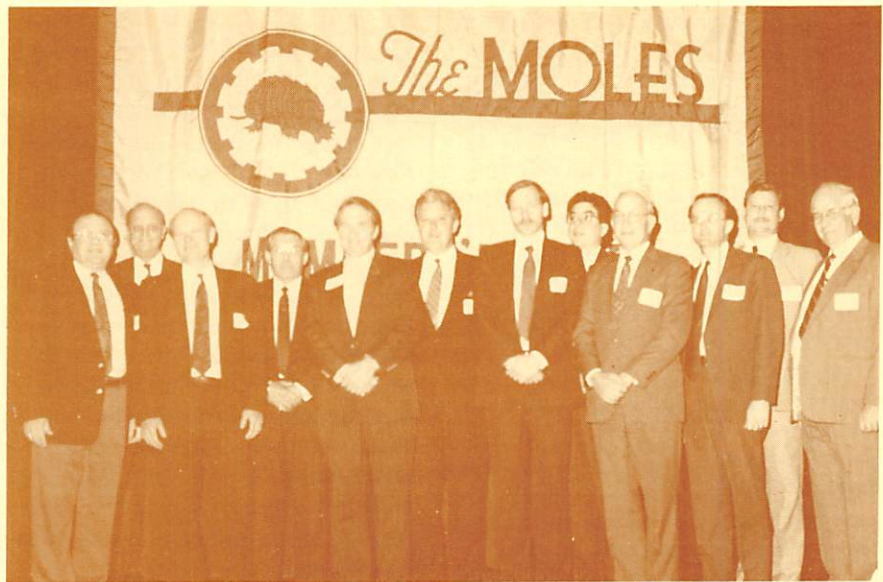
JOHN E. ECKART is Chief Engineer for Kerr Construction Inc. After graduating from Tufts University with a civil engineering degree in 1975, John immediately went to work for Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers. After receiving his masters degree from Rutgers in 1979 he joined Spencer White & Prentiss as their Chief Engineer where he worked until 1984. In his position with Kerr Construction, John is in charge of design of earth retention and underpinning systems for large excavations including highways, treatment plants, urban office buildings, landslide stabilizations, hospitals, schools, etc.

PETER C. FORSTER is President and CEO of The George Hyman Construction Company headquartered in Bethesda, MD., a prominent heavy construction firm performing major building construction, sheeting/shoring foundation and concrete work, government projects and metro subway systems. He is a 1964 graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned a BSCE & BBA degree. Prior to joining Geroge Hyman, Pete was President (1978-87) of Blount Bros. Corp., a heavy construction firm he served seventeen years. During his tenure with Blount, he was involved with locks and dams, power plants (nuclear and fossil) waste water treatment plants and numerous other heavy construction projects.

JAMES FRANCOMACARO is a Vice President of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall (DMJM) a firm he has served since 1956. Jim has his civil engineering degree from Rutgers University which he earned in 1952. During his 35 year career in the engineering and heavy construction field, he has worked on large and complex projects including most recently the design and construction management of the \$321 million Baltimore Metro, Section C. This program includes about 12,000 l.f. of soft ground tunnels; two permanent shafts; and two cut-and-cover stations.

GEORGE FRYKLUND is Vice President/General Manager of Perini Corporation's Eastern Heavy Division. In this capacity George is responsible for bottom line P & L from project selection, bidding, staffing, planning and construction of the Division's numerous projects. He has a civil engineering degree from the University of Minnesota which he earned in 1964. Prior to joining Perini, George was similarly involved as Eastern Regional Manager of Granite Construction Company of Watsonville, CA.

THOMAS J. HENDRICKSON is President & CEO of Rason Asphalt, Inc., an affiliate of Hendrickson Bros., Inc. The firm is a major producer of asphaltic concrete on Long Island with a construction division handling major road work in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Under Tom's direction, Rason as General Contractor, completed a contract in excess of \$4 million for the reconstruction of Southern State Parkway from Corona Ave., Valley Stream to Cross Island Parkway. Tom received a BA degree from Denver University in 1973. Some time later he joined Hendrickson Bros., and worked his way through the ranks both in the field and office to superintendent of highway projects. He was transferred to Rason Asphalt as Plant Manager in 1985 and in 1988 became its President and Chief Executive Officer. Tom is a Director of the Nassau/Suffolk Contractors Association; a Past Regional Director of the New York State Asphalt Pavement Association and is on the Executive Board of Nassau County Council Boy Scouts of America. Tom's grandfather was one of the founders of Hendrickson Bros.



Left to right: Louis G. Silano, John E. Christie, Donald W. Marshall, Paul M. Weckesser, A. T. McLaughlin, Robert B. Colpitts, Richard Raab, John E. Eckart, Donald J. Goodwin, John A. MacDonald, Peter Schneidkraut, John B. Blyler

DONALD J. GOODWIN is a Project Manager and Estimator on underground construction for The Conduit and Foundation Corporation. He also serves as the company representative on a jv with Grow on Rochester State Mt. Hope Tunnel. Dan has an Associate degree in Mining (1952); and attended Northern College of Technology and Hailybury School of Mines, Haileybury, Ontario, Canada. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the British Tunnelling Society and American Underground Space Association. Dan has had 38 years experience in tunnel, subway, railroad, diversion, storm drain/ sewer tunnel construction and mine development work.

DONALD W. MARSHALL is employed by Bechtel Corporation, currently as Project Manager for the 4.4 billion dollar Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff Boston Central Artery/Tunnel project. He has been with Bechtel for the past 20 years since graduating from Drexel University with a civil engineering degree in 1969. Other projects Don has been involved with for Bechtel are: Washington Metro, King Khalid and Fahad Airports, and the Orlando International Airport.

PAUL A. KARAS is Director of the JFK Redevelopment Program for the Port Authority of NY & NJ. In this position he is responsible for the design and construction of the Multi-billion dollar JFK airport improvements currently underway. Paul has a civil engineering degree from the University of Notre Dame which he earned in 1973 and an MBA from the University of Michigan which he earned in 1980. He has gained a reputation in both the public and private sector of the Industry. Prior to joining the Port Authority he was Commissioner of the City of Chicago, Department of Public Works where his responsibilities included design and construction for all public projects such as local streets; arterial highways; water ports; airports; transit systems; bridges; viaducts; water and sewer trunklines; as well as municipal buildings.

EDWARD SIMPSON is President of Nab Construction Corporation. Nab has performed as General Contractor on bridges, water tunnels, subways, water pollution plants, incinerators, power generation plants and other structures. Ed earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Cornell University in 1948. He is an active participant in professional, civic and religious organizations.

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NEW MEMBERS

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JOHN A. Mac DONALD is the manager of Construction Services for Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation. John has a civil engineering degree from City College of New York which he earned in 1968 and a Masters in Construction Management from Polytechnic Institute of New York which he earned in 1981. He is a licensed professional engineer in four states as well as an active member of various professional societies in the New York area among which are: ASCE; NSPE; Municipal Engineers of the City of New York; Society of American Military Engineers; and the Construction Management Association of America. Prior to joining Stone & Webster, John was employed by M-K as Project Director on a \$300 million LIRR Jamaica Station improvement project. Since graduating from college John has been working in construction, most times with Mole affiliated contractors.

ALOYSIUS T. McLAUGHLIN, JR., is President & Chief Operating Officer of Dick Corporation headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. In this capacity he has management responsibility over their five business units: Commerical, Bridge and Highway, Construction Services, Power & Industrial and Mechanical. "Ish" has a civil engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh which he earned in 1957. He has spent his entire career with the Dick Corporation; and his experience covers all facets of construction including underground facilities and tunneling.

THEODORE M. MITCHELL, JR., is a Vice President with Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc. Ted earned a B.A. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1955. He has been affiliated with Yonkers for over 15 years starting as Sales Manager for their Quarry operations. His knowledge of the business ran far beyond selling and he was continuously given more responsibility. He was put in charge of all material manufacturing facilities and coordinated the company's paving operations throughout the tri-state area. He recently became a Vice President of Yonkers and assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer of their subsidiary, Plaza Materials Company. A dedicated construction man, he is known and respected for his expertise in paving operations. Under his guidance, the firm has won numerous National Awards for Excellence and Innovation in paving projects.

RICHARD RAAB is a Vice President at Grow Tunneling Corp. He holds a B.C.E. from Manhattan College (1972); an M.S.C.E. from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn (1977); and in 1983 earned a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. He is a Professional Engineer in the State of New York; was admitted to the Bar, State of New York; and is a Registered U.S. Patent Attorney. In his position with Grow Tunneling he is in charge of engineering, estimating and legal and contract administration. He has been with Grow for the past dozen years. Prior to that he was employed as a field engineer supervising various phases of construction on both above and below ground construction projects for the NYC Transit Authority. Since graduating from Manhattan College in 1972, except for one year active duty with the U.S. Army, Richard has been involved with heavy construction.

DOMINICK M. SERVEDIO is President of STV/Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht a 75 year old major, multi-disciplined engineering and design firm. He holds a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering degree from NYU and a Master of Business Administration from St. John's University. As principal-in-charge for the firm, he oversees diverse multi-million dollar design and construction projects some of which are: JFK International Airport Redevelopment, Atlantic City Convention Center and Rail Terminal, Ft. Drum Expansion, LIRR John D. Caemmerer West Side Storage Yard and many others. Particularly active in technical and professional societies, he recently chaired the Luncheon Committee for the Transportation and Construction Award (1988-89) and was funding chairman of the Boy Scouts, Man of the Year Award (1988-89).

PAUL M. WECKESSER, former Chief Engineer of the NJ Turnpike Authority, retired in March this year to pursue a career in the private sector. As Chief Engineer, he was responsible for the engineering design and construction of that Authority's \$2.3 billion expansion and improvement program. Paul earned his BSCE from the University of Detroit in 1956 and holds an MSCE from Purdue University which he earned in 1958. He is active in the ASCE, NSPE, ITE, IBTTA and ARTBA.

RICHARD J. RACZYNSKI is affiliated with the Port Authority of NY & NJ in the position of Engineer of Construction. In this capacity he is responsible for the supervision and administration of their construction contracts for tunnels, bridges and terminals. He earned a BSCE from New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1969 and an MBA in 1972 from Rutgers University. Several major projects which he has been involved for the Port Authority were: PATH Track Work and construction of tunnel bulkhead and air lock; Outerbridge Crossing, new Toll Plaza and deck rehabilitation; Midtown PA Bus Terminal, foundations, vent building and an open-cut tunnel; and the Holland Tunnel rehabilitation work.

PETER S. SCHNEIDKRAUT is a Vice President and Project Manager for Grow Tunneling Corporation. Grow, a Heavy Construction Contractor specializes in tunnel, shaft and underground chamber construction. Peter is a Lehigh University graduate with a BSCE degree which he earned in 1975. Immediately after graduation he joined the Thomas Crimmins Contracting Co., and later worked on the 63rd Street subway joint venture as superintendent and field operations engineer. He joined Grow in 1978 and worked his way up from Tunnel Superintendent on many large underground projects to Senior Estimator, Project Engineer, etc., to the position he holds today.

LOUIS G. SILANO is Senior Vice President and Technical Director, Major Structures for Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. He has been with the firm for thirty-eight years since graduating from Columbia University with his BSCE degree in 1951. Lou earned his Masters in Civil Engineering in 1955. Over the years, he has had major responsibility for many notable complex and difficult projects. We name just a few: Third Harbor Tunnel/Central Artery, Boston, MA; Second Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Crossing, Virginia; Chao Phraya River Crossing, Bangkok, Thailand; and Second Downtown Elizabeth River Tunnel, Portsmouth - Norfolk, VA. Lou is a registered professional engineer in five states; a fellow, ASCE; a member, Tau Beta Pi; Alpha Phi Delta; the Column Research Council and Prestressed Concrete Institute.

H. ROBERT SEYBOLD is President and Owner of B & B Drilling Inc., a drilling and geotechnical contracting firm which he recently founded. Prior to that he had been affiliated for 19 years with Moretrench American Corporation where he resigned as Vice President and Operations Manager in September of 1989. Bob holds a BSCE from Villanova University which he earned in 1971. His experience in dewatering and ground water control applications is extensive. Bob's B & B Drilling's scope of services include: borings, wells, dewatering, grouting and geotechnical instrumentation.

RONALD N. TUTOR is President & CEO of Tutor-Saliba Corporation. Ron has been with this prominent California based construction firm since graduating from the University of Southern California in 1963. The firm does most of their work in the Western USA including dams, highways, subways (both cut and cover and bore) and sewage treatment plants. Their most recent contracts include: the Ventura Freeway Reconstruction: several major building contracts; and the Redwood Park Bypass, an eight lane highway through the Redwood National Forest in Northern California, the largest single highway contract in California. In joint venture they are doing several sections of the Los Angeles Metro Rail and the Lexington, NYC subway line from Harlem to Central Park.

Students' Day

On Friday, April 20th, The Moles' Education Committee hosted student-engineers and their faculty advisors from area colleges participating in The Moles' programs, on a field trip to JFK Airport 2000 and the North Channel Bridge (Cross Bay Blvd., Queens) project.

The students assembled at Bldg. 14 JFK Airport where they were introduced to the projects through presentations by Morris Sloan, P.A. Aviation Director; Michael Lossner, Bechtel Services Manager and Frank McGahau, Project Manager for the Yonkers/Weeks joint venture.

The students, armed with their "hard hats" (donated through the generosity of Moles' affiliated contractors); having had their "coffee and" (compliments of the Port Authority) were divided into three groups. Busses were provided to transport the groups from site to site at the various projects.

At JFK 2000, the Port Authority and Bechtel/Tishman representatives guided the visitors to the various locations to observe construction underway. The groups were also offered an airside tour of the airport and inspected the construction of the new 321 ft. pile supported control tower, the tallest in the U.S. At the Slatery Associates construction site, the students observed excavation, sheeting and bracing, pile driving, dewatering and other foundation construction which was underway for construction of a new

airport access road interchange. They also viewed construction being performed on the new steel/prestressed concrete 1400 car parking garage.

At the North Channel Bridge construction site, the Yonkers/Weeks joint venture was installing piles, casting pile bents and performing demolition on the existing (Cross Bay) bridge structure. A portion of the existing bridge provided a platform for the group to gather and observe construction at the new site. This 3,000 ft. long bridge site was divided into four locations where contractors' personnel lectured on concreting operations, cofferdam construction, installation of pile caps and demolition work.

The tour was concluded back at Building 14, JFK Airport where box lunches were provided and the students were given an opportunity to discuss and question what they had observed during the day's tour.

This was a most interesting and informative field trip. Inasmuch as the weather was exceptionally fine, the day could be considered "one of the best".

The Education Committee, as hosts of the day, consisted of: Rudi van Leeuwen, Chairman and George Tamaro, Vice Chairman; John Chow, Gus Fleischer, Dan Hahn, Tony Mazzo, Mark McGowan, Bernie Monahan and Ed Plotkin. Assisting them and serving as guides were: Gerry Carty, Jack Walle, Rick DiLouis, Lou D'Amico, Al Brand, Elmer Richards, Ed Burke, Marshall Dean, Bob Koch, Steve Price and Tony Taddeo. A special thanks to: Tony Mazzo and Mel Febesh for accumulating the "hard hats" and transporting them to the construction site for distribution, Mel has been doing this for The Moles since 1975 and believe us it is a lot of work; also to Jack Walle who had lettered a sizeable "welcome sign" with the committee listed thereon. Also thanks to Dan Hahn and his staff for coordinating the entire day at the Port Authority; and Frank McGahan and his staff at the Bridge site. Michael Lossner from Bechtel/Tishman and his staff did a bang-up job with well informed and articulate guides at their construction sites.

The student engineers enjoyed themselves and from the questions asked by many it could be estimated that it was academically beneficial to them.

Student Engineers get "first-hand" look at construction techniques. Mole member Mark McGowan in foreground.



Watch The Closing Doors

That's the name of a one half hour documentary on the building of the IRT. A group of independent filmmakers are making the movie with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York Council for the Humanities. The group is looking for funds to match these grants. They are also looking for more people from that era who may have been around on opening day, October 27, 1904. Through an article written for Newsday and their own extensive research, they have located seventeen people in their late nineties who remember old New York and the early days of the subway. In digging through the Library of Congress and through private collections the researchers have found photos on the day to day work of the subway construction crews. It turns out that this work was meticulously documented in thousands of photographs most of which was done for insurance purposes. The more things change the more they remain the same, the first IRT train pulled out of City Hall Station 35 minutes behind schedule; before the day was out, the subway's first crime victim had already stepped forward reporting that his horseshoe-shaped diamond stickpin had been lifted. By the next evening, the subway had recorded its first "drunk and disorderly" arrests of 14 passengers; and there are early tales of marauding youths, sexually harassing women. The filmmakers will take the story up to the opening of Yankee Stadium in 1923. If any of you out there wish to make a tax deductible contribution or if you know anyone who was around during that era, contact Kerry Michaels at Steel River Productions Inc., 212-580-0091.

SORRY:—

In the April issue of *Holing Through*, in error, we stated in an article on page 3 that Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company became Crimmins Constructors, a wholly owned subsidiary of Yonkers Contracting Co., Inc. ACTUALLY — Crimmins Constructors was a newly formed company using certain resources of "Crimmins". Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company is still a viable company.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MAY 2, 1990



Mike Ucci (left) receives "past secretary's citation" for a job well done, from President, Sherwood E. Liles, III at annual business meeting.



Left to right: Tom Dailey, Art Fox, Charlie Molineaux and Gerry Carty enjoy each other's company at annual business meeting.



Looking good! Jack Murphy (left) and Dan S. Brock reminisce at annual business meeting.



New member Bob Colpitts (left) is welcomed by Mike Ucci at annual business meeting, May 2, 1990.