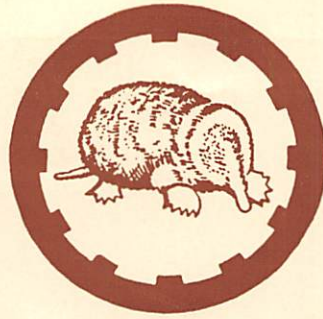


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MacLEAN PICKED AS PRESIDENT

Two "extra" distinctions will ride along into the Moles presidency with the expected election, at the May 6 dinner meeting at the Biltmore, of Mansell L. MacLean to that office.

Mansell is not only president of MacLean-Grove & Company, Inc. and a licensed professional engineer, but he also is a member of the bar of New York State, and was born in Nova Scotia, Canada — so he'll probably be the first Canadian-born Moles head man.

Mr. MacLean came to the U.S.A. in 1924 and has been engaged in the heavy construction industry ever since. Prior to 1951 he was associated with Samuel R. Rosoff ("Subway Sam") in the construction of subways in New York and of tunnels in New York and Mexico. In 1951 he joined with Philip Grove, also a Mole, to form the company he heads.

That organization has constructed deep underground liquid petroleum storage facilities in Illinois; in co-operation with Mason & Hanger and The Arthur A. Johnson Corporation it served as the managing contractor on the recently completed Third Tube of the Lincoln Tunnel; also joined with Johnson in building a portion of the New England Thruway, and has several important tunnel projects under way now. One of the latter is a compressed air tunnel under the Rhine river at Dusseldorf, Germany, to be the first tunnel crossing of that legendary stream. This job is for the City of Dusseldorf and Mac's company is working in partnership with a German construction firm.

The other officers to be presented by Jules R. Breuchaud's nominating committee for ratification at the May 6 meeting are:

Chester W. Cambell of the Foundation Company as first vice president; Harry T. Immerman of Spencer, White & Prentis as second vice president; Eugene G. Rau of J. Rich Steers, Inc. as treasurer; Eugene F. Moran Jr. of Moran Towing Corporation as secretary, and Robert S. Mayo of Mayo Tunnel & Mine Equipment as sergeant-at-arms.



MANSELL MacLEAN

Four three-year-term trustees are proposed: George F. Ferris of Raymond International, Inc., M. C. McGough of Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation, Charles B. Molineaux of The Arthur A. Johnson Corporation, and John J. Walsh of the Walsh Construction Company.

The new president-designate, like his immediate predecessor Howard Collins, is a resident of Larchmont, having lived there since 1937. He and Mrs. MacLean have one married daughter and one grandson, living in New Jersey. He says he finds the construction game so "engrossing" that he finds little time — and for the same reason little need — to pursue any hobbies, though he has been known to try a round of golf once in a great while.

Other members of the Nominating Committee are Richard E. Mynatt, vice chairman; Walter H. Cobi, Robert Crimmins, Victor de Samelson and Lewis J. Hammond.

The timetable for the May 6 meeting is: Reception starting at 6; dinner at 6:45; business meeting at 8. Bill Sheehan is chairman of the Program Committee.

New Members

THREE SONS of Moles are among the 18 new members whose applications were acted upon favorably at the Executive Committee meeting on April 7. So far as anyone can recall, this is the first time any such sizable "wave" of the Second Generation has come rolling in.

So, at the May 6 meeting, Moles will officially greet Patrick H. Collins, son of the outgoing president, Howard; William A. Durkin Jr. and James Rich Steers Jr. (those "Jr.s" identify the respective fathers), along with these 15 other new members:

Alfred K. Allen of Utah Construction Co., Seymour M. Berman of Underpinning & Foundation Co., Inc., William F. Bradt of Geo. W. Rogers Construction Corp., Michael F. Breen of Michael F. Breen, Inc., Delano C. Cannon of Perini Quebec, Inc.,

Arthur P. Chase of MacLean-Grove & Co., Hugh F. Doherty of the Perini Corporation, David S. Fine of the American Bridge division of U.S. Steel, George A. Fox of Grow Construction Co., Joseph J. Harrington of Thomas Crimmins Contracting Co.,

William J. Keahon of The Arthur A. Johnson Corp., Eugene McGovern of the Conduit & Foundation Corp., William J. McPhillips and Thomas J. O'Shea, both of the Foundation Company, and Philip H. Johnson of American Cyanamid Company.

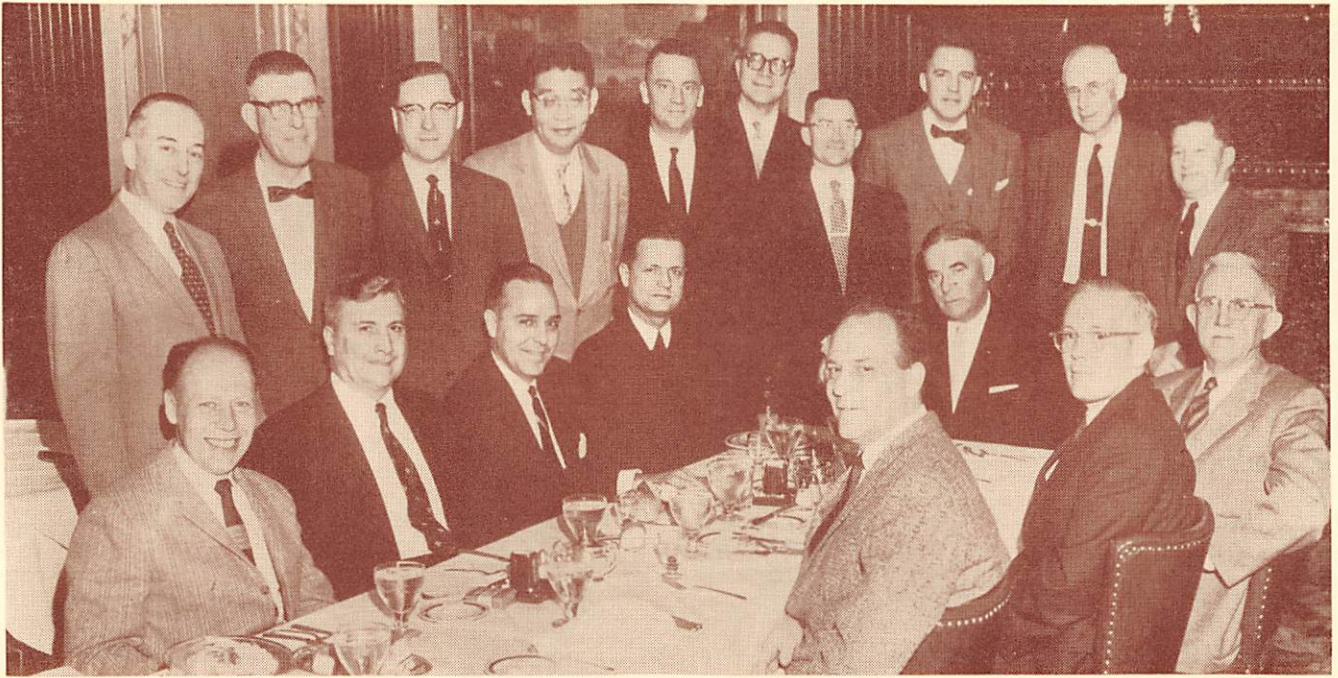
Affiliations of the three new Moles-son Moles are: Pat Collins is with the Howard Collins Construction Co., young Bill Durkin is with Walsh Construction Co., and the younger Steers is with J. Rich Steers, Inc.

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MEMBER COUNT

The membership of The Moles as of April 7 — most recent Executive Committee meeting — was 450, including the 18 new members whose names are carried in the story above.

There are 3 Founder, 22 Honorary, and 33 Emeritus members.



CO-OPERATION was the keynote as faculty members from many of the colleges participating in the Education Program of The Moles met with Moles officials at dinner preceding the Dec. 5 meeting for collegians at the Engineering Societies Building. Standing, left to right, are: Charles B. Molineaux, vice chairman of the Education Committee; Prof. William S. LaLonde Jr. of Newark College of Engineering, Dr. Herbert F. Roemmele of Cooper Union, Dr. Li of NYU, Dr. Marvin Granstrom of Rutgers, Dr. Borg of

Stevens Institute, Mr. Widmer of U. of Connecticut, Prof. Glass of Brooklyn Polytech, Ralph Atwater, honorary life president of The Moles, and Prof. Feodoroff of Manhattan College.

Seated (left to right around the table): Dr. Wiesenfeld of Rutgers, Charles Stillman, Education Committee chairman, Eugene Rau, Brother Austin (Barry) of Manhattan, Howard Collins, Moles president, Admiral W. Mack Angas of Princeton, Prof. Irish of Princeton, and (nearest camera) Prof. Nelson Fisk of Columbia.

Second Buffet Well Attended

The second annual Spring Buffet Dinner and Meeting of The Moles Education Program attracted a large and intensely interested group of more than 200 students to the Biltmore on Friday evening, April 17.

The lads heard brief remarks by President Howard Collins and Chairman Charles Stillman, talks by Chester W. Cambell and Richard E. Mynatt, saw the movie, "Taming A New Frontier" (construction of Glen Canyon dam), and engaged in a question-and-answer program moderated by Charles Molineaux.

Other Mole members of the panel were Louis F. Booth, Howard G. Dixon, George F. Flay Jr., Harry T. Immerman, John M. Kyle, Henry A. Letoile and Ralph E. De Simone.

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YOURS RIGHT?

A new membership roster is about to go to the printer.

So if you have any changes or corrections to report, in address or affiliation, send them in right away to Mrs. McLean in The Moles office — Room 54, Floor 1-M, Biltmore Hotel, New York 17.

The telephone is MU 4-1158.

Trek to Tigertown

Nine members of the Education Committee descended upon Princeton, N.J. the evening of March 5 for a dinner meeting and discussion with some 35 Princeton University students and several faculty members on the subject of careers in construction.

Chairman Charles Stillman presided and there were brief talks by all the visiting Moles, plus a question-and-answer period. Our delegation consisted of Messrs. Booth, Cambell, Collins, Dixon, Immerman, Molineaux, Steers, Stillman.

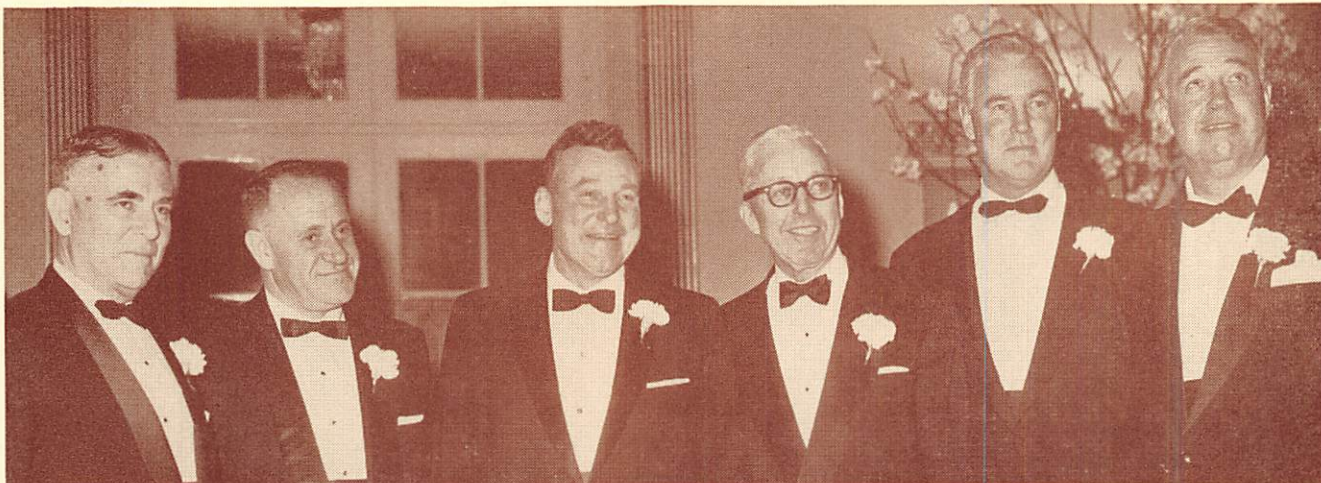
3 Perini's 'Knighted'

Three Perini's — all Moles — made up exactly half of a group of six men, described as "prominent Bostonians," inducted by Francis Cardinal Spellman into the centuries-old order of the Knights of Malta in St. Patrick's cathedral in New York, in January.

The Perini's marked for the high honor by Pope John XXIII are Lou, recent Moles Award winner and owner of the Milwaukee Braves in addition to being head man of the Perini Corporation, and his brothers Joseph and Charles.



STUDENTS hung earnestly on words of their Mole mentors at the meeting at Engineering Societies Building. Here is a camera-catch of one of the many "huddles," with Ralph Atwater counseling several of the lads from Brooklyn Polytechnic.



HAPPY OCCASION for Moles officials as well as their Award-winning guests was The Moles Award dinner at the Waldorf on January 28. Left to right in the above grouping are: President Howard Collins; Lou Perini, who presented the man next to him, non-member winner John Bruce Bonny; member winner James F. Armstrong; his presenter, Holmes Crimmins, and Philip Grove, vice chairman of the Award Committee.

This year's Award Dinner saw an innovation in that there was no guest "speaker of the evening;" instead, a professional dramatic reader gave a highly effective reading of "A Salute to The Moles," and reprints of that tribute, originally published in The Explosives Engineer, were given out to all guests. Sentiment of Moles and their guests has been quite unanimous that the lack of a "main speech" was more appreciated than missed.

MEMBERSHIP — NOTE WELL, PLEASE !

The Executive Committee asks that all Members read carefully and become familiar with the following Revised Wording in Membership Code. Paragraph 5 on Page 51 of the Association Book — "Eligibility" — has been revised to read as follows:

"Engineers who are working on heavy construction for contractors either as consultants in planning and directing the work from the office, or as field engineers in laying out and directing the work in the field are to be considered eligible for membership."



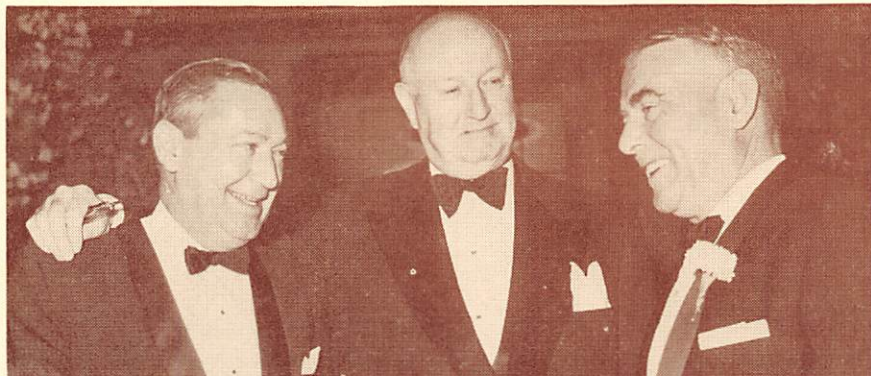
MOLINEAUX HONORED

Obviously pleased to be receiving the Public Service Award of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Alumni Association, at its 96th annual banquet, is Charles Molineaux, v-p and chief engineer of The Arthur A. Johnson Corporation. In addition to his engineering degree from Brooklyn Polytech, the Mole man has a master's degree from St. John's University and a doctorate in engineering education from New York University.

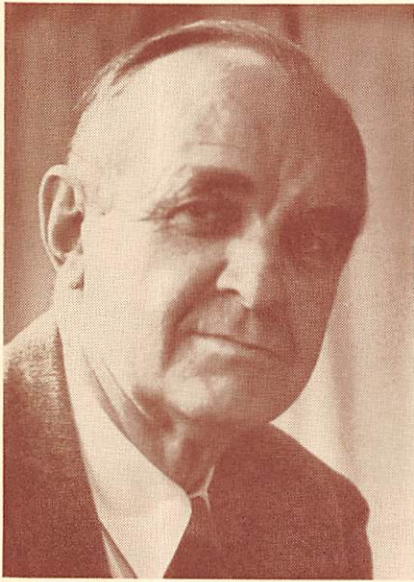
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DIXON ON SAFETY

Howard G. Dixon of Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc. was a featured speaker at the National Safety Congress in Chicago last fall. He addressed the Construction Section on "The Contractor's Safety Problems in Metropolitan Areas."



JAMES A. FARLEY (center), honorary Mole, has a good laugh with Gene Moran and Howard Collins before the Award Dinner.



FREDERICK SPENCER

Frederick Burr Spencer, 68, died of a heart attack on January 28 last at his home in Westboro, Mass. He had retired in November as vice president of Spencer, White & Prentis. As president, from 1923 to 1933, of Spencer & Ross, Inc., of Detroit, Fred Spencer took part in the Cleveland Union Terminal project, whose 270-foot foundation is one of the deepest open foundations in the world. Earlier he had worked on subway jobs in New York. Between 1933 and 1938 he was in charge, for SW&P, of lock and dam projects on the Mississippi river at Alton, Ill. and Trempealeau, Wis., and in World War II was in charge of important dry dock construction at Philadelphia, Norfolk, and Mobile. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Thayer Spencer; two daughters, a brother, Edgar, and six grandchildren.

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Moles on Campus

Moles were very much in evidence on Saturday, April 4, on the campus of Columbia University, but no one thought of setting a mole trap, for these were upper-case Moles, and very honorably involved in the proceedings of the day.

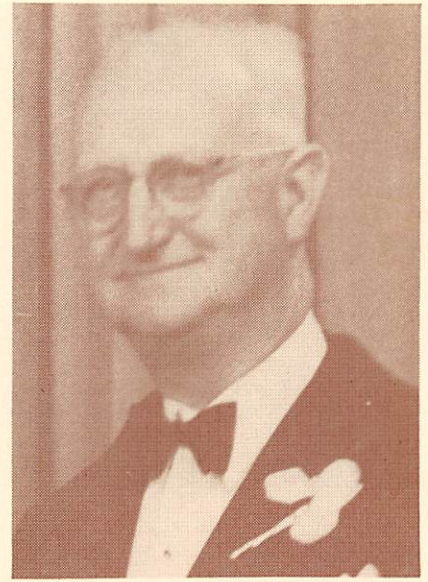
One of them, Robert A. W. Carleton, was named as the recipient of the much-prized Egleston Medal for outstanding achievement in engineering, while two other Mole men, Dick Dougherty and Harry Immerman, were intimately involved in the breaking of ground for the new Engineering Center building. Dick and Harry have served as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Planning committee.

Other Moles present for the day-long ceremonies were Ted Prentis, Ray Spooner, Bill Sheehan, Gil Serber and Porter Murphy.



PARKER

Accounts of the deaths of these two Moles, Robert E. Parker and James Patrick Daly, were carried in the previous issue of *Holing Through* but it was not possible to run their photographs at that time. Mr. Parker had made his home in Miami, Fla. in recent years, and Mr. Daly lived in North Bergen, N.J.



DALY



CHARLES E. TROUT

Charles E. Trout, 87, an Emeritus Member of The Moles and an engineer prominent for many years in East Coast waterfront construction and dredging operations, died April 20 at Staten Island Hospital. As vice president and general manager of the Atlantic division of Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company from 1934 until his retirement in October, 1954, Mr. Trout planned and executed river and harbor improvement projects along the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Norfolk. He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and its treasurer from 1941 until his death. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Harriet MacFarlane Trout; a son, two daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He lived in Westleigh, Staten Island.



WILLIAM R. WHITNEY

William R. Whitney, 65, of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., a charter member of The Moles, died late in December at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He was a resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York district, and had served in the European and Asiatic theaters of operations in World War II. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence Sculthorp Whitney; his mother, two sons, five daughters, two brothers, a sister, and 12 grandchildren.

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Summer-job application blanks were given out at the April 17 buffet-meeting, and by the following Wednesday noon The Moles office had received more than 60 eagerly filled-out blanks!