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It's Hoover and Dougherty

Ex-President and Veteran New York Central Engineer to Receive Tenth Annual Moles Awards



HERBERT HOOVER

HERBERT HOOVER and Richard E. Dougherty—two top men in their fields of endeavor—will be recipients of the 1950 Moles Annual Awards for outstanding contribution to construction and for their exemplary careers as citizens. The revered former President and the veteran retired vice-president of the New York Central R.R., in charge of engineering, were named by Dave Bonner and his Award Committee as the tenth pair of engineering and construction associates to be recognized by the Society for their life achievement.

Bronze plaques and parchment citations will be presented to Mr. Hoover, an eminent engineer before his entry into statecraft, and Mr. Dougherty, whose distinguished career embraced railroading, civil engineering and public service, at The Moles tenth annual award dinner next Feb. 9 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to be attended by 1,000 members and their guests.

For 1950, Mr. Hoover is the non-member recipient, in recognition of his long career in public service, the example he has set in inspiring the ideals of individual enterprise and personal freedom and for his accomplishments in the engineering profession.

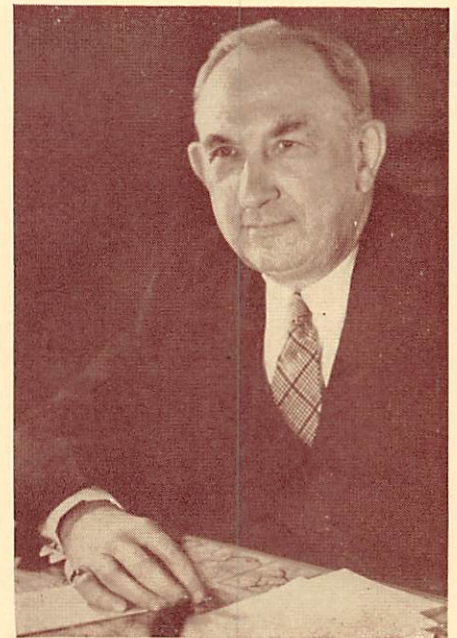
Mr. Dougherty, who receives The Moles member award, was, prior to his retirement in 1948, long an executive of the New York Central, to which he is presently a consultant, and is past president of the American Society of Civil Engineers and president of the Engineers Joint Council. He is also a civic leader in New York City and his home community, White Plains, N. Y.

Proctor discusses award

In discussing Mr. Hoover's award, Moles President Carlton S. Proctor said, "Our immediate incentive for honoring Mr. Hoover is in recognition of his priceless service as chairman of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.

"The Hoover Commission, as it is more familiarly known, made a painstaking investigation of the executive branch and has recommended the many sweeping reforms so urgently needed to increase our government's operating efficiency and to reduce unnecessary expenses. Mr. Hoover not only developed sound plans for operating the executive, but also directed public attention to the need for these reforms without partisanship or rancor. There is no doubt that these reforms, many of which have already been adopted, will have a salutary effect on the construction field, as well as all industry, through general economies and in streamlining the means by which the government and private enterprise work together.

"Beyond this consideration, the award expresses our admiration for his lifelong inspiration of those ideals of individual initiative and personal freedom which have brought this country world



RICHARD E. DOUGHERTY

leadership. The construction industry stands for that kind of individual effort and in these times of flux and the stress of conflicting ideas, Mr. Hoover's tireless and courageous advancement of the American tradition is an example to all of us.

"We of The Moles naturally sense a bond of comradeship with Mr. Hoover in view of his achievements as a mining engineer, as a builder of important mining and terminal installations and as a mining consultant around the world."

Concerning our own Dick Dougherty, Mr. Proctor said,

"As principal engineering executive of the New York Central, Mr. Dougherty has made special contributions both to railroading and civil engineering in America. In addition to his forty-six years in furthering the growth and value of his company, he has given his time unselfishly to improve public transporta-

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tion through his efforts in removing grade crossings, improving terminal and station facilities, in promoting safety and in city and port planning. As a practicing engineer he has introduced many conveniences and economies through his planning and construction of such facilities as rail lines, bulk terminals, the improvement of roadbeds and other measures for speedier service, through research and in the administration of belt lines and hotels, office buildings and other real property.

"His unusual talents have been amply recognized through leadership in professional societies. In choosing Mr. Dougherty, we do so with the intention of rewarding his efforts with the most cherished of prizes—the admiration and esteem of fellow workers."

Brief biographies of the two distinguished Award winners follow:

Herbert Hoover

BORN IN WEST BRANCH, Iowa, Mr. Hoover, now 75, worked his way through Leland Stanford University, graduating in 1895. Two years later he was invited to Australia as a consultant during the mining boom there. From that time to 1913, he was engaged in mining, construction and railway projects in various parts of the world and his success brought him wealth and pre-eminence in the engineering profession.

In 1914, the humanitarian activities which have been paramount for much of his life began, when he expedited the repatriation of 150,000 American tourists caught in Europe after the outbreak of World War I. This led to service as administrator of relief for destitute Belgians following the invasion of their country by the Germans and for some 10,000,000 Allied nationals later uprooted by the hostilities. He was War Food Administrator for the United States after its entry into the war, following which he directed the care and feeding of 200,000,000 Europeans left destitute in the war's wake. From 1921 through 1928 he was Secretary of Commerce.

Following his term as President from 1929 through 1933, Mr. Hoover retired from public life, emerging to head an American relief committee for Finland following its invasion by Soviet Russia in 1939. He later led a war relief organization aiding five European countries. In 1946, at President Truman's request, he surveyed European food needs and spurred food shipments abroad from both North and South America. In 1947 he surveyed Germany and Austria and stumped the United States in support of foreign aid measures. Later that year he became chairman of the Hoover Commis-

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HAPPY MOLES and their guests line up to receive door prizes and sports prizes from President Carlton Proctor, as Frank Loughman, chairman of the Program Committee, reads off the lucky names at the Annual Clambake Aug. 17.

1949 Clambake Huge Success

Sun shines, Fortune smiles as Moles retrieve trophy

THE BIG NEWS of the 1949 Moles Clambake at Travers Island was the score of the ball game, in which our boys brought the tall trophy back to Moles' headquarters after a lonesome year in the New York Department of Public Works. The score was 20 to 6 and the tale is simply told: The Moles ran up twelve tallies in the first inning; after that the Public Works boys didn't have a prayer.

But the ball game was by no means the whole show, as pictures on these pages and memories of the men present will testify. Under sunny skies the men in their Moles caps chased many prizes, (while the beer kegs chased the men). And later, after chasing some excellent food, they rested in folding chairs while entertainment soothed their nerves. (Well, some of it did, anyway.)

Here's the way the competitions went: GOLF: Walton W. Wyre, first; G. L. Comfort, second; (Who got that third prize?), George Spargo, fourth. EGG TOSSING: Jerry Corbetta and Charlie Prokop. GOLF PITCHING: Paul J. Haloran, first; A. J. Tozzoli, second; R. H. Tunstead, third; J. P. Cullen, fourth. HORSESHOES: L. S. Corbetta, first; Sig Hoffman, second; William Habor, third. SPIKE DRIVING: Mr. Bahr, first; A. Di Giacinto, second; Larry Neusse, third; Mr. Shuster, fourth.

And now for some Theater Notes: The venerable extroverts shown on the next page probably were the stars of the show . . . the old bird was full of gags, but we couldn't tell what the gal was full of . . . he said he liked to see the young chickens chasin' around with their cut-

outs open . . . she kept pouring something out of a pot . . . a tap-dance trio and a girlie quartet lent a chaste note or two . . . and those beautiful men in black satin seemed to be fighting over their blonde leading lady . . . almost pulled her apart a couple of times . . . many a Mole wishes he could be one of the fan-dancer's fans . . . *Holing Through* wanted to publish her picture but Miss Lizotte couldn't see it.

New Moles: Welcome!

The following is a list of members elected to The Moles Sept. 27, 1949:

EDMUND M. BURKE, Construction Engineer, Bethlehem Steel Co., 25 Broadway, New York City

ALBERT DI GIACINTO, Senior Engineer, Spencer, White & Prentis, Inc., 10 East 40th St., New York City

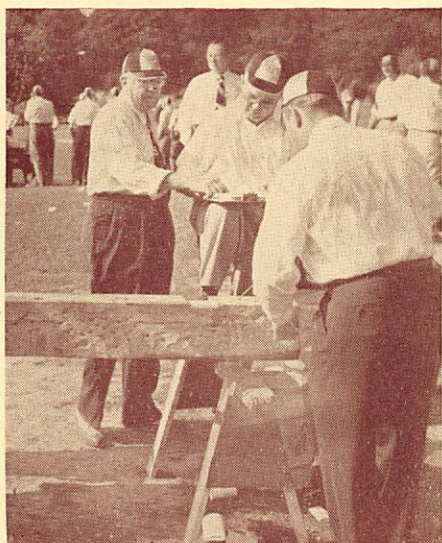
FRANK P. FOSTER, Project Manager, Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp., 17 Battery Place, New York City

WILLIAM H. FRANTZ, President, Frantz Tractor Co., 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City

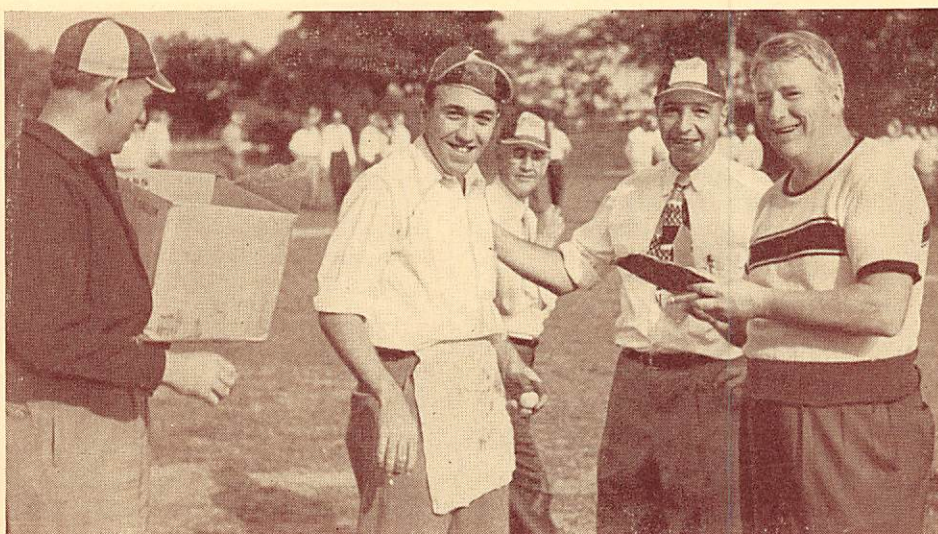
JOHN M. KYLE, Chief Engineer, The Port of New York Authority, 111 Eighth Ave., New York City

RICHARD E. MYNATT, Construction Equipment Manager, Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp., 17 Battery Place, New York City

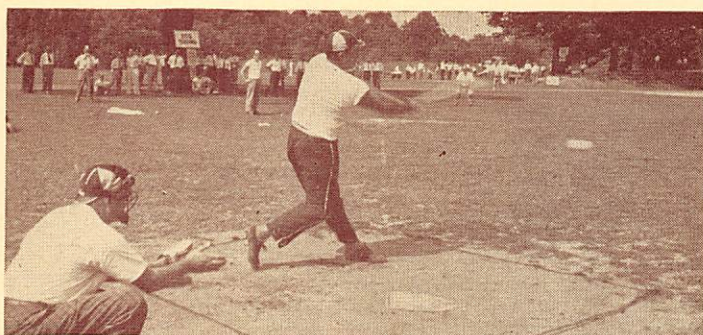
OLIVER J. NESLAGE, Vice-President, Joy Manufacturing Co., Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.



SPIKE DRIVING drew a large number of "dock-builders" seeking easy hams and hooch. Dick Stokes ran the show, as usual, with geniality and consummate impartiality.



LUCKIEST EGGS at the Clambake. Jerry Corbetta (apron) and Charlie Prokop (necktie) won the egg-tossing contest. George Walker, left, looks into the box, at eggs that didn't get thrown. Jerry holds egg he caught in throw-off. His apron caught the tying egg. Jim Norton (right) records the results, and Jim Markley looks on.



ONE THE CATCHER didn't catch. When the Moles played the Department of Public Works this year they were all hopped up for a win—couldn't make a thriller out of it by waiting for a final big inning, but started right off with a twelve-run twirl of the bases. The final: 20-6.



THAT PLEASD LOOK on Ted Avery's face goes with the baseball trophy and congratulations he's just received from Commissioner Zurmuhlen, (whose boys say "Wait 'til next year.")



POP WOVED 'EM. In a program famous for its feminine youth, this gentleman talked about the young dollies.



HERE SHE IS, the lady whose gapolis had the boys gaping and running for the exits (there was a bar out there, and right fine business it did.)



ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY. It served the fellow right for sitting in the front row. That's your boy Johnny, Mrs. Dubon.

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sion, whose work was announced early this year.

Mr. Hoover holds forty-nine honorary degrees from colleges and universities, as well as many professional and civic awards. He is a past president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and of the American Engineering Council.

Richard E. Dougherty

MR. DOUGHERTY, 69, was born in New York City and was graduated from Columbia University with an engineering degree in 1901. He joined the New York Central System in 1902 as a rodman, transitman and assistant engineer on construction. He advanced steadily through the railroad's engineering branch, becoming chief engineer for its southern New York operations in 1910, designing engineer for the road's activities east of Buffalo in 1918, engineering assistant to the operating vice-president in 1924 and engineering assistant to the president in 1926.

In 1930, Mr. Dougherty became the

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New York Central's chief engineering officer on election as vice-president in charge of engineering and development. In 1947, his duties were widened to include a number of responsibilities including real estate held by the road, insurance, development of special projects and resolution of various company problems.

During World War II he helped train Army railway battalions for overseas service, as well as supplying liaison between the company and the munitions program.

Mr. Dougherty has been chairman of

the Association of American Railroad's grade crossing committee for industry-government cooperation on that problem; chairman of the Central's post-war problem committee; president of a special concern set up to build a bulk terminal at Toledo, Ohio; chairman of a committee for developing better terminal facilities in Chicago and membership in various New York committees for port and terminal planning. He was on the advisory board of the Hoover Commission's public works task force. Mr. Dougherty has been a vice-president of 42 of the Central's subsidiaries, a director of 28 and since retiring Dec. 31, 1948 has been a consultant to the road. He was a member of the White Plains, N.Y. Board of Education from 1915 to 1935, and was its president from 1923 to 1935.

Diamond Back to Bar

JOSEPH DIAMOND, active Mole, licensed professional engineer and attorney-at-law, has resigned his position as Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, New York, to resume the practice of law in association with Bleakley, Platt, Gilchrist and Walker, at 120 Broadway, New York City.

Commissioner Diamond is a past president of the Bronx County Chapter, SPE, and a member of ASCE. He was a lieutenant-commander in the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps during the war, serving in the Aleutians and the Pacific.

Previous Award Winners

THE ROSTER of recipients of The Moles Annual Awards for Outstanding Construction Achievement is building up to an impressive list. They are, with the members listed first:

1941—John S. Macdonald
Robert Moses

1942—Edmund A. Prentis
M. J. Madigan

1943—Frank W. Barnes
Admiral Ben Moreell

1944—Arthur A. Johnson
Gen. Brehon B. Somervell

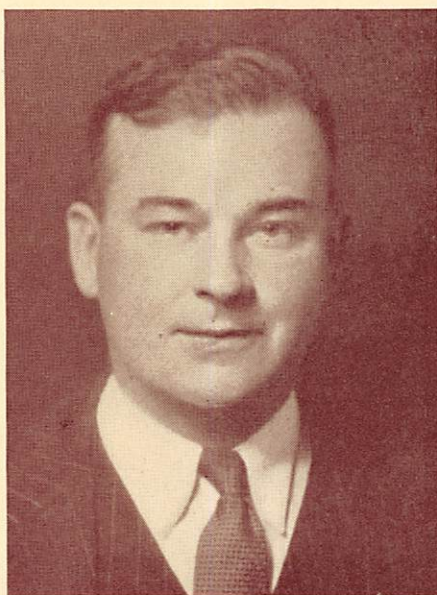
1945—Wm. V. McMenimen
Frank T. Crowe

1946—Miles I. Killmer
Oscar W. Swenson

1947—Thomas Crimmins
Harry W. Morrison

1948—Wm. A. Durkin
Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler

1949—Thomas A. Scott
Luther S. Oakes



Joseph C. Dooley Dies; Was in Trap Rock Corp.

JOSEPH C. DOOLEY, 50, a Mole and vice-president in charge of sales of the New York Trap Rock Corporation, died Aug. 29 at his home in Point Lookout, L. I.

A native of Brooklyn, Mr. Dooley had been with the trap rock firm for thirty years, and he had been in charge of sales since 1937. In addition to The Moles, he was a member of the General Contractors Association, the New York Athletic Club and the Traffic Club of New York. The Moles published notes of sympathy in both the New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune.



Robert S. Wait Headed Highway Materials Firm

THE SECOND MOLE to leave our midst since we gathered last is Robert S. Wait, 59, president of Wait Associates, Inc., of New York City. Mr. Wait died Oct. 12 in Syracuse, where he resided. He was graduated from Cornell University School of Civil Engineering in 1913, and during World War I served overseas with a field artillery unit. He was a member of the Cornell Club of Syracuse, the Cornell Society of Engineers of New York City, and the Black River Valley Club. The Moles extended their sympathy to the family through personal and public notes.