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Let's Travel To Travers!

"Entertainment far superior to anything we have had for some years" is promised for the evening session of the annual Moles' Clambake — at Travers Island on Wednesday, August 16 — and the afternoon will have no difficulty taking care of itself with the usual array of field sports and fellowship.

There has been a full year's "build-up" of suspense regarding the traditional softball game against the Department of Public Works team. You may remember that last year was to have been the absolute pay-off of the nine-year contention for the Commissioner's Trophy put up by the late Frederick H. Zurmuhlen, each team having won four times before — and lo and behold the teams battled to a ten-inning 1-to-1 tie and let it go at that.

So the Trophy's still up for permanent-possession grabs and will be at stake when the umpire cries "Play ball" at 2 p.m. Meyer F. Wiles, the Deputy and Acting Commissioner of the DPW, has pledged to carry on the softball vendetta with the same earnestness and vigor of his predecessor — so watch out!

Festivities will start with luncheon at 12:30. The more or less organized field games, such as egg-tossing, spike-driving, horseshoes, golf pitching and alley cats, run through the afternoon, starting at 1:30. The New York Athletic Club pool will be available to Clambake guests, too, on a \$2 fee basis that includes locker and towel but not swimsuit. Free beer and the tootlings of the Leetle Cherman Band around the premises are other afternoon features.

The celebrated shore dinner is called for 6 p.m.

Then at 8 everybody repairs to the Big Tent, for the awarding of a raft of door prizes and contest prizes. This year all prizes will be in the form of merchandise certificate books, specially printed with "Moles" covers and disclos-



WHAT ARE these four beauties doing on Page One of this newsletter for the big he-men of the heavy construction industry? Well, for one thing, they're among the star attractions of what's billed as the most lavish tent show in Clambake history, coming up Wednesday, August 16, at Travers Island. They're the Dick Kent Debutantes, who'll sing Gershwin, Rodgers and other favorites. And apparently they know something about "construction," too.

ing an array of unusually handsome gifts.

John A. Robbins has rounded up what he regards as the best array of talent in years for the song-and-dance finale to the big day. Two of the headliners are being brought back because of large hits they've made with Moles and their guests at previous Clambakes: monologist Jimmy Joyce and the X-citing X-ylophonist, Ruth Daye. John Robbins has supplemented these known bell-ringers with several other acts of top class.

Edward J. Johnson is chairman of the Program Committee, with William J. McPhillips as vice chairman. Other committee members are: Patrick H. Collins, Joseph A. Dooley, George A. Fox, Alfred Hedefine, D. G. LeTourneau, Philip A. Rechel and David A. Werblin.

HEADS OF COMMITTEES

Committee chairmen for the current year, announced by President Harry Immerman at the May 3 meeting, are: Award — Eugene G. Rau; Membership — Howard Gould; Program — Edward J. Johnson; Finance — Gilbert M. Serber; Publicity — John J. Walsh; Education — Richard E. Mynatt.



The report of the Membership Committee as of June 13, 1961, showed a total active membership of 447, with 38 Members Emeritus, 26 Honorary Members, and 3 Founder Members, for a grand total of 514.



REMINDER

The new telephone number of The Moles office is TN 7-0044. Might save you the time of a second dialing if you made a note of it.



GOOD SHOWING — Seventeen of the 21 new members who had been elected in April were on hand, wearing their orange nameplates and wide grins, for the May meeting, and 16 of them were rounded up for this group photo. Seated, left to right, are: Alexander Walker of Brookfield Construction, Joe Foley Jr. of Callan Construction, Howard Holmes of Charles A. Maguire & Associates, Don Canale of Slattery Contracting, Victor Frenkil of Baltimore Contractors, and Howard Dixon Jr. of Johnson, Drake & Piper.

Standing, left to right: James Reck of Insurance Company of North America, Oliver Ray of Fruin-Colnon Contracting, Earl Larson of J. Rich Steers, Larrie Pisegna of Koppers, Harold Blauvelt of Blauvelt Engineering, Robert Lincoln of Clinton Bogert, N. Blake King of N. B. King, Steven Berke of Berke Moore Co., George Shook of Bethlehem Steel, and Larry Hickey of M. F. Hickey Co. Ralph Browning of Lehigh Cement made the meeting but didn't get into the picture.

Membership Group In 'Reform' Move

A "reform" program proposed by the Membership Committee for putting the classification of members on a firmer basis and avoiding the periodic "opening" and "closing" of receipt of applications was approved by the Executive Committee at its June 13 meeting.

Membership Chairman Howard Gould was given an enthusiastic go-ahead on his committee's nine-point plan. Highlights of the program are: 1 — implementation of the concept embodied in the "Cambell Report" (the late Chester W. Cambell), that a fixed ratio of "heavy construction" members to those of various other categories is desirable, and that definite quotas be established and maintained; 2 — working out of a system of automatic application control that can be operated by the Moles' office staff and would have a formula for each category taking into account the number of vacancies, the number on the waiting list, and the "desirable" number of pending applicants.

Admittedly this latter will take a bit of "working out," but the Committee was encouraged to give it further study and report again to the Executive Committee on it.

CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR !

Please note: There has been an important change in The Moles' calendar of events for 1961. The November Dinner meeting, shown on the year's calendar as November 1, has been changed to November 8. That's Wednesday, November 8, the day after Election Day.

The application of Max C. Harrison for Member Emeritus status was approved at the June meeting of the Executive Committee.

Milton A. Hendrickson, an executive of Hendrickson Brothers, Inc., of Valley Stream, N. Y., has been named a commissioner of the State Insurance Fund by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. He will succeed Roger J. Sinnott of Utica.

Eugene F. Gibbons of Raymond International is vice chairman of the Membership Committee, and other members are: Richard T. Daly of Poirier & McLane Corp., Christopher J. Foster of Foster & Cafarelli, Alfred H. Korsen of Slattery Contracting, Edward J. Mahoney of Mahoney-Clark, Inc., Gerard A. Neumann of Spearin, Preston & Burrows, Inc., William M. Sheehan of Tully & DiNapoli, and Alfred N. Warwick of Eugene F. Warwick, Inc.

Nicholas B. O'Connell, vice president of the Turner Construction Co., was elected president of the Metropolitan Builders Association at its May meeting. The Association is the New York chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.

George F. Ferris, Moles' past president and board chairman of Raymond International, Inc., in May was elected a director of the Celanese Corporation of America. Celanese is a leading producer of chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibers. George is also a director and executive committee member of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation.

Guy J. Coffey, who had been president of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, has been named chairman and chief executive officer in a revamping of the company's top management staff. Guy succeeds H. Arnold Jackson in the top positions.

The Award Committee held its first meeting June 27 and will meet again Aug. 1. Biographical sketches on the 12 candidates named for each category have gone out. Final voting is expected to be done at the Committee's meeting on September 19.

Education Comm. Accent on Youth

The Education Committee, infused with considerable new and young blood and under the chairmanship of Richard E. Mynatt of Merritt-Chapman & Scott, has plans for a very active and productive year.

The accent in choosing the make-up of the committee this year was on getting young men who also represent one or another of the larger construction companies, so that the committee would be well acquainted with the attitude of those companies toward young engineers, whether they be from colleges or from "the ranks."

Robert Crimmins, of Thomas Crimmins Contracting Co., is vice chairman, and other members are: J. Rich Steers Jr. of J. Rich Steers, Bill Durkin Jr. of Walsh, Bob Armstrong of Coakley & Booth, Gerard M. Gausa of Johnson, Drake & Piper, and G. William Bailey of Raymond International.

The committee's activities will fall into four areas: 1 — arranging for groups from colleges to visit interesting construction projects going on in the Metropolitan area; 2 — arranging for speakers to go out to colleges upon request, to address student groups, covering some 20 colleges ranging from Yale and U. of Connecticut to Lehigh; 3 — inviting faculty members to be guests at the November Moles' meeting, to get their help in developing a program for the year, and to make The Moles membership acquainted with the purposes and activities of the Education Committee; 4 — developing a program for having a few selected young men taken into companies for one- or two-year "post-graduate" courses.

It is considered likely there will again be a students' meeting as guests of The Moles in the spring of '62.

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Jim Denton of the Geo. W. Rogers Construction Corporation, who suffered a heart attack in April, has "followed the doctor's orders" and has made a fine recovery. He has been able in recent weeks to resume work at the office on a reduced schedule.

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Mrs. Alice Lucarello of The Moles' office staff has been in "very serious" condition ever since the night of May 27 when she fell from the car in which she and her husband were riding when the door came open. She suffered multiple fractures of her arms and hands and terribly severe friction burns on her legs. Until recently the skin injuries were so extensive as to make it impossible even to start skin-grafting procedures. She is at the Brunswick Hospital in Amityville, L. I.

Three Pairs — and No Jokers



GEORGE ROGERS and EDDIE MAHONEY in earnest confab at May dinner meeting.



HOLMES CRIMMINS and HANK BOSCHEN discuss something apparently quite serious.



HARRY IMMERMEN pays heed to persuasive words of newcomer GEORGE SHOOK (of Bethlehem).



CHARLES W. NASER, 81, a "real old-time tunnel man" who was in the construction business all his life and built Pittsburgh's famous Bigelow Boulevard at the turn of the century, died April 11, 1961 at his home in Peekskill, N. Y. A native of Pittsburgh, he started work in construction as a timekeeper at age 13. He helped organize the engineers' union. He was with Poirier & McLane Corporation the last 32 years of his life. Surviving is his sister, Cornelia E. Naser, of Peekskill.



JOHN R. SLOAN, general superintendent for the Conduit and Foundation Corporation, died suddenly on Friday, April 14, 1961, being stricken while on his way to direct operations at his firm's new bridge substructure job in Hackensack, N. J. During his long career he had constructed bridges and highways for the Pennsylvania Highway Commission, New Jersey State Turnpike Authority and the Cross-Bronx Expressway, and was just completing several bridges in the Morristown, N. J. area for the New Jersey Highway Authority. He had also directed construction of the approaches to the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the Walt Whitman Bridge, and the New Castle, Del. Airport. Surviving are his wife, Gladys, and a son. He made his home in Merion Station, Pa.



FRANCIS M. TOMPKINS, 51, president of his own firm, Tompkins, Inc., in Washington, D.C., was killed July 1, 1961, when an auto in which he was riding crashed into a tree on Route 17 near Churchview, Va. Apparently death was instantaneous. He was the son of the late Charles H. Tompkins, whose firm constructed many of Washington's buildings, and had been an officer in that firm until it was sold, in April of this year, to J. A. Jones Construction Co. of Charlotte, N. C. A native of the District of Columbia, Mr. Tompkins studied architectural engineering at George Washington University. Surviving are Mrs. Tompkins and their two sons, Francis M. Tompkins III and James S. Tompkins, two sisters and a brother.

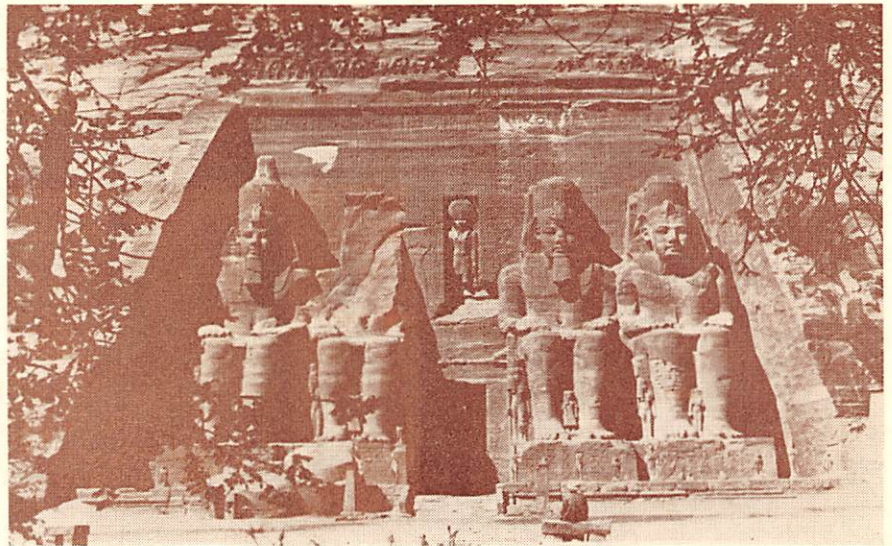
Boschen is Hailed For Yachtsmanship

Henry C. "Hank" Boschen, president of Raymond International, was the subject of a highly complimentary and entertaining piece in the New York Herald Tribune a few weeks ago, about his winning an important yacht race and about his career as a yachtsman.

Hank is commodore of the Larchmont Yacht Club. The Trib's Bill Wallace started his article by quoting Hi Phillips' classic definition to the effect that "a commodore is a cross between a humidor and a matador; he always is kept slightly damp and bull-throving." But, said Wallace, our man belies that tradition, because "he knows what he is doing and he can sail a boat" (presumably without getting damp all the time).

The article brought out the fact that Boschen, a one-time Cornell U. oarsman, is a self-taught yacht racer, having started from scratch only a dozen years ago, and that he brings an engineer's analytical skills to yacht racing, scorning the "seat of the pants" concept.

The big race whose winning occasioned the piece was for the Edlu Trophy, a 130-mile overnight affair, and Hank and his crew won it with Sirius, a 45-foot sloop now 25 years old, that Hank had drastically re-designed and rebuilt during the past winter.



GIVING A LIFT (of about 186 feet straight up) to these all-too-solid citizens of ancient Egypt is the fabulous hydraulic-jacking project being contemplated by international team of engineers with which Ed White consulted. Temple of Abu Simbil, built about 1265 B.C., will be engulfed by waters rising behind Aswan Dam unless it is moved. Cost of project has been estimated at \$58 million. New York Times said the job would be comparable to lifting eight Washington Monuments the height of a 16-story building.