



HOLING THROUGH

BEEFSTEAK DINNER FOR MEMBERS ONLY

When the executive committee decided against the annual Clambake to conserve tires, gas and time for war they suggested a Beefsteak dinner for members only. Plans are not final so it may not be beefsteak but it won't be corned beef. The place will be convenient to all transportation and it will be an evening-only affair.

The dinner is planned for late October or early November and it will be a gala Warwick-Atwater party. Something new and different is promised, perhaps the steaks won't be the only rare things on the menu.

Be sure that your dues are up to date as only members in good standing are eligible to attend. You want to bring a friend? If he is a real construction man hand him an application for membership blank. Suggest that he write out the actual years worked for specific firms and his position with each.

MOLES BUY A \$1000 BOND

At a recent meeting of the executive committee the treasurer was instructed to purchase a \$1000 War Savings Bond from money on hand in the treasury. The bond is in custody of the bank that pays our checks.

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It is a pleasure to welcome to the Moles the group of new members listed on page 4. You will probably find some of your friends in the list; if you do not perhaps it is because you have not been telling construction men you know about our organization.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Every member of the organization has the privilege of suggesting one or more names to be considered for the Moles Award for Outstanding Achievement in Heavy Construction. Qualifications of the nominees are considered and the most outstanding selected by a special award committee, consisting of the officers, trustees, and members of all committees. Arthur A. Johnson, 2nd vice-president, heads the committee.

Curtailement of the usual sources of information make it more important than ever that anyone knowing of outstanding achievement give all pertinent information to Mr. Johnson. Any person is eligible for consideration for the award. It is not limited to members or to any location.

NEWS OF MOLES

Ray Spooner, a past-president of the Moles, is convalescing at his country place, Lake Bomoseen, Vt., from a bad fall he suffered early in the summer. Ray got a bad gash over one ear followed by a slight concussion but is recovering. FLASH! Ray's back.

Kenneth A. Sheppard, until recently construction superintendent with White Construction Co., Inc., and George & Lynch Co., on important fortification work, is now a captain with the U. S. Engineers and is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

H.O. Penn, genial president of the H.O. Penn Machinery Co., now heads the Used Construction Machinery Section of the Construction Machinery Branch of the War Production Board. Right now his biggest job is setting up district offices all over the country to make an inventory of all equip-

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An organization of construction men experienced in the building of tunnels, subways, sewers, foundations, marine and other heavy structures.

ment, idle or in use. Part of his work will be getting all the equipment in the country into active war work.

Lester J. Hensley, formerly with the Carleton Co., is now a major in the U. S. Engineer Corps and is connected with the office of the U. S. District Engineer at Baltimore.

Donald Hardin, after an army "tour of duty" at Camp Shelby, Miss., is now a sergeant and has spread the name and fame of The Moles as far as Alaska. His dad, Wm. B. Hardin, is on war work at Barabos, Wis.

Albert Geiger, construction engineer and superintendent on many heavy structures died Aug. 10. He has been a member of the Moles since the early days of the organization. Geiger worked most recently on Grand Coulee Dam and the Sixth Ave. subway.

Captain D.W. Lenahan, Jr., formerly safety engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., is at Camp Claiborne, La.

RELIEF FOR GRATITIOUS WORKERS

The advancement of the Moles organization has demanded, without recompense, much of the time and personal energy of a few of its officers particularly those who have served as secretary. With an active, financially stable and progressive group, such as we now have, it seems pertinent to discuss the establishment of a paid office of secretary, probably not on a full time basis, but certainly of a type to relieve the members of the drudgery. This office should never become policy making but rather handle the detail work. It should arrange for meetings, keep in closer touch with all the members and promote a frequent interchange of ideas and news by regular, rather than occasional, issues of Holing-Through.

AN ORGANIZATION OF DEMOCRATIC INDIVIDUALS

It was the intention of the charter members of the Moles that the group should forever remain an organization of individuals. This distinctive feature of our club is being threatened by the start of an undesirable practice of firms establishing rooms for private entertainment at the time of our dinners. If we are to continue as

a democratic group of individuals where all meet for common enjoyment and fellowship this trend must be looked on with disfavor. The practice can best be controlled before other firms take up the idea and establish a circle of room gatherings that take the members and guests away from the main meeting. Individuals can show their preference for the procedure used up to now by staying with the large group where everyone is welcome.

ARMY AND NAVY RELIEF

Part of the receipts from the Moles Annual Spring Frolic was sent to the Army Emergency Relief and the Navy Relief Society. The following acknowledgement of these funds was received.

FROM THE ARMY

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of the check, in the amount of \$200.00, as a donation to the Army Emergency Relief made by your organization, The Moles.

As you are aware of the activities of the Army Emergency Relief, you know the good purpose to which this contribution will be applied. In these trying days, many demands will be made on the Army Emergency Relief for assistance, and such assistance is made possible only through the generosity of our civilian friends.

Please extend to your organization, my heartfelt thanks for this generous donation to Army Emergency Relief.

*Yours very sincerely,
(sgd.) T.A. Terry
Major General, U.S. Army*

FROM THE NAVY

On behalf of the Navy Relief Society, let me express our great appreciation for the \$200. check enclosed in your letter of the 15th, which represents our part of the proceeds from your recent Annual Frolic.

It is indeed gratifying to receive this splendid contribution, and I wish to emphasize our thanks.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd.) Stanton Griffis

MOLE BUILDS TUNNEL IN HOLLYWOOD

Charles Wall, of The Moles and the New York City Tunnel Authority, spent the month of June in Hollywood as technical director for tunnel scenes in the Paramount picture "No Time For Love." The picture stars Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray in addition to Charlie.

According to Charlie, his job was to see that the tunnels, supposedly built under East River, were technically correct and really looked the part. A 27-ft. shield and 50 ft. of tunnel with locks, bulkheads and the usual appurtenances were constructed. "Cast iron" segments of tunnel lining were made from timber and plywood. Regular electric locomotives and muck cars appear in the scene with 150 ft. of 24 in. gage track and an old California switch.

Charlie recommends the picture as it has several good fights as well as some love scenes. Charlie also recommends his sandhogs, saying that he himself picked out the husky bunch you will see in the picture.

Apparently civil engineers and construction men will go anywhere there is money as Charlie went to Hollywood and there met a top ranking actor, Rod Cameron, from Yonkers, as well as a civil engineer who built the scenery and another who had charge of shifting it.

Greatest disappointment of the whole story is that Wall promised us a picture of himself with Claudette Colbert for publication in "Holing-Through" but so far neither he nor Claudette have seen fit to trust the editors with the memento.

BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP TO DEFEND

The Moles bowling team won the Marine Bowling League championship last spring and are making plans now to defend their standing this season. All games are rolled at the Downtown Athletic Club alleys on Monday nights starting in October. A total of 63 games are played at 21 sessions.

Final standing for the teams for the last season is given in the table below, with individual averages of members.

In addition to the Moles team Mole Ray Spooner averaged 148 bowling with his own

organization team. Moles E.J. Ogden (Av. 176) R.W. Hammond (Av. 181) and John F. Drews (Av. 190) bowled with Columbian Rope Company.

Drews had high individual average for the season in the league (190) high score for one game (298) and high score for three games in one evening (666).

Don't worry about the high scores though. It's a handicap league so your score is OK if you are consistent or can get a low handicap rating. (A look at some of the scores will convince you that the Moles could win no other way.)

1941-42 Season Marine Bowling League

	GAMES	
	WON	LOST
THE MOLES	41	22
J. S. ENGINEER OFFICE	38	25
COLUMBIAN ROPE COMPANY	36	27
MERRITT-CHAPMAN & SCOTT CORP.	30	33
THE MARINE ACES	30	33
MCALLISTER-SULLIVAN BOWLING TEAM	30	33
RAYMOND CONCRETE PILE CO.	26	37
ALLEN N. SPOONER & SON, INC.	21	42

Moles Team: Individual Averages

R.W. ATWATER	146	A.K. BURNHAM	161
A.N. WARWICK	142	JOHN KINNEY	182
A.R. FAUST	166	P.J. LYNCH	163
E.J. JOHNSON	171	W. HANLY, JR.	143

From the absent recipient of 1942 Award

While I was in far-off Persia, I was very greatly honored by The Moles. It is needless to say that I deeply appreciate this distinguished honor and that it is a great satisfaction to have this recognition from those men who know me best.

It was, of course, a great disappointment to me not to have been able to be present and receive this award in person. It was most gracious and kind of you to have sent me the photograph of the dinner and the certificate and plaque that were awarded to me. They will become heirlooms in the Prentis family.

Faithfully yours,

Edmund A. Prentis

Mr. Prentis is now in this country, but the work he started is continuing.

NEW MOLES IN 1942

- EDWARD G. ARMITAGE, Vice President
The Glenn Co., Inc.,
250 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- ROBERT A. W. CARLETON, President
The Carleton Company, Inc.,
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- F. S. CARR, Chief Expediter
Walsh Construction Co.,
Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- W. J. CARROLL, President
Carroll-McCreary Co., Inc.,
46-81 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- KENDRIC P. DOANE, General Supt.
White Construction Co.,
Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- RALPH A. FLETCHER, Treasurer
H. E. Fletcher Co.,
West Chelmsford, Mass.
- HEWITT S. GURNEE, General Manager
Griffin Equipment & Supply Corp.,
881 East 141st Street, New York, N. Y.
- LEWIS J. HAMMOND, Vice President
Hodge & Hammond, Inc.,
1162 Grinnell Place, New York, N. Y.
- ALF HJORT, JR., Construction Engineer
Bayonne Associates,
Bayonne, N. J.
- ALFRED W. JOHNSON, President
H. Johnson & Son, Inc.,
135-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.
- EDWARD J. JOHNSON, Dispatcher
Moran Towing Corporation,
17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
- HARRY V. JOHNSON, Secretary
H. Johnson & Son, Inc.,
135-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.
- WILLIAM KAUFMAN, Project Manager
Duffy Construction Corp.,
230 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- J. T. KILLEN, JR., Asst. Secretary
Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.,
17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
- MYRON J. LONG, Blaster
Mason & Hanger Co.,
Dublin, Va.
- JAMES J. LUCY
James J. Lucy Agency,
11 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.
- JAMES C. MAGEE, Sales Engineer
Griffin Wellpoint Corp.,
881 East 141st Street, New York, N. Y.
- WILLIAM T. MAHOOD, Spec. Repr. Contractors Div.
Atlas Powder Co.,
Wilmington, Delaware
- ANTHONY M. MEYERSTEIN, President
Anthony M. Meyerstein, Inc.,
66 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- EUGENE F. MORAN, JR., Vice President
Moran Towing Corporation,
17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
- MANSELL L. MacLEAN, Engineer
Samuel R. Rosoff Ltd.,
41 West 35th Street, New York, N. Y.
- FRANK McCULLOUGH, Asst. Ch. Engineer
J. Rich Steers, Inc.,
17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
- JAMES M. McLAIN, Representative
The Thew Shovel Co.,
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- FREDERICK A. McLAUGHLIN, Cost Engineer
Contractors for Dry Docks,
Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- GEORGE W. ROGERS, President
Geo. W. Rogers Construction Corp.,
6 Church Street, New York, N. Y.
- PAUL D. SCHLENKER, Foundation Engineer
Union Metal Manufacturing Co.,
1432 Maple Street, Canton, Ohio
- FREDERICK H. SCHOMBURG,
American Business Credit Corp.,
50 Church Street, New York, N. Y.
- WILLIAM W. SHELBOURNE, Vice President
H. Johnson & Son, Inc.,
135-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.
- ELWIN H. SMITH, President
Smith Tractor & Equipment Co.,
212 Coit Street, Irvington, N. J.
- HAROLD H. SMITH, President
Harold H. Smith, Inc.,
6 Linden Place, Middletown, N. Y.
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The Thew Shovel Co.,
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- JOHN H. TIERNAN, Secretary
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