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## Beef and Bocci Mark Clambake

Real clams for lunch, roast beef for dinner, and two new games to help work up the appropriate appetites — these are among standout features of the annual clambake of The Moles, scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 at, as usual, Travers Island.

All the other time-honored classic elements of this midsummer classic are encompassed in the events worked up by the Program Committee headed by D. G. LeTourneau, chairman, and William J. McPhillips, vice-chairman.

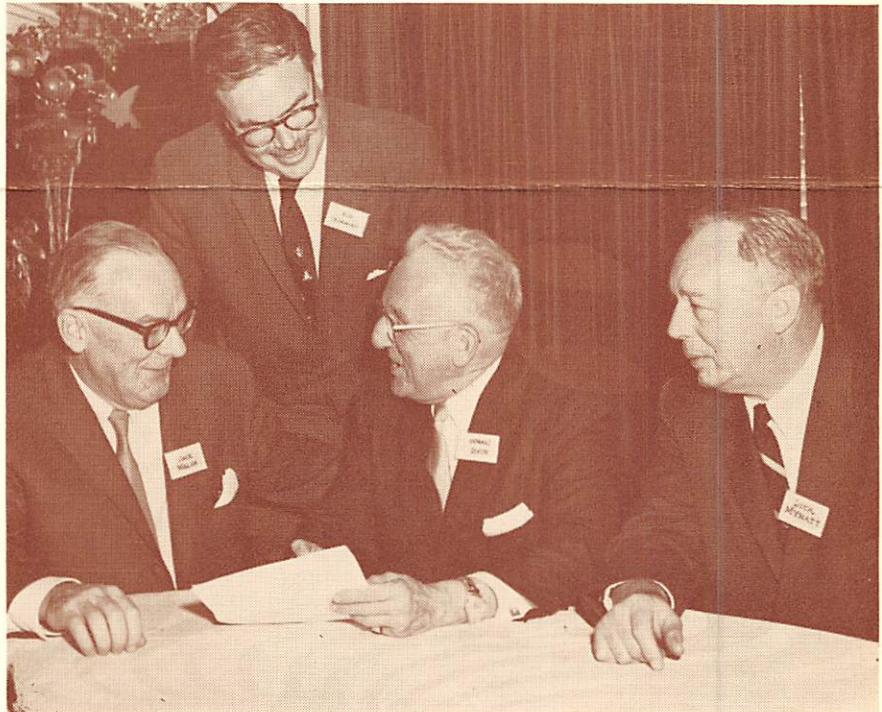
The softball game, of course, against the menacing minions of the Department of Public Works goes on at 2 o'clock. This will be the second game in the third series of "Cup" competitions that have been a feature of Mole Clambakes for a score of years. The current trophy is known as The President's Cup, and The Moles team has one "leg" on it, thanks to a squeaking 1-0 victory a year ago.

That noble Italian game of bocci, and the highly American backyard pastime of basket-shooting, are the two new contests in the all-over-the-field program this year. They are taking the place of the egg-toss and the alley cats competitions — so if anybody is left there "with egg on his face" it will be strictly a figure-of-speech condition.

The old standbys of golf pitching, horseshoes, and spike driving will go on in the customary ways and places.

Luncheon's from 12:30 to 2; the field competitions will run all the way from 1:30 to 4:30; the Clambake dinner starts at 6, the awarding of prizes — both of the door and competitive-sports type — is at 8, and the big floor show gets started in the Big Tent at 8:30.

The total of tickets being sold this year is limited to 1,000 to assure comfortable seating in the dining room and porch.



MAKING PLANS already for a big Mole year are these new officers, caught by camera at May meeting. Left to right are John J. Walsh, first vice president; Robert Crimmins, secretary; President Howard G. Dixon, and Richard E. Mynatt, second vice president.

### Praeger Honored

Emil H. Praeger, senior partner in the New York engineering and architectural firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury, has received the 1963 award of the Consulting Engineers Council, an organization of 1,600 consulting firms in private practice, with member associations in 39 states.

The award went to Mr. Praeger for his firm's design and engineering of the Dodger Stadium in Chevez Ravine in Los Angeles, and for "his many other outstanding engineering works." He was a Mole trustee in 1956, 57 and 58.

Other members of the Program Committee are: William A. Abrahamson, A. K. Burnham Jr., Howard R. Burroughs, Joseph A. Dooley, George A. Fox, Lawrence F. Hickey, Philip A. Rechel.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

At the Annual Meeting on May 1 it was announced that, because of illness in the office staff, the Association's books had not been closed as of the end of the fiscal year — April 30 — and accordingly a final statement was not available, but that a statement would appear in the July issue of *Holing Through*.

The following is taken from the Auditor's Report, under "Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1963:"

Assets — Cash .....	\$36,881.37
Bonds .....	11,269.00
Total .....	\$48,150.37
Less payroll taxes due .....	357.59
Net worth .....	\$47,792.78
Consisting of:	
Operating funds .....	\$ 6,174.43
Permanent fund .....	\$41,618.35



## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee appointments for the current year, as announced by President Howard C. Dixon: Award Committee chairman, Eugene McGovern; vice chairman, Henry C. Boschen. Membership Committee — Howard Gould, chairman; Alfred H. Korsen, vice chairman; William F. Bradt, Alfred C. Maevis, Edward J. Mahoney, Gerard A. Neumann, William M. Sheehan, Richard A. Tower, and Alfred N. Warwick.

Finance Committee — Arnold Thurber, chairman; William H. Bruce Jr., William J. Keahon, Warren N. Riker, and Mandrup Skeie. Publicity Committee — David A. Werblin, chairman; Henry T. Perez, vice chairman; David H. Griffin, Frank H. Peavey, George Reider, and Thomas R. Trent.

Education Committee — Robert J. Armstrong, chairman; Henry M. Wang, vice chairman; Anthony R. Bastone, Gardner M. Bishop, Stanley M. Dore, Gerard M. Gaussa, and Daniel M. Lazar.

Program Committee — named in the Clambake story.



Ed White, president of Spencer, White & Prentis, has been bothered by an aching back. He contends there is no truth in the rumor that he got it by "power of suggestion" just from contemplating the job his people had of moving the 3,500-ton reinforced concrete brick-faced two-story Woodrow Wilson Hall of Princeton University some 300 feet from its original site to a new foundation.



Just as Holing Through was going to press word was received of the death, in Baltimore, Md., of Eugene J. Nelley, formerly of Vanguard Construction Corporation. No photograph was obtainable, nor were any details available for inclusion in this issue.

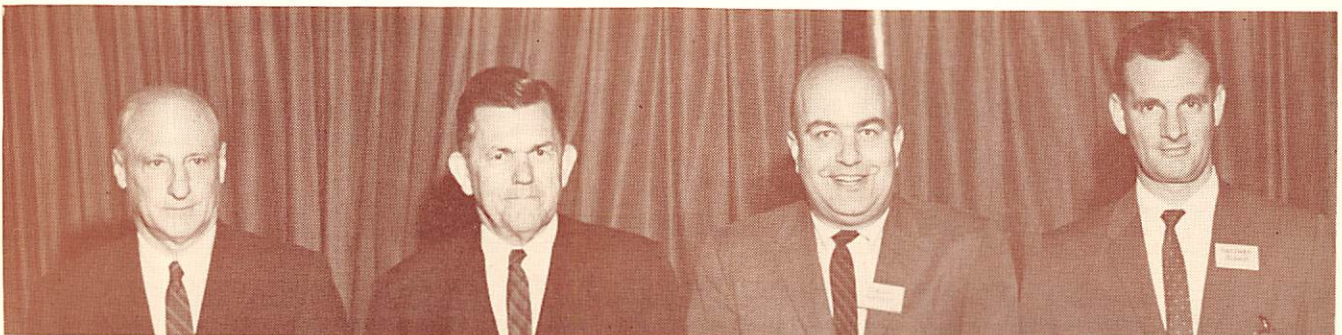


HARD-HATTED engineering students from 20 colleges are shown against impressive backdrop of Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, a feature stop on the big Students' Day staged by The Moles as part of its educational program, last April 26. Other stops were the new Flushing Stadium, and various buildings of the burgeoning 1964 World's Fair.

## Students and Professors Grateful

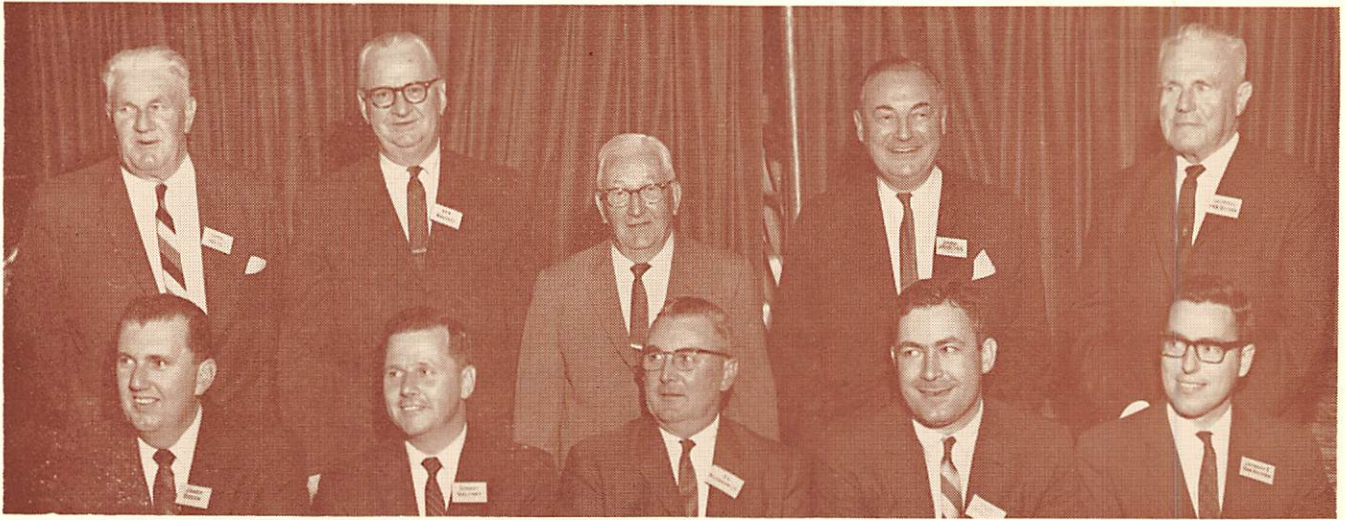
This year's Students' Day must have been by far the most rewarding, as well as most exciting. An extraordinary "mail bag" of letters from faculty members as well as students themselves attests this. Here are a few characteristic excerpts:

"The best run and most informative field trip I've ever been on. The boys are still talking over what they saw, with their classmates." . . . "I know that a lot of hard work was involved for you in arranging for buses, lunches, kits and hard hats. The guides did an excellent job. The timing for a visit to the Narrows Bridge couldn't have been more ideal. I hope The Moles will continue to sponsor such trips in the years to come." . . . "I wish there were some way that each member of The Moles could be made aware of how worthwhile his contribution is, and how much appreciated." . . . "A job well done." . . . "I hope you were able to see enough of the young men to sense their enthusiasm for the project. This was a real public service and we do appreciate it." . . . "Best wishes to The Moles in the continuation of this splendid program. It does great credit to your organization."



NEW MEMBERS snapped at the May meeting, left to right: Mason C. Prichard, Harry B. McDonald, Reuben Samuels, and Gardner M. Bishop.





POPS ARE TOPS in each case, as these Mole dads and their new-member sons posed at May meeting. Left to right and top to bottom: Michael F. and James A. Breen; Ben R. and Robert J. Maloney; A. K. Burnham Sr. and Jr.; Fred J. Driscoll Sr. and Jr.; Leonard and Leonard E. Van Houten.

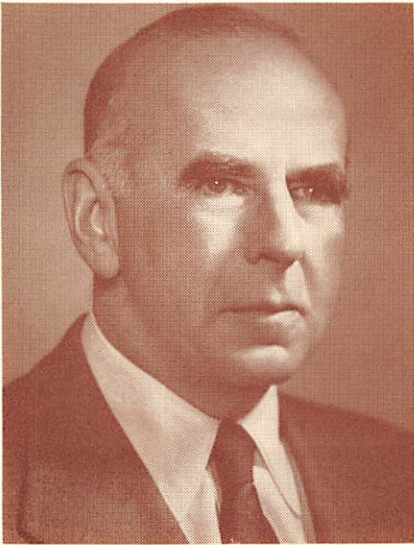


MORE NEW MEMBERS — Back row: Dick P. Fullerton, Arthur Villator, Warren N. Riker, William F. Traylor, William Jay Carroll; front row: Thomas Nicol, Wess L. Harrell, Edward C. Moffett, Charles W. Edgar, William E. Dunn.



AND STILL MORE — Back row: Arthur J. Kenlan, Robert B. Jarvis, Joseph H. Casey, Robert R. Ellis; front row: Philip F. Brueck, Robert G. Lenz, Gerald A. O'Connor, Michael Derelanko, Norton C. Wilde.





STEVEN ROSS BERKE, 69, of Boston, president and treasurer of the Berke Moore Company Inc., general contractors of Boston, died on June 6 at New England Baptist Hospital. He was a member of the class of 1916 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and of its Alumni Council and Faculty Club. He was a member also of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, and the New England Road Builders Association. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emily Louise Berke; a son, Steven Raymond; a daughter, Louise, and two brothers.



RECIPIENT of The Moles' Member Award for 1959 after 58 years in the construction industry, James F. Armstrong, 78, died June 18, 1963, at St. John of God Hospital in Brighton, Mass. He had been bedridden since suffering a near-fatal stroke on April 7. Throughout his long career he worked and fought unceasingly for safer working conditions. His credo was: "I've never asked a man to go into any place I wouldn't go in myself." He was associated with a number of outstanding many-Moled companies, concerned mostly with big pneumatic caisson jobs in the Greater New York area. He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Surviving is his son, Lt. Col. J. F. Armstrong Jr., of the Ordnance Corps.



WALTER H. COBI, 64, founder and president of Pneumatic Pile Corp. and Cobi Engineering Co., died May 26 at Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital. He was the inventor of the well-known Cobi foundation pile — a cast-in-place concrete pile whose shell is driven by a pneumatically expanded mandrel — and also of the pile tip bearing his name. He was a graduate of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, where he was born, and did construction work in France and Spain before coming to the United States. A licensed professional engineer in New Jersey and New York, he worked for Ebasco Services, Inc. and the New Jersey Highway Department before starting his own firm. Surviving are his wife, Syla, and a son, Stanley.



THEODORE M. AVERY, 78, a charter member Mole, a trustee in 1940, 41 and 42, and "permanent captain" of the softball team, died July 17 in Brooklyn, where he had lived all his life. He joined the Blaw-Knox Company in 1909, was office manager of the New York office, and was a vice president when he retired in 1956. Surviving are two sons: Cmdr. Robert Avery, USN, and Ted Jr.



GEORGE MILLER, 73, retired secretary-treasurer of the Underpinning and Foundation Company, died on April 26 in Croton, N. Y., the town in which he was born and lived all his life. Always active in civic affairs there, he was mayor from 1929 to 1935; the Croton

board of trustees passed a memorial resolution warmly praising Mr. Miller's many accomplishments and contributions to the community. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gladys Baker Miller, a daughter, a sister, four grandchildren.